

1 March 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

Our prayers, thoughts and support to those in Canterbury

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We have (and continue) to pray for all those affected by the tragedy in Canterbury last week. The loss of life, injuries and destruction of homes and livelihoods is hard to comprehend. **We can help!** We hope to raise **\$2000 plus** this Friday with your support and generosity to send to the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal.

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

FIRSTLY – We will have a **MUFTI DAY** and we ask that **EVERY CHILD** who wears mufti brings a **generous donation**.

SECONDLY – We will hold a **\$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE** with all food either sponsored or paid for so that every \$2 goes **directly** to help those affected. (Thank you to those who have offered to bbq on Friday). An order form is attached to this newsletter. Please send your **order** & **money** in by **Thursday 3rd** so that we can order sausages.

Thank you for your support



NEW THIS WEEK

Isabelle Bennett who started in A4 yesterday, welcome to her and her parents, Carol and John. And joining us from Christchurch are **Pieta & Toby McAleer-Harding**, their mum Donna. **Emma & Olivia Maye**, mum Zansie, **Sienna & Claudia O'Shannessey** and their mum Marion. May you all feel welcome here at St Patricks and your stay be a peaceful and restorative one.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Delilah Savaiinaea**, a year 4 pupil who has a fantastic attitude to her schoolwork and school friends. She is enthusiastic and caring.

SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT – P.T.A MEETING!

Join us tomorrow, **Wednesday 2nd** for our P.T.A meeting and A.G.M in the **SCHOOL HALL, 7.30pm**. Plenty to discuss and plan, including our Earthquake Fundraiser on Friday. Join us for a cuppa and cake afterwards.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN BEFORE – IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DID!!!

*Anyone unable to attend but has ideas to contribute, please email Michelle at starts@paradise.net.nz with your suggestions.

LIBRARIANS FOR TERM 1 & 2

Congratulations to these seniors who have been selected to be librarians.

Savannah Hiha (Head Librarian), **Oliver Cook**, **Kristen Truman**, **Amy Gibson**, **Breanna Burgess**, **Tamzin Lee**, **Renee Menzies**, **Dylan Cook**, **Magdalene Tidy**, **Emily Symonds**, **Danielle Richfield**, **Kathryn O'Malley**.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Support our seniors this **Friday 4th**, Onekawa Pools from 9am to 11.30 as they compete for school swimming honours and prove that they can all compete.



JUNIOR SYNDICATE PICNIC

To end their E.O.T.C week the junior syndicate head off to Marewa Park (after getting their sausages!) at 12.30. You are most welcome to join them.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR MARCH

Our focus this month is “**JUSTICE**.” This takes many forms and is shown in the way that Jesus would have modelled through his actions, words and attitudes. How can we be “just” – how can we be more like Jesus?

“**Tika – Justice**” – the right and proper thing to do.

GOOD LUCK TRIATHLETES

A number of our senior pupils head off to Frimley Park tomorrow to compete in the T.A.C.S Triathlon. All the best, represent your school and yourselves proudly. Thank you to parents providing transport and support.

ABSENCES – NOT AT SCHOOL TODAY?

Please phone **843.9238** or text **027.750.7813** by 9am to let us know. Thank you.

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies in Terms 2 / 3 this year. They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your school Charter. If you would like input into these policies, please put in a written submission to the Principal by **Thursday 1st April**.

POLICIES REVIEWED: Curriculum Delivery, Special Character, Financial Management, Property Management, Theft & Fraud Prevention, Sensitive Expenditure.

SCHOOL CHARTER /STRATEGIC PLAN

This is available for you to view in the office foyer. We review this document every year and your input and comments are most welcome. Please send submissions in writing to the Principal by **Friday 1 April** so that the Board of Trustees can consider your views as we review our Charter and plan for the year ahead.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

All your children have their 2011 stationery that we supplied to them at the beginning of the year. Their account for this plus other school activities will be sent home this week. We would appreciate (**we actually need you to**) that these are paid promptly. Call us if you need to discuss payment arrangements – we can always sort something out. All accounts either **paid in full** or on **Automatic Payment** by **8 April** will go into a draw for a **FAMILY PASS TO THE MOVIES**.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Junior (Year 1 / 2) and Middle (Year 3 / 4) syndicates are involved in ‘**Discovery Learning**’ each week. This exciting programme involves, construction, cooking, modelling, decision making, collaboration etc – and that’s the pupils.

If you, or you know of someone who can donate / sponsor goods (bread, baking needs, etc) please contact Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Marshall or the school office. Thank you.

TRICKY DEFINITION

MILLENNIUM - something like a centennial, only it has more legs

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

fooling around

Regards, Blessings

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PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEKS QUIZ

