

Parish School of Our Lady of Kāpiti

St Patrick's Primary School



Newsletter - Wednesday 9 March 2016 Term 1

SITE BLESSING

Our thanks to Cardinal John and Fr Michael for this special blessing. Many of you would have seen the articles in the local papers.

Sister Breda, Presentation Sister, shared this special prayer with us all.

"We teeter on the brink of a promise, a promise of hope and light. May the beauty of this place fill us with wonder and awe. May the love and prayers of our ancestors, Tangata whenua, Presentation Sisters, parishioners and family wrap around us like the korowai.

The Presentation community has a special place in our hearts for this 'our school'. Soon to become Our Lady of Kāpiti school. Secure under the loving mantle and patronage of Te Whaea Tapu.

We pray that the spiritual and temporal foundations and values laid down by the founding sisters over the last 62 years remain an integral part of the future of the school.

We will continue to pray that this new school will be bursting with possibilities unfurling like the fern fronds, nurturing and teaching future generations of our Catholic church.

May our new school be filled with blessings as numerous as the stars in the southern sky, and may it be a significant blessing to the Kāpiti community. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



THIS WEEK'S VISIT BY ERO

We have had three reviewers at school reviewing our teaching, learning and operations. Whilst we yet to have their formal feedback and follow up report they have already made the following statement to us: "Your children are very well served by quality teaching in all classrooms".

Whilst we already knew this we are delighted to have it confirmed through an external review.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device to school) Whakaaro Hou Trust

The Trust has been put together by a collaboration of Kapiti schools and colleges to assist families obtain reasonably priced digital devices for their children to use at school.

The next two roll out dates will be

- 24 March 2016 with a cut off for expression of interest forms on 17 March.
- 12 April 2016 with a cut off for expression of interest forms on the 5 April.

If you would like to know more, Paraparaumu Beach School will be holding an information evening for the Trust in their school hall at 7.00pm on 15 March.

We have growing number of children in Years 5-8 who are bringing their own devices to use at school as per the information we recently sent out to families.

NOTICES

Thanks to those families who have returned the Contact Detail forms and the severe allergy notes. **Please check details and return these forms with or without amendment to the school office, by the end of this week.**



The current offer closes tomorrow, Thursday 10 March. Please make cheques payable to "Scholastic".





**ST PATRICK'S DAY TWILIGHT FAIR
THURSDAY 17 MARCH 5.00-7.00PM**



This is our last St Pat's fair on the current site.
Let's continue to make it a fun school
and parish community event.
We do need some more help with organising
- many hands make light work!!

Next meeting

Monday 14 March 9.00am - staffroom

If you can't make the meeting please email the school and let us know your availability, and you will be contacted.

We will be looking for help and contributions from all the school families.

Please book an early finish at work and come and join us.

No cooking for tea that night!

RAFFLES

Please have all raffle books, sold or unsold, with money returned to school by Friday 11 March.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The following children received recognition at assembly on 3 March for a positive attitude and success at school, and with their school work

- Rm 3** Grace Charles, Brooke Richardson, Áine Sibley
- Rm 4** Karabo Dithlabi, Grace Postlewait, Talia Stuart-Berrisford
- Rm 5** Lillian Barrett, Mason Green, Wynheart Viernes
- Rm 6** Nathanael James, Kana Komikado, Vanessa Lye, Brooke Smith
- Rm 7** Stella Hooker, Sophia Lemmon, Alex Montaperto
- Rm 8** Francis Mettrick, Unique Viernes

MERIT CERTIFICATES

These children were awarded Merit Certificates at assembly on 25 February-

- Rm 3** Olivia McClure, Sienna Porter
- Rm 4** Alex Furner, Seth Meyer
- Rm 5** André Postlewait, Wynheart Viernes
- Rm 6** Sophia Baker, Samuel Lemmon, Aliyah Prakash
- Rm 7** Stella Hooker, Sophia Lemmon, Olly White
- Rm 8** Eden Bacani, Simon Latief

PUBLIC NOTICES

St Patrick's Day, Saturday 19 March - Kapiti Irish Society celebrate with live music, Irish dancing and a good old fashioned craic at KCU Football Club, Weka Park, Raumati Beach. For more information and ticketing, go to Facebook.com/kapitiirishsociety

Kapiti Basketball Association - is hosting a Regional Junior College Basketball Tournament this Saturday 12 March at the KCDC Community Gym at Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road. Teams from Wanganui, Levin and Palmerston North are taking on our local Colleges for the KBA Invitation Trophy. Entry is free and EVERYONE is welcome to witness the basketball stars of the future in action. Play starts at 9 am and will go throughout the day. If you need any further information please contact me on 021 1651819.

English Language Partners NZ - working with migrants and refugees. They offer one-to-one help anywhere in Kapiti (1-2 hours a week) and classes in Paraparaumu (2 hours a week). They help adults with using and understanding English from beginners to advanced, for new arrivals and those who have lived in NZ for years. It is free for most people. Phone 0800 NEW KIWI or 0800 639 5494.

Charity Run day - the Kapiti Miniature Railway Sunday 13 March 10.00am-4.00pm at the Marine Gardens, Raumati Beach. If wet, on Sunday 20 March 10.00am-4.00pm. All proceeds to Mary Potter Hospice.

COMING EVENTS TERM 1, 2016	
DATE	EVENT
Thursdays	Assembly, Grace Hall, 9.00am
Thurs 17 March	St Patrick's Day Mass, 9.30am, Church
Thurs 17 March	St Patrick's Day Twilight Fair 5.00pm
Thurs 24 March	Easter Liturgy
Fri 25 March	Good Friday
Mon 28 March	Easter Monday
Tues 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Tues 5 April	School closes at 1.00pm
Tues 5 April	Parent Conferences 2.00pm
Thurs 7 April	Excellence Assembly time tbc
Thurs 7 April	Parent Conferences 4.00pm
Fri 15 April	End of Term 1
Mon 2 May	Start of Term 2