6 November 2018

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

"JOY does not simply happen to us. We have to choose Joy and keep choosing it every day."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

WELCOME TO OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Lara Baronceli** and her family all the way from Brazil. Lara started in A3 on Monday and we wish the family all the best for their new life in Napier.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Ella Brassington**, one of our wonderful Year 8 students who shows initiative, has a great sense of humour, positive attitude and a 'sparkle' that is infectious.

SCHOOL CLOSED NEXT TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

The Board of Trustees have decided to close the school on <u>13 November</u> due to the NZ wide teachers strike.

We apologize for any inconvenience but strike action taken by teachers was not taken lightly.

<u>HOWEVER</u>, the Ministry of Education is currently in negotiations with the Teacher Unions and there is a possibility that strike action may be averted – **YOU WILL BE INFORMED**. But, as of today there will be **NO SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY**.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER - JOY

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

"Make every day joyful for yourselves and others"

SCHOOL DISCO - GET READY TO "BOOGIE"

DO NOT MISS – the ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL "80's" DISCO – **THIS FRIDAY, 9 NOVEMBER** in our school hall. Dress up in 80's gear (or your own style).

\$3 Entry Fee

\$1 Chippies / Drinks

(Junior school Year 1 / 2 pack \$5 — includes entry, drink and chippies)

YEAR 1/2: 3.30 – 4.15pm **YEAR 3** – 6: 4.30 – 6.00pm **YEAR 7/8**: 7.00 – 9.00pm

SUMMER IS HERE SUNHATS & SANDALS

All Year 1-7 students are expected to wear sandals (Year 8 students can still wear shoes) from now on and **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to wear a **SCHOOL SUNHAT** (\$10) from the school office as we will have a **"No hat, No Play"** policy

PART TIME WORKER NEEDED FOR AFCARE

St Patrick's School is looking for an After School Care Assistant for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The person we are looking for must be experienced in looking after children aged 5-12, loves getting involved with activities, reliable and is flexible to work extra hours if needed. If this sounds like you and for more information please text or call Caroline - 0221923787 with your name and experience.

NO FISH & CHIPS THIS FRIDAY - start again next week.

DIGI AWARDS 2018

Six of our students, Caitlin Montaperto-Wells, Christina Konelio, Lily Doolan, Cameron Miller, Oliver Hollands and Jack Hendery were named finalists in this years' inaugural School's competition. At the prizegiving last Wednesday Lily Doolan (Graphic Design) and Jack Hendery (Coding) were placed 3rd overall – a fantastic result. St Patrick's will compete again in 2019 and have an even stronger number of entries, it was fun.



YEAR 5 & 6 OFF TO CAMP

Next Tuesday, Rooms 12, 13 and 14 head off to camp in Taupo for the week. Should be an amazing few days with tramps, canoeing, hot pools, sightseeing experiences, group games, challenges and the famous Kate Smith "Ambrosia" dessert.

Thank you to all those brave parents who are assisting on camp and to Kaehlah, Julie and Kate for organizing this wonderful experience for our children.

N.B: The camp will go ahead even if there is a strike on the 13th.

PTA MEETING - TONIGHT

6.30pm in the staffroom – see you there.

ABACUS CALENDAR - FINAL WEEK TO ORDER

COST: CALENDARS \$10 DIARIES \$15 PACKS OF CARDS \$10

PAYMENT / MONEY MUST COME WITH ORDER FORM BY FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS - THANK YOU FOR PAYING

School accounts for 2018 have been sent out. Please ensure you pay by the end of November, your help is much appreciated. Call the principal if you need to discuss payment options / circumstances. We can help if we know.

GIANT JUMBLE SALE FUNDRAISER

24 November, 10am – 2pm St Patrick's School Courts. Donations are welcome. Phone Michelle 027 241 8034.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING/MASSES (FOR YOUR CALENDAR)

29 November – Parent/Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am – all invited

5 December – Prizegiving / End of Year Assemblies

11.30am – Year 1 -6 (Juniors & Middles)

7pm – Year 7 / 8 - (St Patrick's Church)

7 December – Road Patrollers Fun Day at Splash Planet

12 December – End of Year School Mass, 9.30am - (St Patrick's Church)

14 December – END OF YEAR - School finishes at 12.30

AND FOR THE "CUP" - Why not go for the BEST SOLUTION



Regards & Blessings Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL