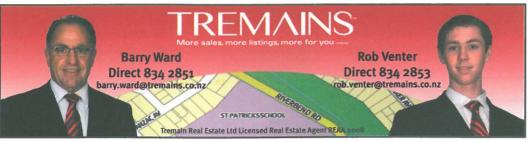
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7 December 2010 In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow



"Remember, Christ is why Christmas exists"

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

Our final newsletter for 2010 – the year has just flown by. We now look forward to end of year activities and assemblies, prizegiving, Christmas and a well deserved break. Thank you staff for being such a talented, professional and caring group, parents for all your support and most importantly, <u>pupils</u> for making our school the happy place that it is.

OUR LAST TREASURES FOR 2010

Welcome to **Leini Briggs** who began in A4 last week and is here to keep an eye on big brother Maia. Also joining us for the last two weeks are **Meki** (**SM15**) and **Delilah** (**M11**) **Savaiinaea**. Talofa also to Katalina and Uatia.

Enjoy belonging to the St Patrick's School Whanau.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tilly & Plum Vallee, their mum Jane and Sue as they remember their grand-mother who passed away in England last week. May she find the peace she deserves.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Connor Woodhead**, a Year 8 pupil who has grown into the role of leadership admirably. A great way to finish his time at St Patrick's.

END OF YEAR MASS – JOIN US

This Thursday 9th – ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 9.30am. We thank God for the many blessings 2010 has brought us.

END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

These will be given to pupils **next Monday 13th** at school and should be opened **at home** with you. Please be positive about the reports when you discus them. I've read them all and there has been some great progress made by your children this year.

(The "next steps" can be worked on next year.!) Your child's class and year level is in the report also which will be in the Pupil Portfolio.

Please note:- Year 8 reports will be given out at prizegiving next Wednesday 15th.



INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND HELPERS

THANK YOU MORNING TEA - THIS FRIDAY (10TH)
10.30am - SCHOOL HALL

To say thank you to the many coaches, transporters, campers, and supporters who have helped us during the year.

Please join us so that our senior pupils can say thank you themselves.





P.T.A SCHOOL RAFFLE

Can any tickets sold / unsold not yet handed in be at school TOMORROW. Raffle will be drawn this weekend. Thank you to all who sold tickets and in particular our P.T.A members and sponsors who organised the prizes.

P.T.A YEAR 6 SCHOLARSHIPS (\$500) FOR 2011

We thank our P.T.A for their very generous sponsorship of 5 SCHOLARSHIPS (value \$100 each) which will be awarded to Year 6 pupils who will be continuing their Intermediate Schooling at St Patrick's in 2011. These pupils must reflect our Special Character, and in particular our school motto "To Live Justly." Scholarships will be presented at next Wednesday's Upper Syndicate prizegiving at 9.45am. (The \$100 voucher will be credited to the pupils account in 2011 to help pay for stationery, technology and other school fees). This is a wonderful initiative that rewards our pupils.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER

Good luck to all those Year 8 pupils who have earned the opportunity to attend this evening on Sunday. Enjoy your night, your friends and St Patrick's memories.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check all corridors and lost property bins before your child leaves this year.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Could these be settled **this week please.** You may have recently received an account in the post and received a call from me. We need to start 2011 with a clean slate. Please pay at the school office (we have EFTPOS).

SCHOOL FINISHES NEXT FRIDAY

Friday 17th December at 12.30. All children need to be picked up at 12.30pm. Taradale & Tamatea buses will run at 12.30. (Bayview and Clive children will need to be picked up by their parents).

SCHOOL STARTS

In 2011 – **Wednesday 2nd February at 8.45am.** (School office will be open for uniforms, enrolments, etc Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February, 9 – 3pm.

PUPIL'S STATIONERY FOR 2011

As in the past, this will be provided for pupils (who have paid their 2010 accounts) in ready-made packs on day one (2 Feb). Competitively priced, good quality and no hassle for you over the holidays. An account for this and other items will be sent to families late in February.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING

15th December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

9.45am - Upper Syndicate in school hall

11.30am - Junior and Middle Syndicates in hall

7.00pm - Senior Syndicate at St Patrick's Church

17th December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

WYNRS Soccer School – 22/23 December at Park Island. Register: www.maristfc.co.nz
TENNIS ANYONE – 20 – 22nd December – Greendale Tennis Club. Phone Ian 844.3732.

ART CLASSES – 20 – 24th December – 10th – 14th January. Phone Jo 843.5400.

OFF TO A SHOW

Ten of our pupils will be appearing in – "Marlins Deep Sea Adventure" – 12th December, 4pm Municipal Theatre. Tickets at ticket direct.

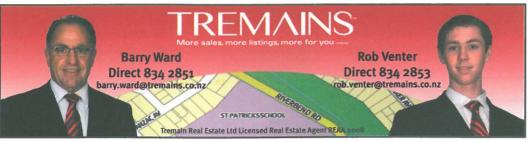
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