

10 May 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Remember, we all stumble, every one of us.
That’s why it’s a comfort to go hand in hand.”*

TWO NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome to the St Patrick’s School family **Peyton** (M6) and **Mackenzie** (SM13) **Halbert** and their mother Lisa. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

What a wonderful way to start a new term for **James Barr**, a year 3 pupil in M8 who has a fantastic and positive attitude in class, is helpful, compassionate and displays great “self-control” (this month’s value).

SCHOOL LEADERS – TERM 2 2011

Our school leaders (House Captains) for term two were announced on Friday. They have accepted the challenge of leadership and responsibility and we expect them to be great role models, not only for this term but throughout the year. Please pray for them.

MARCELLIN (BLUE) – **Savanna Hiha** and **Kunal Lakshman**

FOREST (GREEN) **Ava Mannering** and **Matthew Simpson-Smith**

AUBERT (GOLD) **Turua Hatihana** and **Joshua Hankins**

BARBIER (RED) **Alice de Winton** and **Oliver Cook**

MUFTI DAY – THIS FRIDAY (BRING YOUR BLING!!!)

This Friday (13th) we will hold a mufti day to fundraise for one of our pupils – **Lochie Wakely**. Our theme for the day – **(dress up in beads, bandanas, bling)**. Your generosity will be much appreciated. Should be a fun day!



Lochie’s Story

Lochie’s first tumor was found when he was 4. A golfball size tumor consuming his pituitary gland was removed. But at age 9 it had grown back. It took a 6 hour operation to remove it all. However the hole they made that was being patched didn’t work and he leaked spinal fluid out of his nose which is deadly. He then caught an infection which meant antibiotics 10 times a day. It took 5 operations and 25 days in recovery before he was up and about. He has been nominated by childcancer to go to Disneyland with a charity named Korucare. Our support will make a real difference.

SCHOOL VALUE FOR MAY

May is the month of Mary (a special time to think of our own mothers). The value that the school will focus on this month (and Mary must have had a ton of it) is

“SELF CONTROL.”

We practise self control in what we say, do and how we react. The rule we need to follow is. **“THINK BEFORE YOU ACT – MAKE A WISE CHOICE.”**

OFF TO TUTIRA

Our Year 7 pupils have an “activity” day planned for next Friday (20th) at Lake Tutira. Kayaking, high ropes, flying kiwi and team work are the order of the day. Have a great time, learn lots and appreciate your classmates. Thank you to teachers and especially parents who are providing support.

JOIN THE UPPER SYNDICATE

This Thursday – 9am in our Sacred Space as they celebrate Mass together.



ABSENCES / LATENESS

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) the school **before 9.00am** if your child is absent from school. We expect children who are late to **report to the office before they go to their classroom**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability.



GOOD LUCK NETBALLERS

Our Year 3 – 6 teams start the season this Thursday. Have fun and play well. Thank you coaches you are a blessing.

KAPA HAKA

Lessons start this Friday for a number of our junior syndicate pupils and continue for our senior tamariki.

LUNCH ONLINE – A GOOD START

Last Friday’s lunch orders went smoothly (long may it last). **Please** ask your children to **come to the office** at 12.30 (lunch bell) to pick up their orders. For more information or to open an account go to: www.lunchonline.co.nz

IRISH DANCING ANYONE?

If your child is interested in Irish Dancing, new classes for beginners start soon. For more information contact Helen 875.0338.



TARADALE / TAMATEA BUS RUNS (NO TICKET – NO RIDE)

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.).

WINTER UNIFORM – NEXT WEEK

We expect **EVERY PUPIL** to be in **CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM** next week. Shoes on, shirts tucked in and looking tidy. Thank you.

TERM TWO CALENDAR DATES

May

- 12 – Upper Syndicate Mass 9am
- 12 – Year 3 – 6 netball begins (3.30pm)
- 19 – Primary Dance Festival
- 20 – Year 7 to Tutira
- 20 – Senior Kids Literature Quiz – 6.30
- 24 – ICAS – Computers / Upper Syndicate Gymnastics begins
- 25 – Y3 – 6 Soccer Tournament – Park Island 12.30
- 26 – Hearing & Vision Testing (New Entrants & Y7)
- 27 – Year 8 to Sacred Heart / St Johns
- 31 – Soccer coaching starts (Y3 – 8)

June

- 1 – P.T.A Meeting 7.30pm
- 2 – Middle Syndicate Mass – 9am
- 6 – Queens Birthday Holiday
- 7 – Young Mary McKillop Theatre (\$3)
- 9 – I.C.A.S – Science
- 13 – Junior Syndicate Visit Fire Station
- 16 – Junior Syndicate Mass – 9am
- 21 – I.C.A.S – Spelling / Writing
- 23 – Gymnastics (novice)
- 29 – Year 6 Open Evening 7pm (For 2012)

LAST WEEKS QUIZ

Mixing in the right circles

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

July

- 4 – Pupil Portfolios/midyear reports home
- 6 – Middle Synd Performances 11am/6pm
- 7 – Senior Synd Mass – 9am
- 7 – New Entrant Parent Evening – 7.30pm
- 7 – Y5/6 Onekawa Exchange Netball/Touch
- 8 – TRIVIA NIGHT – 7.30pm
- 8 – T.A.C.S – Senior Netball Tournament
- 15 – Term 2 Ends (phew!)