

24 May 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do,
something to love and something to hope for.”*

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Sophie Ford-Smith**, a year 8 pupil who displays initiative, self control and who always works to her best capabilities in class.

OUR OWN LITERARY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to both our senior teams who competed against 22 other H.B teams at this years Literacy Quiz. Our team of **Magdalene Tidy, Savanna Hiha, Tamzin Lee** and **Oliver Cook** were placed **SECOND!** (only 2.5 points from the winners). A great night that was full of excitement and tension (from adult spectators especially). Thank you Mrs Dudding and Sutton for your coaching, parents for your support and to pupils for your talents and the way in which you represented St Patrick's School so well. PROUD OF YOU 9!! (reserve player included)

NETBALL REPS

Bridget Hannan and **Kathleen Nahora** have been selected to join the Napier School's Year 7 Netball squad. Well done.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT TOMORROW

Good luck to our 4 teams from Years 3 – 6 who represent St Patrick's at the Napier Schools Soccer Tournament at Park Island tomorrow afternoon.

DAY TO “TASTE” COLLEGE LIFE

Our Year 8 pupils head off this Friday for a day to experience a taste of what college will be like for them next year. Our boys go to St Johns and girls to Sacred Heart. Buses will take them from St Patrick's School in the morning and return them by 3pm. We thank Mr Steve Bryan (Sacred Heart) and Mr Neal Swindells (St Johns), their staff and students for hosting our pupils and offering them this experience.

HEADLICE – A REOCCURRING PROBLEM!!

Napier schools are experiencing another outbreak of headlice. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Balmoral Pharmacy make a good product that works well.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 1 June at 7.30**. Join us – lots happening.

UPPER SYNDICATE – BEING CREATIVE

As part of our present Inquiry Unit, the Upper Syndicate want our children to learn different forms of creativity. We have had a response from some of our parents to help but are now asking the wider school community. If you, or someone you know has skills to pass on in any of the following areas, please contact either Mr Warren, Miss Halas or Mrs Smith e.g. Carving, Performing Arts, Technology, Jewellery, Sewing, Cooking, Carpentry, Visual Arts or any other area.

YOUNG MARY PRODUCTION - \$3 PLEASE

Please bring your **\$3** for this production that will be presented to all pupils on 7 June. (Money should be sent to classroom teacher).

FREE CONCERT TOMORROW

Our two senior syndicates will experience “**Strings Fiesta**” a presentation of world music cultures including classical, folk, gypsy, blues, jazz, flamenco and contemporary compositions. (Cost is fully funded by your General Purpose Donation).

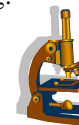


EIT / H.B SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR AT ST PATRICK'S

Our seniors have been busy learning about Fair Testing and carrying out experiments over the past three weeks in preparation for the Science / Technology Fair. Our students take part in this every two years. Students need to choose between a Science Fair Test or Technology Project. They are to work individually (not with a partner).

All students should have received the following:-

- Science Fair newsletter to Parents
- Science Fair Testing Outline
- Science Technology Process Outline
- Presentation of Exhibits
- List of ideas



These act as a guide to students. Experiments and testing is carried out at home through to the presentation. Presentation boards are available at Warehouse Stationery for \$13.00. Students work will be judged on Monday 22nd August by Sacred Heart Science teachers. Finalists will be required to display their work at EIT on Friday 2nd September. The Science Fair is intended to be a challenge for our students in line with the Science Curriculum. We hope they enjoy the experience.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – URGENT

School Accounts have been once again sent to families who still have amounts owing from the beginning of the year. Some of these totals are **LARGE** and payment needs to be made (even in small weekly instalments – it does make a difference). Please contact me if you need to discuss payment or options – something can be worked out.

HOUSE TEAMS AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

We have 4 house teams at St Patrick's – your child is in one of them – **do you know which one?** Here is a brief history of each to explain why they are significant to us.

FOREST (Green) Father John Forest was one of the original priests ordained in Lyon, France 1830. Arrived in N.Z 1842 and in Napier 1859. Was instrumental in setting up the Parish of Napier. In 1859 opened a parish school (**us**). Served for 25 years as Parish Priest, was the first priest in N.Z to celebrate his golden jubilee. Died in 1884 and is buried on Cemetery Hill Napier.

BARBIER (Red) Euphrasie Barbier founded the “Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.” These Sisters arrived in N.Z in 1865 and taught in our schools (St Patrick's, Sacred Heart & St Josephs) for over 150 years.

MARCELLIN (Blue) Marcellin Champagnat was one of the first group of Marist priests ordained in Lyon. He later founded a religious group for men known as the Marist Brothers. 4 Brothers came to Napier in 1878. Our school was once called “Marist School” as you can see on our front gates near Kennedy Road.

AUBERT (Gold) Suzanne Aubert came from France early 1800's. She served as a Missionary in the Pacific before coming to Meeanee. She lived behind St Mary's Church in Meeanee Road. She was one of “The Sisters of Compassion” and in her pastoral work included many people, in particular the Maori community.

LAST WEEKS QUIZ

What goes up must come down

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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