

3 May 2011

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*Welcome back to a very **BUSY** Term 2. There are many exciting events and activities planned for this term at your school so be involved.*

*Great to see so many smiling faces yesterday (and today) – we are lucky to be in a school where people care about each other.*

### **WELCOME TO A NEW TEACHER**

We welcome Mrs Robyn O'Hagan who will be teaching in M9 (Year 4). Robyn has a close association with St Patrick's and we are delighted to have such a wonderful teacher follow on from Mrs Marshall. Leading the Middle Syndicate at present will be Mrs Jan Bevan.

### **PAINTING PROGRESS – SENIOR BLOCKS**

Looking good so far but slightly behind schedule due to last weeks rain.

### **MARIST BLOCK – IT GOT WET!**

You may notice a large hole in the corridor ceiling outside M8 in the Marist Block. Last week's rain found new leaks which are being repaired. The Marist block is an original school building and has needed constant maintenance recently as like many things – age has caught up with it. We are currently in the process of working with the Catholic Schools Board in Wellington and architects on a modernization upgrade for this block of classrooms that we hope will be completed this year!

### **CHRISTCHURCH MAY APPEAL – KEEPING THEM WARM!**

St Vincent de Paul have organized a National Earthquake Appeal for warm bedding and clothing and St Patrick's School has been asked to help. The people in Christchurch are already facing colder weather and power will become increasingly unreliable as the winter progresses. Many chimneys are down and it is inevitable that other forms of heating will also be unreliable. We now launch an appeal for good quality, clean-

- 1) Bedding – warm blankets & duvets
- 2) Jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, trousers
- 3) Footwear, socks.



Please send to the school office. Our co-ordinator Brenda Lunnon will pick up items each week. This will run for the **month of May**. St Vincent de Paul will be forwarding the collection to Christchurch.

### **ST JOHN'S COLLEGE – GARAGE SALE THIS SATURDAY**

St John's College PFA are holding their annual garage sale at school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> may. We need donations of saleable items. Please drop any goods in at school or phone **Kerry Dick on 834.1059** to arrange pick ups. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **MATHLETICS WEBSITE – OPEN TO PUPILS**

Mathletics online covers all aspects of mathematics and responds to individual needs. The programme allows children to work at their own pace or they can challenge other students from all over the world in real time competitions. Students signing up will have full access to the site until 31 January 2012. See your child's teacher if interested for an application form. Access to the site costs **\$22**. **Applications close this Friday – 6 May.**

### **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.

### **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 are available from the school office.**

### **KELLY SPORTS – TUESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMME**

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at St Patrick's School starting in week 2. **Winter Super Sports is designed** specifically for years **1 – 4 children** so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For children already playing sport it gives them an extra chance to improve their skills for the winter seasons. To enrol please fill in the registration form or for further information contact Craig Findlay 843.4219 or email [craig@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:craig@kellysports.co.nz)



### **LUNCHONLINE – A FRIDAY OPTION**

Our school is moving to a completely new service called Lunchonline. The Lunchonline service is an internet based school lunch provider, where parents/caregivers and students can order their school lunch using the internet, and it will be delivered to our school.

This simple to use internet site allows parents/caregivers to register online and link to our school. You then need to transfer some money (\$20 minimum) to your account using either a credit card or bank account transfer, and you are ready to go.

Our school will be trialling this programme over term 2, starting **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. This will allow our families to become familiar with the new internet lunch service before we complete an evaluation. This lunch service will be provided on **Friday's only**.

We will be using **Subway** and **Heaven's Bakery** as our suppliers, with a **menu selection** that ensures **healthy options** and some treats are available.

For more information and to open your account, visit [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



### **TARADALE / TAMATEA BUS RUNS**

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by metro (835 0590) and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route and ticket sales.

**Term Pass is \$80** (subsidized by the school) **20 ride pass** is \$30 and a **single trip** ticket is \$2. Pupils who do not have a pass/ticket will not be able to use the bus. (Family concession available for three or more, ask at the office.).

### **LAST WEEKS QUIZ**

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*Regards & Blessings*

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