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Kia ora Koutou

St Pat's - Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to *Jack Duignan* who has won the St Patrick's College Entrance Scholarship for 2016. *Well done Jack.*

Panda Day - Black & White - Thursday

As we have a speaker coming in tomorrow to talk to the children about pandas, we are having a fun day dressed in anything black & white.

The student council have organised a sausage sizzle, today was the last day for orders—sorry unable to take any late orders.

We will also watch the fun movie, Kung Fu Panda. The end of the term is upon us.

Father James

Spring is bringing the earth back to life. It has been a very cold winter and the warmer days enticing the daffodils and tulips and new leaves to show themselves, encourage smiles and friendliness. The seasons are constant reminders of the cycle of life and the connectedness of all things.

No life can be lived in isolation. Pope Francis has drawn the world's attention to this in his Letter, *Praise be – On the care of our common home*, in which he reminds us that time and space, physical, chemical and biological components of the planet, form a network. While we will never fully understand this, we have an obligation to care for and to protect our fragile and delicately balanced environment. Not to do so is to oversee our own destruction.

Pope Francis writes, "nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live." [n.139] Attending to the needs of others, not just our own, and loving the Earth as we love and respect a true parent are vital steps we must not avoid.

Confirmation - Congratulations

Congratulations to *Thomas Hanlon, Maria Nicholson, Katie Hickey* and *Talikka Pereira* who were confirmed by Cardinal John at the Cathedral on Sunday. These children are part of the new Wellington South Parish which is made up of St Anne's Newtown, St Bernard's Brooklyn, St Francis de Sales Island Bay, and St Joseph's Mt Victoria.

Wellington South Parish

A letter and page for you to write your ideas on was sent home to all children who live in the four parishes amalgamating to become the **Wellington South Parish**. You can re-

turn this to any of the four churches or drop I off at school.

Jubilee Performers - Labour Weekend 24-26 October

As part of the Jubilee, we would like our ArtSplash Choir to perform and we have been given the slot starting at 11.30am. Our ArtSplash Wearable Arts will be on at the same time. One song followed by one of the wearable art costumes. There are four costumes and if we finish with a song the choir will sing five songs.

Mrs Walker's ukulele group will perform with the ArtSplash Choir after a short break. We think we will be completed by approximately 12.15pm.

Notices will go home confirming that the children will be there on the day.

Problem Challenge

Congratulations to the following for their achievements in this year's competition run by the University of Otago:

MERIT

Angelica Silva, Jack Duignan, Malachi Vitale, Ashleigh Todd, Jodie Marquez, Kieran D'Souza, Kristopher Eagle, Amelia Burley, Micole Marquez, Niamh Brown, Valerie Villanueva, Alex Lopez.

EXCELLENCE

Toby Wilton, Ben Baker, Daniel Lozano, Ben Hogan.

Touch

Touch notices have gone out. As I need to enter teams over the holidays **all notices need to be back TOMORROW.**

Lost

Levi from Room 1 has lost his jersey.

There are a number of items in our lost property basket including school shoes. Please check it if you have lost anything.

Rugby

The Year 7/8 rugby team successfully defended the ***Turley-Young Cup*** last Thursday. It was a real team effort with everyone contributing to the win. I must **congratulate** those who do not play rugby on a Saturday and played so well. Our **player of the match** was ***Marcas Simmons-Godinet***. The new rugby jerseys looked very smart, thanks to our Parents & Friends.

Old Games

The first two weeks back next term will revolve around the Jubilee looking at things and people past.

If anyone has old games (board games) for classes to display or play, we would really appreciate it. They will be returned.

