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In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

"In all pleasure, hope is a considerable part."

OUR LATEST TREASURE

Is **Jack Price** who has just started school in A4. We welcome him and his parents Amy and Keith to St Patrick's School. Enjoy Learning and making life-long friends Jack.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Mannering family, who lost their Grandmother Mary (Rose's mum). Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May she rest in peace.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Aliyah King** who is in A1. A junior pupil with a "jumbo" heart! She is helpful, polite, caring and hardworking – definitely cool!

N.Z REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to **Ava Mannering**, a Year 8 pupil at St Patrick's who has been chosen to represent New Zealand at Opti (sailing) Competitions in Asia in July. Good luck and we wish you every success.

PROUD OF YOU ALL

Our multi-day on Friday for Lochie was a great success. **\$1000** was raised to help him on his way to Disneyland. I am proud to see how we care for each other at this school.

SCHOOL BANKING – GET INTO THE HABIT

Wine Country Credit Union has merged with 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.**

HAPPENING AT ST PATRICK'S....

Congratulations - Miss Jobbins who attends her graduation at Victoria University tomorrow.

Literature Quiz - good luck to our two teams who compete this Friday evening (6.30pm Napier Intermediate Hall) in the H.B Literature Quiz.

Tutira – Our Year 7 pupils head off for a day of outdoor challenges this Friday.

Jump Rope – a number of senior pupils attend a jump-rope workshop this Friday, run by the jump-rope world champ.

TROUBADOR THEATRE – MARY MACKILLOP

All children will have the opportunity to watch and participate in the theatre production "Young Mary" on 7 June. **Cost per pupil is \$3.**

Mary Mackillop portrayed strength of character and steadfastness even as a child.

Through this dramatisation of many of her early adventures we meet Mary and experience her liveliness and spirit. We witness her commitment to education and the elimination of poverty. The play is funny and entertaining. It involves the audience in lots of acting and moral decision making and with humour and compassion enables the young audience to relate to Mary Mackillop and gain insight into her famous quote;

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."



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."**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM

All classes are beginning the "HOLY SPIRIT" strand. This is what they will be covering:-

Year 1 – God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God – the third person of the Trinity.

We use symbols like fire and wind for the action of the power of the Holy Spirit. We can see signs of the Holy Spirit at work in peoples lives.

Year 2 – The Holy Spirit in People's Lives. We can respond to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives in many ways. Two important ways the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church – the people of God – is through prayer and the Eucharist.

Year 3 / 4 – Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost revealed the trinity to the Church and enables people to live like Jesus and to know the Father. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus fulfilled His promise to be with His followers, through church, word and sacrament.

Year 5 / 6 – Baptism and the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, people receive the Holy Spirit in a special way which strengthens them to believe, hope and love, and overcome the power of original sin. The Holy Spirit helps people to believe in Jesus and grow more like Him.

Year 7 / 8 – The Holy Spirit in Scripture. From the Scriptures we learn the role of the Holy Spirit. Present at the creation and speaking through the prophets. God's Spirit of love and truth was with Jesus and with the early Christians as they walked in Jesus way and still remains the life principal of the Church.

FACEBOOK – BE AWARE!

Even though Facebook is "supposedly" only for people 14 years and over, many of our pupils have their own page. Occasionally, comments and exchanges that are made at home carry on and cause conflict at school. We do what we can to "fix" any problems (usually social and petty!) but at times this can be time-consuming and difficult.

Please - CHECK YOUR CHILDREN and what they do, better still, if it causes trouble – delete their page!

My Secret Island

Tonight I am staying at my Island with my mum and my sisters Alice and my sister Isabella and my Dad too.

It is a private Island there is a popcorn maker right by my chair. On the other side of me is a lemonade maker. There is a big T.V I have to push a button to make it come up. It is a big Island you get there with a helicopter. You can play wii. My favourite thing is the big screen. I just call my friends if I want them to come I felt jolly.

By Charlotte Clayton A3



LAST WEEKS QUIZ

Moving in the right circles

Regards & Blessings

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