

15 March 2011

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Learn to listen.*

*Opportunity could be knocking at your door very softly”*



### **OUR LATEST TREASURES**

We welcome **Savanna Seinafo** and her family, Coralee and Kelly to St Patrick's. Savanna is in M9 and joins us from Christchurch.

### **A NEW BLESSING**

Congratulations to Khan and Sean on the birth of their daughter last week. Monica and Helen could not be prouder big sisters.

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Hayden & Jonty Munns and their family who tragically lost a nephew last week. May your prayers and loving memories bring you comfort.

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

We are proud of the way our pupils grow over the years and none more so than

**Dylan Cook** a year 8 pupil who shows initiative, responsibility, has wonderful manners and is now setting goals to strive towards.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY THIS THURSDAY – JOIN US**

We celebrate our **Patron Saint's Day** on Thursday with a **School Mass – 9.30** at **St Patrick's Church** (join us) followed by a School Tabloid Sports Morning and finally the afternoon will be spent with “Buddy Classes.” Thank you P.T.A for organizing our bus transport to church and the little treat for pupils.

### **CANTERBURY**

Our final total raised on the 4<sup>th</sup> was \$3700 – just gets better! Lily G raised \$23 on Trademe selling “Miss Broom-Cinderella.” A 30 year old broom that was heading to Christchurch to help with the clean-up. Very clever Lily! Madison from Christchurch wanted to share her experience and wrote this story:-

#### **Christchurch Earthquake**

I was one foot out of my classroom door putting my lunchbox back, I was pulled down to the ground so I had to hold on to the bars of the classroom steps.

If I had let go I would have badly hurt myself. Nobody in my family died and none of my friends died.

To those people that died, you are safe up there with God.

**Maddy B – M11 (visiting us from Christchurch)**

### **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.**

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER DANCE – COME ALONG!**

Come along to St Patrick's School Hall, Riverbend Rd, on the 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and bring your dancing shoes with you for a night of fun and dancing. Live band & supper will be provided. BYO, Adults \$10, Family \$25 (includes 2 adults & three young ones). Come and support our youth to get to the WYD in Spain this year. This event is being sponsored by the Deco City Shadows Band. For further information or tickets please phone Viv 835 1597, 0274 784218, Denise 843 7553, Kate 842 0221 or Bill 021 509 437.

### **EDUCATION REVIEW**

St Patrick's School will be visited by a team from the Education Review Office (ERO) next week. They will be working with us to highlight the good things we do and assist us to improve areas that we are developing. We want our children to receive a quality education in a caring, Catholic environment where they feel safe and happy. So welcome to Carol, Ann and Ross.

### **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 **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> April** so that the Board of Trustees can consider your views as we review our Charter and plan for the year ahead.

### **SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Thank you to all those who have paid, started to pay or organised payments for their school account. All accounts either paid in full or on Automatic Payment by **8 April** will go into the draw for a **FAMILY PASS TO THE MOVIES.**

### **WANTED**

Ice cream containers with lids. If you have any unwanted containers please bring them to the school office.

### **LAST WEEK'S QUIZ** - Kept Behind Bars

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY TALE (WELL WORTH REPEATING)**

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender asks him, “You know, a pint of beer goes flat after I draw it, it would taste better if you bought one at a time.” The Irishman replies, “Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other in Australia, and I am here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together.” The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: he orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, “I don't want to intrude in your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss.” The Irishman looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. “Oh, no,” he says, “everyone's fine. I've just quit drinking.”

***May the Luck of the Irish be with you***

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

