

22 February 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

“Where there is great love there are always miracles”

BEAUTIFUL

Were our children (and teachers, parents etc) in Art Deco dress last Friday.

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Abby Boyes** who joins big brother Camerin at St Patrick’s. She looks beautiful in school uniform, ready to learn!

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations **Emily Hessel**, a year 6 pupil who has had a “magic” start to 2011 and has impressed us by living out this month’s Gospel Value “Speaking with Gentleness.”

JOIN US – NEXT WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

7.30pm in the school hall for our ‘special’ PTA meeting. Meet new people and hear our exciting plans for **YOUR SCHOOL AND CHILDREN** in 2011. A cuppa afterwards – so make the effort to come, it will be worth it.

JOIN OUR SENIOR SYNDICATE

This **Thursday 24th at 9am** in our Sacred Space as they celebrate Mass together and pray for the year ahead.

PRINCIPAL’S SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

Congratulations to **Alyssa Zyskowski** and **Rachel Greene**, who were awarded the 2011 Principal’s Scholarships (St Patrick’s) to assist with their Intermediate Schooling. These scholarships are awarded to two pupils who have attended Reignier School and are valued at \$100 each.

THANKS P.T.A

Your generous P.T.A have recently paid for the five P.T.A Year 6 Scholarships of \$100 each, plus \$1500 for our long jump cover and \$4000 which is being given to each syndicate so that they can purchase items for your children. They are also helping us out on St Patrick’s Day - bless you all!!

OUR SCHOOL’S VISION AND VALUES

If you attended last Thursday’s “Meet the Teacher Evening” you would have seen our ‘vision’ that was formulated after last year’s consultation with you.

It reads:-

At St Patrick’s School, pupils will receive a high quality education in a rich Catholic environment. They will be encouraged to reach their full potential as life long learners, recognising the richness and diversity of our multi-cultural society and their role in caring for our environment.

JUST BRILLIANT

A great turnout and feedback from our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening last week. Thank you to all who attended and for the phone calls and visits subsequently. Our children’s welfare and education is paramount, together we can work to do the best we can.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY WEEK (E.O.T.C)

Next week our juniors have an activity week that culminates in a picnic at Marewa Park on Friday 4th March. Activities they will be involved in include, cooking, tent-pitching, orienteering and a scavenger hunt.

SCHOOL BANKING Pupils can bank weekly at school with the Wine Country Credit Union. See the office for details or to open an account.

Saving – a great habit to get into.

BIG BUDDIES

All classes at St Patrick’s School have been paired up with a buddy class. Our Junior classes have someone from the senior end of the school as a buddy and our seniors have a duty to be good role models to their younger buddy. A great way of interacting and making our school an even more special and caring place.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (I.C.A.S)

A number of Year 5 – 8 pupils were today given an entry form to participate in the Australasian tests as part of our enrichment programme. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths are available. **ENTRIES CLOSE 12 MARCH** (no late entries accepted).

All entries **MUST** be accompanied with the **CORRECT FEE**.

If your child **did not** bring an entry form home and you would like to participate, please contact the school office

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOCUS THIS TERM

This term the pupils are studying the “**God Strand.**” Pupils explore (at their level) the many faces of God. Beginning in:-

Year 1 – God is Creator **Year 2** – Our Gracious God **Year 3 / 4** – God is Love

Year 5 / 6 – Who is God? **Senior School** – God’s desire for Humanity.

SOCCER FOR 2011 – GO FOR IT!

St Patrick’s School is closely linked to the **Marist Club**. Registrations for players (5-13yrs) are being held at their clubrooms, Park Island.

9 – 12pm Saturday 26 February and 5 March.

TO RENT

5 Bristol St, Tamatea, 3 bedroom family home. Fully fenced with carport. \$350 per week. Ring Jo 843.2119

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Feb	24	Senior Syndicate Mass – 9am at school
	28	Year 4 Exodus Journey
Mar	1	Year 3 Exodus Journey
	2	P.T.A Meeting – 7.30 in school hall
	2	T.A.Cs triathlon – senior pupils
	4	Senior Swimming Sports – Onekawa Pools
	9	Ash Wednesday Mass – 9am School Hall
	17	ST PATRICK’S DAY!! (we celebrate)
	23	Junior Syndicate Mass – 9am, at school
	28/29	Parent / Teacher / Pupil Interviews
	31	Upper Syndicate Mass 9am at school
April	5	Upper Syndicate Athletic Sports
	6	P.T.A meeting 7.30pm
	7/8	Year 7 Activity / Adventure Days
	13	Reconciliation for pupils
	14	Middle Syndicate Mass 9am, at school
	15	END OF TERM 1

LAST WEEKS QUIZ – Get underway

Regards, Blessings
Tofa soifua, ka kite ano

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL



THIS WEEKS QUIZ

