

9 May 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*"What lies in our power to DO it,
Lies in our power NOT to do!"*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

EVEN MORE TREASURES TO WELCOME - ALL IN A3!

We welcome to St Patrick's School **Isabella Durston** who joins big sister Nevaeh here. Welcome also to **Mikaylah Bates** who has big brother Dylan and **Charlotte McDowell** who also has her sister Sophie at St Patrick's and finally to **Edward Greer** who is number 3 joining Lilly and proud brother William. All look to have settled in beautifully.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Trey Parlato**, a Year 2 student who is happy, hard-working, friendly, helpful and someone who has great **SELF CONTROL**. He is a great lad.

LEADERS IN THE MAKING

On Monday, our 8 House Captains travel to Palmerston North, to be part of the 2017 National Young Leaders Day with Miss Ellingham and myself.

A day of interaction and a variety of successful motivational speakers. Another opportunity for St Patrick's to "grow" our students.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS

After 2 cancellations at the end of Term 1 we hope to complete our Year 3-6 event **THIS THURSDAY, 11 MARCH at 9.30am**. Please join us on the back field to support and encourage our children to do the best that they can.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - THIS THURSDAY 11th MAY

An easy lunch and good value too! Raising funds for our Year 8 Camp to Wellington.

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 11th May.



IN WINTER UNIFORM NEXT WEEK

All students are expected to be in **FULL** and **CORRECT** winter uniform next week. This includes **CORRECT FOOTWEAR** which is black shoes (not sneakers).

CARITAS CHALLENGE WEEK

This week each syndicate are planning an activity for **CARITAS CHALLENGE WEEK**. The Junior Syndicate are planning a "walk for water" event, the Middles a creek clean-up as well as a "re-cycled" theme and our Seniors a "Sweat it" (making products to sell) as well as a "Move it" games rotation. Our Vinnies group are planning a "live it" challenge where they plan to sleep at school on Friday in makeshift homes. Coin trails etc are also planned. Any funds **raised** will go to CARITAS but most of all we are **"raising"** awareness.

IT'S BACK - OUR FAMOUS TRIVIA NIGHT

After a year off in 2016 we are back on track to have another fun-filled evening.

Friday 30th June 7:30pm, School Hall.

Teams of 4 (\$20 entry)

Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and funds raised for **YOUR CHILDREN!** (To fund our new classroom chromebooks and ipads)

Phone School Office 843.9238 to register your team (**limited to 25 teams**)

PUPIL SAFETY - THE "PASSWORD" PLAN

At times your child may have to be picked up by a relative, friend, neighbour etc at the last minute as plans change. An idea to help your child **"IDENTIFY"** and **"CONFIRM"** that this person is meant to pick them up is to give them a **"PASSWORD"** that only they know and that you pass onto those who are doing the pick-up. For example, your password may be "Elephant." If the person picking up your child uses "Elephant" when asked for the password by the child then they know that you have said it is OK.

OF COURSE.... you should inform us at school to make doubly sure (JUST AN IDEA).

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

We have a School Emergency Management plan to help guide us in case of Emergency. (A copy is available in the school office). A whole range of Emergencies and actions are covered: e.g.

Tsunami - children are evacuated and then we move down Kennedy Rd to the Expressway overbridge.

Earthquake - Drop, Cover, Hold - then assemble at our evacuation point on the sports field.

Our main aim is to keep your children and staff safe. Parents will be notified as best as is possible through twitter, text, school app (on its way) and phone.

ROTARY READERS - WE NEED YOU!

Do you have a regular spare hour each week, during school hours and term time?

Would you like to play a part in building the literacy of NZ children? We welcome

parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, retirees - anyone who has a sincere desire to help our children improve in literacy. Please contact Kate Rowntree or Marlene Hema

on: **843 1373** or email rotaryreadersnapier@gmail.com expressing your interest

Please note: you will have to undergo a police check. You **DO NOT** have to be a Rotary member to join.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK - HOG'S BREATH CAFE

A family friendly restaurant with family friendly prices.

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Regards and Blessings

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