

29 March 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Expect trouble as an inevitable part of life and repeat to yourself,
the most comforting words off all:-
This, too, shall pass.”*

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Lydia Healey**, a Year 3 pupil who is a great listener and class member. She is always polite, caring and considerate.-very cool!

WE WON

Our Beach “5’s” team won the primary schools competition at Ocean Beach last Thursday. Thank you to our parents who transported and coached the team, Kate, Tai, Rachel, Matt and Clint (enough for their own team!) and to our boys who played so well and represented St Patrick’s proudly. **Luke Gichard, Kurtis Weeks, Connor Martin, Patrick Muldowney, Tahi Neera, Riley Hannan, Josh Chamberlain, Matthew Hihi** and **Hamish McLellan**. You boys were fantastic!!

JOIN OUR UPPER SYNDICATE

This **Thursday 9am** as they celebrate Mass together as a syndicate in our Sacred Space!

MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS – THIS THURSDAY

Our Middle Syndicate (Rooms 8,9,10,11) will be holding their Athletics Sports this **Thursday, 31st March** at school starting at **11am**. Please join us to support your children and encourage our competitors.

KAPA HAKA AT HATO PATARIKI (ST PATRICK’S)

AT LAST!!! We have begun Kapa Haka lessons on Fridays for our pupils. A total of about 70 pupils from the Middle to Senior Syndicates are involved initially. The Junior Syndicate will start in Term 2. Our aim is to give our pupils the opportunity to learn Maori Culture in a safe and friendly environment and have them ready to perform in the Primary School’s Maori Festival at the end of the year. Ka mau te wehi!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE “EVENTS”

Make sure you go onto our school website. We have a new ‘Events’ section that will be regularly updated with images of school events. Check out our St Patrick’s Day and Discovery pages.

COMING UP – P.T.A MEETING (A WEEK TO PREPARE)

Last for Term 1 – **Wednesday 6 April**, 7.30pm in school library. Lots to discuss including Gala, School lunch options, Adventure Playgrounds, Year Books etc.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all those who have paid, started to pay or organised payment of 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**.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

We say goodbye to Sienna, Claudia and their mum Marion who head back to Christchurch at the end of the week. We wish you all the best as you rebuild your lives and thank you for the opportunity of getting to know you and the gift that you brought us.

TURNING 5 IN 2011?

If you have a child (or know of one) turning 5 this year and have **NOT** yet enrolled them at St Patrick’s, please do so. We need to plan ahead to ensure that all children receive the best we can give. If you are **UNSURE??** Ring Sharon or Marie in the office – they will know.

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.



Our School Community

At our school, we have a fantastic community filled with wonderful caring teachers and an exciting education for us bright kids to learn. Of course like other schools, we have a Principal, but our Principal is a kind, extraordinary person that looks after the tamariki at St Pats. Our teacher and M7 have worked together to create a classroom community so that we have fun and learn as much knowledge as a book.

Our community extends as far as a rubber band and includes whanau and our parishes. It is great to be included into a community because we all work together, we look after each other and we all participate and contribute to make it function.

By Bridget Kelly & Toby Cook



HURRICANES OPEN TRAINING SEASON

The Hurricanes captain’s run will be open to the public this Friday, 3.45pm at McLean Park. Fans are welcome to come and watch their last training run before their match with the Bulls on Saturday night.

TRICKY DEFINITION

MOTH – a butterfly that eats holes

LAST WEEKS QUIZ

Four wheel drive

THIS WEEKS QUIZ

APPLE

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

