

21 June 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope”
Martin Luther*

OUR LATEST TREASURES

We welcome to our school **Natasha Sands** (A4) and her parents Deborah and Michael. Welcome also to **Brodie Koko** (M9) and his parents Nicole and Kane. Both began yesterday. Enjoy learning and making friends at St Patrick's.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Finn Downing**, a Year 2 pupil who has a great attitude, is friendly, kind and enthusiastic. He makes the classroom a better place.

JOIN OUR SENIOR SYNDICATE – TOMORROW

Our Seniors (Y7/8 Intermediate) help celebrate the Feast of St Thomas More tomorrow at 9.15. Please join them at **St Thomas More Parish** in Wycliffe St.

NETBALL ‘FUTURE FERNS’ TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our four Year 4 – 6 netball teams who competed so well at Sunday's tournament. Great team play, attitude, sportsmanship and fun. A big thank you to coaches, teachers, parents, supporters and Andrew and Tabitha Poppelwell for the tent, baking and warming drinks. St Patrick's was well represented – and we did it so well.

SCHOOL DISCO THIS FRIDAY

A chance to dance. A social for **all pupils** this Friday. (A Year 8 Camp Fundraiser - they go to Wellington in September)

Year 1/3 - **3.20 – 4.30pm**

Year 4/6 - **5.00 – 6.30pm**

Year 7/8 - **7.30 – 9.15pm**

\$2 ENTRY FEE – (Y1 – 3) plus \$2 goodie bag (drink, chippies & chocolate bar.)

\$2 ENTRY FEE – Y4 – 8) plus sales of drinks, chippies and chocolate bars. A chance to dress up, dance and enjoy yourselves.



FROZEN CHOOK – ONLY 3 SO FAR!

Over the next 2 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year's **Gala**. (Raising funds for an Adventure Playground.)



SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2011

We have a number of scholarships that our pupils are eligible for in 2011, they are:-

Tim Hannigan Jubilee Scholarship - \$250 awarded to a **Year 7 pupil** who displays the qualities and attitudes that reflect our school's Special Catholic Character.

P.T.A Year 6 Scholarships (5 at \$100 each) - awarded to pupils who will be in Year 7 in 2011. These pupils must live out our school motto “To Live Justly.” This includes Fair Play, classroom diligence and attitude, sense of community and service to the school.

OPEN NIGHT – NEXT WEEK

For all **Year 6 pupils and parents** as they look forward to 2012 and the “Intermediate” Years. A chance to see programmes in action, ask questions and hear what our pupils have to say – **Wednesday 29 June – 7pm.**

OUR E.R.O REVIEW

The final report from our E.R.O Review in term 1 is now complete. You can find it on www.ero.govt.nz. There is a hard copy of the full report in the school office that you can read. The report was in the main positive and it also reinforced the areas we had identified for development. This is what they had to say:-

- A carefully considered and researched school curriculum provides a valuable framework to guide the provision of high quality education in a rich Catholic environment. The school motto of ‘CARE’ encourages students to display compassion, integrity, respect and to aim for excellence. A number of recent initiatives, aimed at improving the quality of teaching, underpin on-going curriculum developments. Students participate positively in learning in many classrooms. Their holistic and individual well-being is recognised and valued by teachers.
- St Patrick's School has a carefully developed curriculum that reflects the aspirations and Catholic values of its community. Teachers are becoming more actively involved in leading curriculum improvements. Teachers are expected to critically reflect on the effectiveness of their practices to better meet individual student's needs.
- The identification of students' next steps for learning provides greater focus for teachers. Students are developing skills in setting learning goals each term and reflecting on their progress.
- School-wide self-review processes are being developed. An emphasis on growing leadership in teaching is evident. Trustees understand the importance of their role in supporting student achievement through specific resourcing decisions.

Most importantly, be reassured that your children are receiving a quality education in a safe and caring environment.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – QUALITY SECONDARY EDUCATION

For a quality secondary education in a caring Catholic environment look no further than **Sacred Heart College** for your daughter in **2012**. Call the Principal (835.3761) to view the school or make enquiries about enrolment.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 bedrooms, garage, fully fenced, warm and very tidy in Tamatea. Available from July - \$320 p/w phone: Louise 027 376 0680.

TRICKY DEFINITION

OBSTACLE – a difficulty you see when you take your eyes off the goal

LAST WEEKS QUIZ

Robbery underway

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**AFTER ME
AFTER ME**

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL