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Term Two: 1 July 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 2 Jul	Mufti Mania for Caritas Samoa 8.50am Duffy Assembly with Lianne Dalziel, MP 2.45 pm Term 2 ends
Mon 19 July	8.45 am Term 3 starts
Thurs 22 Jul	12 noon Kids in Town (Snr Choir)
Tues 27 Jul	7 pm BOT Meeting
Tues 3 Aug	9 am ICAS English
Wed 11 Aug	Cantamaths
Tues 17 Aug	9 am ICAS Maths
Wed 18 Aug	Snr Choir rehearsal at Christ's College 12.45 pm
Thurs 16 Sept	Catholic Tournament (postponement 23/9)

BOT Meetings: You are welcome to attend at 7 pm in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 27 July, 21 September, 19 October and 30 November.



NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 1 Term 3:

Prayerful - Imaginative

Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4: 1-3

At New Brighton Catholic School we are prayerful. It is wonderful when God's people can pray together. No matter where we are or what words we use, God, our loving Father, hears our prayers.

We give praise to God by thinking about Him when we see all the beautiful things and people He has made. We can ask God to help us and others – those who are sick or sad or need to be loved. We ask God to bless them.

When we have done things wrong, we can tell God about it. We can tell Him that we are sorry. We can ask Him to forgive us. We can also thank God for many things, especially for giving us Jesus who taught us to pray. Today we ask God to bless each one of us and help us to be better persons of prayer.

Assembly Class

Rm 1 is the Assembly Class for Week 1 Term 3.

Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Shakira and Tobias Fukofuka and family. Their uncle passed away recently. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Mufti Mania – tomorrow

It's the end of term – so it's Mufti Mania time. Please bring a gold coin and dress in mufti tomorrow. We are raising money for Caritas Samoa. Have a great day!
The Young Vinnies

Sport Friday 25 June

No sport tomorrow as it is the last day of term.

Interviews/D&A Folders

The interviews went well. Thank you for a great turnout and for keeping to time. Have you returned your child's D&A folder? They should all be back at school by now.

Welcome

This week we welcome Mariah Mercer (Kaleb's sister). Mariah has started school in Rm 8.



Lost Property

All items in the Lost Property bin will be displayed on the Library steps tomorrow. Anything left at the end of the day will go to St Vincent de Paul.

Lost property includes:

Found

- Three cell phones have been left in the Office.
- A gold bracelet for a really small wrist.
- A scooter

Thank You

Many thanks to Duffy Books and Storylines who have provided us with *Reading On Up*, a booklet about books to share with children 8-12 years.

Stationery

Children need to have the right stationery at school. Please check your child's supplies and do a top up. The stationery lists are on our website.

Yr 5/6 Dance Performance

What a great performance from the Dance Team from Rm 2&3. They represented NBC very well with their behaviour and their performance. The children were so excited and had a wonderful experience performing on the stage. If you would like to order a copy of the DVD for \$10, please write your name and DVD on an envelope and post (with \$10 per DVD) in the Office counterslot tomorrow. Unfortunately no credit and orders must be in tomorrow.

Habits of Mind

Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision

I do not so easily think in words.... After being hard at work having arrived at results that are perfectly clear ... I have to translate my thoughts in a language that does not run evenly with them.
Francis Galton, geneticist

Language and thinking are closely entwined; like either side of a coin, they are inseparable. Fuzzy, vague language is a reflection of fuzzy, vague thinking. Intelligent people strive to communicate accurately in both written and oral form, taking care to use precise language; defining terms; and using correct names, labels, and analogies. They strive to avoid over-generalisations, deletions, and distortions. Instead, they support their statements with explanations, comparisons, quantification, and evidence.

What you can do at home:-

- Be selective with your choice of words when speaking.
- Use correct pronunciation of words, especially Maori.
- When told *Everybody has one!* Ask – *Who exactly?*
- Work together to create a shopping budget and stick to it.

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

James Thurber

Scholastic Book Club

Orders due back to school tomorrow, Friday 2 July, in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot. Thank you.
Jo Christophers

Living Things

Rm 7 has been learning about living things. Please come into our classroom and read the reports we have written about living things.

Spiders

A spider is an insect and it eats other insects. The spider has 8 legs and they make a web with their back legs. The spider weaves its web in 1 hour. It catches prey but not mosquitos just moths and flies. Some spiders can go under water. Other spiders live in houses and under the ground.

I like spiders because they eat flies and moths and I don't like them.
By Jai Tudor-Oakley (Rm 7)

Dental Care - School Holidays

The School and Community Dental Service's emergency service for the relief of pain only is by appointment.
Monday-Friday 5-16 July inclusive 8:30 am-12:30 pm at the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street. Ring 364 1860 or your local dental clinic for a recorded message.

CSO Concert

Rm 3's report on the concert Rm 5-8 attended on Tuesday.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entertaining Music• Wonderful Harmony• Familiar music – we recognised some of the tunes• Some people dressed up in costumes• We liked all the different instruments• Emilie got to play the cymbals on the stage with the orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We didn't get any streamers on us• We didn't know some of the stories behind some of the music• Some of the young children talked a lot when the music was on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theme of Witches and Wizards• Something different in each piece of music• Presenter dressed up as a wizard and explained the music• Types of instrument families dressed in different colours

Child Safety Handbook

Many thanks to 900 Degrees NZ 2008 Ltd for providing our Yr 8 students with this handbook.

Parents Inc. Hot Tip **Bringing Back Books!**

There are enormous benefits for our kids in being able to navigate technology, and with your guidance, some great learning can happen alongside the fun. There are so many engaging games available on the internet, though, that many parents are struggling with bringing kids back into the *real world*.

If you're keen to make sure your children appreciate the unique value of books and reading, how about a simple guideline for your family: *You're welcome to use computers/video games, for equal time that you've spent reading books that day.* Keep a simple log book to avoid disputes!

Ten Reasons to Read to Your Child

- So you have a great excuse to relax together at any time of the day.
- So you can enjoy the sound and rhythm of language, the taste of words and the way words join together to create magic through stories.
- To open doors to knowledge, as well as fantasy.
- So you can encourage their imagination to run where it wants to, into other worlds.
- To continue age-old storytelling traditions.
- To grow their vocabulary, so they can communicate with you and others.
- To set them on the road to becoming a lifelong reader.
- To create memories that last for a lifetime.
- Because one day they will read to you.
- Just because it's fun!

The following books will give you some great ideas and information if you would like to learn more about the benefits of reading to your child, and encouraging children to read themselves.

The Reading Bug Paul Jennings

Rocket your Child into Reading Jackie French

Reading Magic Mem Fox

Boys and Books James Moloney

Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read Bernice E. Cullen

School Community

Congratulations

Chelsea Holland has been selected for the U14 Girls Waterpolo team (QE2 Crushers) that is competing at the Pan Pacific International Tournament in Auckland during the holidays.

Have a safe holiday

God Bless

Jo De Bono

Deputy Principal

Going Home Today:

- *Reading On Up* booklet – Rm 4, 3, 2 and Yr 7
- *Family Times* – with the newsletter

Community

On the Library Noticeboard:

- Swimming Lessons at QE11
- Beyond the Camera – 10-13 year olds
- Dove Fellowship for Women
- Hagley Theatre Company – new drama class 7-9 year olds

Parish

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Parish Mass Times:

St Mary's	Sunday	10.30 am
Morning tea after Mass every 1 st & 3 rd Sunday		
St James'	Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm
	Sunday	9.00 am

Attendance Dues

Term 1 & 2 attendance dues should now be paid. Unfortunately several families seem to have forgotten. Please pay these tomorrow.

Term 3's attendance dues are due the first week of term 3.