



Newsletter 32 Term 4 : 1 December 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

End of Year Activities

Due to time constraints we won't be having a full school fun activity on our Feast Day, but each area of the school will have an activity preceding 8 December.

- Thurs 1 Dec - 5.30pm Whanau/Family Sausage Sizzle at school with our kapa haka, choir and jump jam children performing. Everyone welcome.
- Fri 2 Dec - Mufti Day support Surf Life Saving with gold coin
- 1.15pm Talent Quest run by the School Council
Gold coin to enter/free to audience
- Mon-Wed 5-7 Dec Yr 6 Camp – Arthur's Pass
- Tues 6 Dec - Rm 1 – Ice Skating
- Rm 5-8 – Chipmunks/Spencer Park
- 7pm BOT and PTFA Meetings at school
- Wed 7 Dec - Rm 3&4 – Castle Park
- Thurs 8 Dec Feast Day *Mary Immaculate***
- 9am Liturgy to thank Mary, our patron, for protecting our school this year. Everyone welcome
 - 10-11am Rhythm Interactive – Anton Ritani will involve all the pupils with a drum each in a fun interactive session! Parents are most welcome. Check out www.rhythminteractive.co.nz
 - Lunch - PTFA providing a free sausage sizzle for the children.
 - 7pm Yr 8 Leavers' Dinner – school hall.
- Wed 14 Dec - 10am Recital by our music students
- Thurs 15 Dec - 2pm Yr 1-3 singing carols in the hall.
- 6pm Yr 4-8 final School Mass at St Mary's

NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 7 T4: **Joyful / Harikoa**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:11-13

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Joyful. Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of wellbeing. Joy is inside us all. It comes from a sense of being loved. It comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes from doing what we know is right. Joyfulness means knowing that you are loved by God and free to enjoy life. We give thanks for the gift of joy as we celebrate our Feast Day and another successful year at New Brighton Catholic School.

Assembly: Rm 1 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk7ase T4.

End of Year Mass

Our final mass of thanksgiving and farewelling our Yr 8 pupils will take place on Thursday 15 December at 6 pm. Due to available space in the Parish Centre (now our church), this year this mass will be compulsory for Yr 4 to Yr 8 pupils. Obviously other pupils are welcome to sit with their families in the general congregation. Space will be limited.

Food Donation

At this time of the year we keep in mind all those less fortunate than ourselves. We are asking for a donation of a can or other suitable packaged grocery item to go to families in need. Some great ideas are for jelly, a sponge or some other dessert or sweet food that would be a real treat. Can you please check the expiry date on all food items as we have had a number of out of date goods. Children are to give their item to their classroom teacher please. Thank you. *Megan Stewart, DRS*

Mufti Day – Tomorrow! Red and Yellow

Support your local Surf Life Saving Clubs by dressing up in red and yellow. Gold coin donation to be collected at the gate. It's National Jandal Day – but for health and safety reasons, please don't wear jandals. *The School Council*

Put a gift under someone else's tree!!

We are giving our school community the opportunity to give a little gift to someone less fortunate this year. It has been a very tough and stressful year and some have fared worse than others. If you feel you are in a position to give a small gift to someone else we have a tree in the grotto area of the hall under which gifts can be placed. Please label gifts *boy* or *girl* and age group. A small group of Young Vinnies will take them to the Wishing Tree at The Palms Kmart. Thank you. *Megan Stewart DRS*

Rooms 5-8 Trip

The junior classes are going on a trip to Chipmunks and Spencer Park next Tuesday, 6 December. A letter will be coming home telling you all about it. Please check your children's reading bags and see your class teacher if you have any questions. Thank you. *Nicole Buckley*

Rooms 3&4

Rm 3&4 are going to Castle Park on Wednesday 7 December.

Books! Books! Books!

Recalling all reading and library books!! Can every family please check at home to ensure you have returned all your books. We are collecting all books in by next Monday, 5 December. Please return to the library or your class teacher. Thank you. *Nicole Buckley*

Turbo Touch Tournament



Rm 4 competed in and won a this tournament organised by Mitch, our Community Sports Coordinator.

Wow!

Our guitarists, who have been working with Clarrie Light all year, played to audiences at other schools this week, displaying their wonderful talent. Well done Sars Flood, Carl James and Fintan McKeefry.



New Fence

Have you spotted our new fence and Domain gates? Definitely more aesthetically pleasing than our old fence and barbed wire!



Year 7/8 Top Team Challenge

On Wednesday 23 November two teams of children from Rm 1 participated in the Eastern Zone Top Team Challenge at Rawhiti Domain. When we arrived there, we saw a lot of different schools and the different types of activities that we would be participating in. We were in teams of eight and we played one team at a time from another school as we got to each challenge. We rotated around eight different challenges where we were told the rules by the people in charge of each one. We had challenges like the giant egg and spoon race, giant ski race, giant sack race, bomb disposal, giant quoits, throw the gumboot, move the raft (cross the river) and build the highest tower.



All of the activities were awesome fun and we really enjoyed them. NBC1 Team won all of their challenges except one, where they drew. NBC2 Team won five of their events. The winners were announced at the end and there were some other prizes for enthusiasm and fair

play. We were VERY enthusiastic, but, sadly, didn't win a prize! The afternoon was a huge amount of fun; we had such a great time - even when it started raining!

Shakira Fukofuka Rm 1

Room 4

Winner	Disaster relief
Electric	Unbelievable
Enormous	Appreciated
Terrifying	Track
Bonkers	Helpers
Incredible	Applaud
Xtrodinary	Loud
	Over
	Now

Joshua Bull Rm 4

Joshua and Jessica Bull along with nearly 1000 other 7-15 year olds competed in the one-off Christchurch Weetbix Duathlon on Sunday 27 November 2011 at Hagley Park.

Congratulations

We have just heard the great news that Tayla Sumner will be Head Girl and Devon Caffell will be Deputy Head Girl at Marian College in 2012. Tayla (Lopeti and Lasela's sister) and Devon are NBC old girls and great examples of our Yr 7/8 leadership programme. It only seems like yesterday that they were in Yr 8!

First Aid

All staff renewed their First Aid Certificates on Tuesday evening. The key *take home messages* were:

DRS ABCD

30:2 no matter who

General Cares + 1

If you want to know more about first aid in case of an emergency, go on line, or better still take a course.

Don't forget the Whanau / Family Sausage Sizzle at school this evening at 5.30 pm. Our kapa haka, choir and jump jam children will be performing. The Whanau Group are very kindly providing the sausages and salads.

God Bless

Deb Daines

Principal

Going home today:

- Yr 5/6/7 Information pamphlet

2012 Term Dates

Term 1:	Wednesday 1 February	- Thursday 5 April
Term 2:	Monday 23 April	- Friday 29 June
Term 3:	Monday 16 July	- Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October	- Tuesday 18 December

School Community

Help – Kitten needs a home

My Dad found this kitten walking down Saltaire St on Tuesday looking very lonely. It is only 6 weeks old and the vet said he was a very sick cat. He was very thin from not eating, has the cat flu and worms. Dad took the kitten to the Parklands vet and they kindly offered to get it well. He is a boy and they believe he will be fine once they have treated him. I would like to find a home for him if anyone from NBC is keen. I would also like to collect donations of pet food or money to donate to Parklands vet for looking after the sick and abandoned animals that they kindly look after at their own cost.



Thank you.

Grace Taurima Rm 2

Community

On the Library noticeboard:

- Sport Canterbury *Active Kids* holiday programmes
- Keep your child safe at the pool this summer.
- Aquagym holiday/Term 1 courses.
- Roger Sutton's weekly CERA update

PTFA

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 December at 7pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome. This is a last meeting for the year.

Mitre10 Ferrymead - Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

A huge **thank you** to all the families who volunteered their time and support for the Sausage Sizzle on Saturday. Your continued help and support is always very much appreciated.

We raised \$500 - Great effort!

Lunch – Thursday 8 December

It is our pleasure to provide a free sausage sizzle to all the children next Thursday to celebrate our Feast Day, *Mary Immaculate*.

Thank you for your continued help and support
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