



# Newsletter 16

Term Two: 30 June 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

## Important Dates

Fri 1 Jul	School Disco
Tues 5 Jul	2 pm Transition Group 7 pm BOT Meeting
Wed 6 Jul	Hearing & Vision testing
Thurs 7 Jul	Carving – jnrs
Tues 12 Jul	2 pm Transition Group
Fri 15 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends
Mon 1 Aug	Term 3
Mon 15 Aug	Staff-only Day pm Dr Tom Mulholland
Wed 24 Aug	11 am Duffy's Book Bus Adventure

**BOT Meetings:** You are welcome to attend BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 5 July, 9 August, 20 September, 1 November, 6 December

## NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 10: **Reflectful**

*To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.*

John Henry, Cardinal Newman

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Reflectful.

When we live reflectively we delight in the signs and wonders that appear in our lives: the family that surrounds us and loves us, our friends, the beaches, the mountains, everything that God has created. One person who lived a very reflective life was St Grimonia. She lived in a forest for most of her life and although this was a very solitary life she was never alone. St Grimonia saw God in everything - the sky above, the sun and the clouds. She received much strength from thinking about the Word of God and from her awareness of God's presence. By delighting in the signs and wonders in our lives, we can live reflectively too. Then we may experience a greater depth of faith, love and respect for the mysteries and wonders of life.

## Assembly

Rm 2 is the Assembly Class for Week 10.

## Cuppa and Chat

Join us tomorrow morning after Assembly for a cuppa and a chat.

*The Pastoral Care Committee*

## Wine & Cheese & Home Learning!

On Tuesday or Wednesday, you should have received a notice inviting you to attend a wine & cheese evening on Monday 4 July at 7pm in the library for a presentation of NBC's exciting new home learning programme. Many thanks to the parents who have replied. But it's not too late! Please let the office know by tomorrow so that we have a good idea of numbers. See you there!

*Lorraine Lowe*

## Found

- A silver bangle.
- Gold stud (green stone) found in trackpants pocket.

## Help – Cards!

For Art Attack week (Weeks 10 & 11) Rm 4 will be making recycled cards. We would love any old cards you might have. Please bring them to Rm 4. Thank you.

*Jo Christophers*

## School Disco – Tomorrow - Friday 1 July

There are two sessions in the School Hall:

Yr 0-4 5.30-6.30 pm

Yr 5-8 7.00-8.30 pm

Entry is by gold coin donation. We hope to see you there.

*The School Council*

Glow sticks, lollies and American Hotdogs for sale.

Parents are welcome to stay for wine, beer, tea and coffee.

*PTFA*

## School Disco – Emergency Procedure

In the event of an evacuation, be assured that the school's emergency procedure will be implemented even though the disco is outside of school hours.

## Wow!



A special thank you to AMI for the donation of sport balls for the sports box. We can play football, rugby and netball.

*Sam Harliwich*

## Rooms 6&7

Rm 6 received an invitation from Rm 7 to come and visit them. So

yesterday we dressed up like Jesus and shared morning tea together. We are learning about Jesus in our RE lessons and how He shared food with His friends. We ate yummy things like



pita bread, cheese, salami and grapes. It was lots of fun!

*Rooms 6 and 7*

## Year 7/8 Technology

The Technology Centre at Phillipstown School is where we go to learn new skills, mostly ones we do not know, like metal-work, sewing and cooking. We go there every Monday, leaving NBC at around 1pm. At the moment, the Yr 8's are creating their own clocks in metal work and some people are working on jewellery making. The Yr 7's are working on an electronic holder for their phones or ipods to keep them safe. Technology is a fun experience for us to learn new skills so that we can use them in the future.

*Corbin Haitana (Yr 8)*

## Apologies

Our apologies, Lily, for last week's newsletter. Of course that's you playing the farmer's daughter!



## School Dental Service

The CDHB have advised that the Central New Brighton Dental Clinic will close on 8 July. After that date, if your child requires immediate dental treatment, ring the call centre – 0800 846983.

The mobile dental clinic will be visiting NBC later in the year for the children's routine annual check up.

## Healthy Thinking

Our school staff are participating in a seminar with Dr Tom Mulholland on *De-stress – Take Control – Move Forward with Healthy Thinking* on Monday 15 August, our staff-only day in Term 3.

Also on Monday 15 August, there will be a community evening with Dr Mulholland on the topic *Healthy Thinking Communities*. Note it in your diaries now – there will be more details later, but we are making it free to our school community. *Healthy Thinking* has an impact on reducing stress, fostering improved relationships and building a positive work, school, community culture. With all that is happening to us, Dr Mulholland is a speaker not to be missed. He is a medical doctor, international speaker, author and mentor who provides powerful insights into how all of us can improve our wellbeing and relationships by getting the right attitude. For further information visit [www.healthythinking.biz/who-is-dr-tom.html](http://www.healthythinking.biz/who-is-dr-tom.html) or see me.

## Parents Inc. Hot Tips: Space to grow

When children are small we control and direct most things, but always with the goal that they will gradually develop independence. If you are still doing more than you'd like to be doing for your kids, or if they seem reluctant to take on new responsibilities, then maybe it's time to make a bit of space for them to grow. Find some tasks that they can take over for themselves, even if they don't get it right first time. When children feel our willingness to let them make mistakes and trust that they can eventually succeed, they will grasp how to control and manage themselves confidently.

Thank you for completing Family/Whanau Haura Survey. It is the only way we can know accurately about our pupils' situations so that we can understand them better.

If your situation changes in anyway (eg address, colour coding, financial, child's behaviour, etc.) please let us know so we can be aware and, if appropriate, help.

*God Bless*

*Deb Daines  
Principal*

**Going home today: Family Times**

## PTFA

Our aim is to unite the school community through social events and to fund raise for our school.

**Meeting:** Tuesday, 5 July at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

**Disco:** Join us tomorrow night. See the Disco item for details.



## School Lunches Thursday 7 July: Sushi / Rice Ball

Order forms in the Library. Orders and correct money in the blue tin by 9 am Wednesday, please.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kellie Moore (383 5111) [kellie@ascc.co.nz](mailto:kellie@ascc.co.nz)

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## Parish

Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Sunday. Everyone welcome.

**Attendance Dues** for Terms 1 & 2 should now be paid. Term 3's are due in the first week of Term 3. If you are not sure of your account balance, ring Mary in the School Office.

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

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## Community

**On the Library noticeboard:**

- Bubble Dome School Holiday Programmes
- Fostering Kids – free training

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## Earthquake Recovery

### Important Numbers

Govt Helpline:	0800 779997*
Quake Counselling	0800 777846
Catholic Social Services	379 0012
EQC	0800 326243
Council	941 8999
Land information	<a href="http://www.landcheck.org.nz">www.landcheck.org.nz</a>
North New Brighton-QE2 Hub/ Fletcher Construction for emergency work/ weatherproofing/safety repairs	341 9979

\*The Earthquake Government Helpline is an information service (with a person!). If you are not sure who to contact and it's earthquake-related – ring the Govt Helpline. They can direct you to the right people.

### Free Influenza Programme for U18s

The flu vaccine is free (until 31 July) for all children and young people under 18 years. The CDHB is worried that crowded houses and classrooms combined with people feeling run down and stressed may make people more vulnerable to catching the flu. See your doctor.