

Dear Parents/Caregivers...

Tomorrow we begin the liturgical season of Lent. While I was wondering how not to let it slip by among the 'busyness' of everyday life, I found the following. It helped me remember that Lent is not all about giving up something I like for Lent, and I'd like to share it with you:

"Lent has regained that "baptismal" emphasis. We still can decide on a Lenten observance – fasting, prayer, almsgiving – but we do it with the purpose of recalling our Baptism, of deepening our commitment to Christ. And we do it in together with those preparing to be baptised or received into the Church.

The readings for each Sunday in Lent have been chosen by the Church to relate to the journey of faith each of us undertakes, to our basic baptismal call to be part of Christ. For people about to be baptized, these Scripture passages take on a powerful meaning indeed.

Those who are already baptised are still on a journey. Our faith must be renewed, our baptismal promises confirmed, each time we gather with the Church for the Eucharist, where we hear God's Word and come to the table to be transformed into the Body of Christ. We bring to each celebration of the Eucharist our questions, our sinfulness, our hunger and thirst, our need to grow, our longing for God. "

From: www.americancatholic.org

Let's pray for each other as we make our Lenten journey of faith.

Yours sincerely,



Carmel Bullôt,
Principal

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call and make a time to come and see me.

General Notices:

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER:

MEASLES UPDATE INFORMATION.

Please read the attached letter that has been sent to all school Principals by the Ministry Of Health with information about Measles.

We ask all parents to be vigilant.. The attached letter has more detailed information including symptoms.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING:

Thursday 06 March 5.15-7.15pm.

Classes will be open for families to have a talk with the teachers and share learning goals for this year. There will be the chance for parents and families to share their ideas for the future of our school. We look forward to seeing you.

HATS: Summer is still here! When children are playing outside it is important they wear hats. Please ensure your child has a *named* hat with them each day. Most children should still have their Daily Freight hats that were provided by our Duffy Book Sponsors.

School Uniform:

Postie Plus in Panmure no longer stocks St Patrick's school uniform. The contract is now with the Warehouse Sylvia Park. I have been informed by the Warehouse that St Patrick's uniforms will be available from tomorrow Wednesday 5th March 2013.

De La Salle College: Enrolments are open for Year 7 students for 2015. Limited places available for Year 9. Please phone Julie (09) 276 4319 Ext 816 for an enrolment pack.

St Mary's College: Open Evening Wednesday, 12th March 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm. Enrolments are open for Year 7 students and a small number of places for girls in Year 9.

Adult Literacy: Auckland Adult Literacy is a not for profit community group which provides free literacy tuition to adults aged 16+. We offer private, one-on-one or small group tutoring by trained staff using methods that work. If you are interested please phone Patsy Sim on (09) 570 4140.

Board of Trustees News:

We look forward to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday 6 March 2014. You will have a chance to meet your child's teacher.

Kylee Stowers
Chairperson

MANAIAKALANI – NETBOOK LEASE CONTRACTS:

Anita Sarich, is at St Patrick's School

8.45-9.30am on Thursday mornings (term time only).

She is here to help parents with Netbook contracts and payments.

If you want to contact her at other times:

Anita Sarich
Phone 09 521 1104 ext 887
or text - Mobile 021 838947

MANAIAKALANI PARENT TRAINING: Courtney Brown runs the Parent Netbook sessions.

- Free Netbook Training is up and running in the Manaiakalani Schools.
- To know the basics of the device, learn ways to support your child and to keep the learning continuing in the home, these sessions are for you!

Content in sessions includes:

- * *basic skills*
- * *being a CyberSmart Parent*
- * *use of the parent portal, classroom site and blogs*

Students and families **do not** have the option of taking their netbook home until parents have completed this training and completed the *Kawa of Care*.

To Organise Your Training Session/s, Contact:

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