

5 April 2011

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Snowflakes are one of natures’ most fragile things,  
but just look at what they can do whey they stick together!”*



### COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate one of our junior pupils, **Bailey Booth** who is in A2. Bailey impresses us all with his great school work, positive attitude in class and the way in which he cares about his classmates.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY – OUR VINNIES GROUP

The Year 7 & 8 pupils who make up our Vinnies Group have been active preparing gifts for Easter. These will be distributed tomorrow as our pupils visit two local resthomes to bring cheer and most importantly conversation to the elderly people in our community. Thank you Brenda Lunnon and Ms Sutton for leading our Vinnies and thank you pupils – you do make a difference.

### OUR FANTASTIC COACHES

To all parents / teachers who coach our sports teams – **THANK YOU**. Our cricket season has just finished and we had teams from Year 3 – 8 entered in competitions. Coaching our two Year 3 / 4 Friday Teams were Rochelle and Simon Montgomery, Diana Munns and Mr Nicholas. We were spoilt for ‘expert, enthusiastic’ coaches for our Year 5 / 6 Saturday team with Owen Gallen, Scott Klem and Blair Wakely taking charge. Our First Eleven senior team were coached by Grahame Fitzgerald, Mr Hickling and Mr Nicholas.

### MUFTI DAY – THIS FRIDAY

As part of our schools ‘out reach programme’ we will be holding a mufti-day for both the people of Peru and Christchurch. Money raised will be sent to CARITAS (Catholic Relief Aid Organization) who will distribute this money directly. It is important that we remember that our community is now a global one and that our actions, no matter how small, do make a positive difference to the lives of people wherever they are in the world.

### GOSPEL VALUE FOR APRIL

This month we focus on **FORGIVING** and **RECONCILING**. Jesus forgave others, do you? As our school works towards Restorative Practices as the basis of our “School Discipline Policy,” we focus on healing and restoring relationships, not punishment. If something has been done that is wrong, how can it be fixed?

### SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS TOMORROW - WEDNESDAY

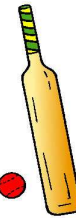
Join us tomorrow at **10.30am** as our Senior pupils compete in their athletic and field sports. They love your encouragement and support.

### WHANAU COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A survey has been sent to all families / whanau who identified on their enrolment forms their links with our Tangata whenua. Your views are important to us as we plan for the future. Please return these surveys by 12 April.

### 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**.



### P.T.A – TOMORROW NIGHT

**7.30pm in the library.** Join us as we discuss what promises to be an exciting year.

### SCHOOL KEYS

If you have any school keys at home for the P.T.A Shed etc from the Gala. Could you please return them to the office.

### SUNHATS HOME

Winter is slowly arriving – please make sure your child brings their sunhat home this week for the winter terms. They will need to be back Term 4.

### WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the **beginning of Term 2**. There will be a **‘2 week’ changeover period** where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in **FULL AND CORRECT winter uniform** by **16<sup>th</sup> May**. This gives you plenty of time to get your uniform organised. Uniform requirements are available from our school office and Postie Plus.

### CORRECT UNIFORM IS:

**Boys:** Black shoes only, grey shorts, grey skivvies (upto Yr 6), grey shirts (Yr 7/8), grey socks.

**Girls:** Black or brown shoes only, winter pinafore (upto Yr 6) winter skirt (Yr 7/8), white skivvy (upto Yr 6) white longsleeved blouse (Yr 7/8), Black, Navy Blue or Bottle Green tights or knee high white socks.

**Sneakers** are NOT ACCEPTABLE – please don’t buy any.

### HAIR!

Our expectation and standards at St Patrick’s are:

**Girls** – neat, tied back if long, off the face, not coloured.

**Boys** – neat, tied back if long, off the face, not coloured.... Simple!

### RUGBY AT LUNCHTIMES- GET CHANGED!

We have a large number of boys who play rugby during our breaks on the field. Our EXPECTATION is that they wear an old shirt and shorts to save their uniforms (school sports tops are not acceptable). Thank you for helping us enforce this – it just makes sense and saves the mending and laundry!

### SCHOOL BANKING

Wine Country Credit Union will be merging with NZCU Baywide. From 1 April all current WCCU members will become a member of NZCU Baywide. Banking day will now be **THURSDAYS** and when you make your next deposit you will be issued with a new account passbook. **If you would like to open an account, packs will be available from the school office.**

### TRICKY DEFINITION

**MOTHERHOOD** – feeding the mouth that bites you

### LAST WEEKS QUIZ

Apple Turnover

### THIS WEEKS QUIZ

bed bed

*Regards & Blessings*

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

