



## Newsletter - Wednesday 3 September 2014 Term 3

### SNOW CAMP

We had a fantastic trip to the snow with the Year 7 and 8 students. They are an amazing group of self managing, polite and engaging children.

Everyone of them finished the day skiing or snowboarding—not one gave up.

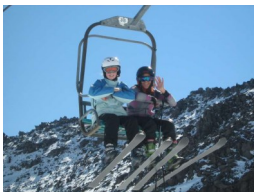
Resilience and determination were in abundance..

We will be uploading some more photographs to the school web site.

Special thanks to the parents and staff who joined us on the adventure.

Mr Bateson, Mr Hepple. Mr Mallon,  
Mr Sutherland Mrs Bishop Mr Albert

Special thanks also to Karen Mallon and June Brunton for preparing wonderful meals to take with us.



### In Memory

#### Jeremy McCall and Eutiquio Nacorda RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are with both Val McCall (our office manager) and Fr Denis Nacorda (assistant parish priest) and their families.

Val's husband Jeremy died sooner than expected last Friday and Fr Denis' older brother died unexpectedly in Libya on Friday as well.

Jeremy's funeral was today in Palmerston North. A small group of staff attended to support Val at this challenging time.

Fr Denis is planning on returning to the Philippines for his brothers funeral and to support his family. If you would like to make a contribution to support his travel costs please drop an envelope into the returns slot at school.

### READ-A-THON WEEK

15TH SEPTEMBER TO 19TH SEPTEMBER

#### READ READ READ

It's nearly time for our annual read-a-thon. A time when we encourage our children to raise some funds for the library by reading, reading, reading. Accompanying the newsletter is more information. We will start the week with a book character day on Monday 15th September.

We would like children to come dressed as a 'children's book character'. We will have spot prizes to be won in each class.

Please avoid costumes that could potentially encourage aggressive attitudes or behaviour.



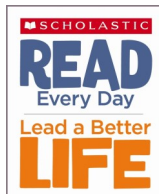
## ABACUS CALENDARS



Order forms were distributed last week. Artwork is available to view in the school office until Friday 12th September. Please note the closing date for orders is Friday 12th September. The costs are: calendars \$10, greeting cards \$11 and diaries \$15. Please make cheques out to St Patrick's.

## BOOK CLUB

Brochures have been distributed today. The closing date is Friday 12th September. Please make cheques out to "Scholastic".



## WANTED PLASTIC POTS AND CONTAINERS FOR PLANTS.

Request from Mrs Burney so she can get lots of plants ready for our school Mission Day in term 4.

### What do you think of ERO's parent booklets?

The Education Review Office (ERO) publishes a series of five booklets for parents and caregivers. We want to find out how useful the information is to parents. We're starting with a survey of *How is my child doing?* To take part in the survey go to [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) – Featured Publications. The survey runs until the end of September and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Meanwhile if you would like a copy of one of the booklets email [info@ero.govt.nz](mailto:info@ero.govt.nz)

Dee Warring -Communications Adviser

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

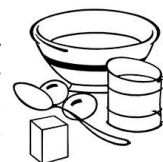
The following children received recognition at assembly on 28th August for a positive attitude and success at school, and with their school work

<b>Rm 5</b>	Raphael Mettrick, Vanessa Lye
<b>Rm 6</b>	Samson Te'o, Te Aroha Takiwa, Riley Baker, Sienna Porter
<b>Rm 7</b>	Lorna Barber, Annabelle Ryan, Brooke Richardson
<b>Rm 4</b>	Evie Walker, Courtenay Charles, Michael Johns
<b>Rm8</b>	William Albert, Katherine Brooking, Clementine Bateson, Harshil Patel
<b>Teacher Aide</b>	Michael Johns, Chandrae Alberts

## Mission Gala 2014—Saturday 27th September,

**9am**

The Presentation Sisters of Paraparaumu founded St Patrick's. Nearly 25 years ago they began an annual event to raise funds for other communities needing support to build schools and hospitals. We need your help to continue this legacy. Please contribute some home baking to be sold on Gala Day.



The eldest child in each family will be given a cake box to fill with baking on 22 September. Could this please be returned to Grace Hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September before 3.15pm. Please write on the front of the box a brief description of your baking.

If you have any questions, or need help with ingredients etc please contact Nan 905 6388 or Joy joy.woodham@hotmail .com

**Deliverers wanted:** Are you aged 11+ and want to earn some extra pocket money? PMP Distribution require reliable people to deliver advertising material and newspapers to local houses. For further details please contact Stephanie 298 1673 or email hancur@xtra.co.nz

## G.U.Y.S.

(For all Year 8 and college age youth)

### Time for Fun, God, Fellowship & Pizza!

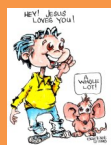
**WHEN:** 7pm – 9pm

Friday 5 & 19 September

(Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month)

**WHERE:** The Library, St Patrick's School

**BRING:** \$2, Parent helpers always welcome



## J-Team

Youth Group for children in School Years 5, 6 & 7

**Time:** 5.00pm-6.30pm

**Dates:** Friday 5 & 19 September

**Where:** Grace Hall Bring: \$2  
St Patrick's School.

## COMING EVENTS TERM 3 2014

Most Thurs	Assembly - Grace Hall - 8.55am
Mon 8 Sept	Artsplash
Thur 18 Sept	Excellence Assembly
15-19 Sept	Read a thon Week
Fri 26 Sept	Last day of Term 3—Mufti /wheels