



# Newsletter 2

## Term One: 10 February 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

### Important Dates

Mon-Wed 14-16 Feb	Yr 6 – Cycle Safety
Tues 15 Feb	7 pm BOT Meeting
Mon-Wed 21-23 Feb	Yr 5 Arthur’s Pass School Camp
Wed-Fri 23-25 Feb	Yr 6 Arthur’s Pass School Camp
	Yr 7&8 Wainui Park Camp
Fri 4 Mar	Swimming Sports Yr4-8
Wed 9 Mar	11.30 am Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 17 May	11 am Rm 1 Class Mass
Thurs 24 May	11 am Rm 2 Class Mass
Thurs 31 Mar	11 am Rm 3 Class Mass
Wed 6 Apr	12 pm Reconciliation Rm 1&2
Thurs 7 Apr	11 am Rm 4 Class Mass
Fri 15 Apr	12 pm Easter Liturgy
	2.45 pm Term 1 ends
Mon-Fri 2-6 May	Swimming at QE11
Mon-Fri 16-20 May	Swimming at QE11
Fri 27 May	Rm 1&2 – Hagley sport starts
Mon 6 Jun	Queen’s Birthday – school closed
Tues 21 Jun	9-10.30 Michael Mangan

### NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 2: **Respectful of Others**

*Keep on loving each other as brothers. Hebrews 13:1-3*

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Respectful of Others. Every woman, man and child was created by God and we all deserve respect. God created us all in His image and so to respect others is to respect God. We live in a diverse nation made up of many different languages, cultures, religions and backgrounds. This kind of variety can make all our lives a lot more fun and interesting but only if we get along with each other. To do that we have to respect each other.

Think about how you would like to be treated and then treat others that way. How would you like others to treat your belongings, your right to privacy, your need for dignity? Treating people with respect makes our world a nicer place to live in, whether it is at home, at school or out in our community. And it’s easy! All you have to do is treat people the way you like to have them treat you.

### Assembly Class

Rm 3 for Week 3 Term 1.

### Welcome



We welcome Katie McCallum-Brown (and Kelly & Clifton) to our school community. Katie started school in Rm 7 this week.

### Thank You

What an amazing response. Last week we were looking for a bath for our worm farm, and this week Mico Bathrooms donated and delivered one to us. Many thanks to Mico Bathrooms and to the Bull Family for organising it.

### Student Details-Update - return tomorrow

The update sheet (blue) for returning students (not children new to the school) is attached to this newsletter. Please read and make any corrections: check phone numbers, email address, medical details, emergency contacts. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return tomorrow to the office.

The top half of the sheet is a standardised printout from our Student Management System. Some explanations:

- The family code in the top lefthand corner is for school reference.
- Eldest:Yes - means this student is the oldest member of the family at NBC School
- Only:Yes - means this student is the only member of the family at NBC School
- Place:2/3 - means this student is the second of three children in the family.
- Ethnicity: Only one ethnicity can be printed on this particular sheet.

The bottom half the sheet is NBC generated.

It is essential we have up-to-date contact information and, of course, your permission for your child to use the ICT equipment and to leave the school grounds.

There are no other copies of this sheet printed. To obtain another copy will require you to wait for 20 minutes while it is created.

### Students’ Activity Accounts

The students’ activity accounts (pink) are attached:

- Please return this account to the office when making payment. Receipts are issued.
- If you set up an automatic payment, please write the start and finish date and the instalment amount on the account and return to the office. The A/P must be completed by the end of Term 3. Please make instalments in dollar amounts – no cents. Remember the first or last instalment can be different from the others.
- If you pay by direct debit – please ensure you reference your family/child’s name. Also, write the date of payment on the account and return to the office.
- Several families have paid school camp fees and technology fees. Please make a note of that on the account and return with payment of the balance.

### Banked to Wrong Account

The school’s January bank statement shows that a deposit of \$320 was made on 27 January 2011. The reference given is: *(a numerical number)* Attendance Dues.

1. Wrong bank account. Attendance Dues are paid to the Diocese Attendance Dues bank account because Attendance Dues are a Parish account, not a school account. Please make sure that you are using the correct bank account when making payments. Bank accounts are listed for your convenience at the back of the School Information Booklet sent home last week.
2. Inadequate reference. We will take the time to arrange the transfer of this money to the Parish. But whose account is it paying? Please use your child’s name/family name when making payments.

### Coffee Chat

I’m going to trial having a coffee break for parents/caregivers each week after our Monday virtues assembly. This would be an opportunity for parents to get together casually over a coffee and I’ll be there, whenever possible, for a chat too. See you Monday in the Library.

### Give Us Five! – return tomorrow

This year we are asking all families to give us 5 hours of volunteer help, to enable our school to be a vibrant, involved community that works together – “many hands make light work”. Please return the *Give Us 5* sheet marked with your choice.

## Road Patrol Parents

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have put their hands up for road patrol.

There's one space left: Tuesday before school 8.30-8.45 am

It would be good to have someone who can *stand-by* to help if a parent is ill or unable to help at any time. Please contact me in Room 1 urgently if you can help. *Lorraine Lowe*

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## Patron Parents

This year I would like to introduce *Patron Parents*. The aim is: To enhance and make active our philosophy to work in partnership with parents/caregivers, families and whanau, and the parish community. Patron Parents will help achieve this aim by helping in pastoral care roles to: welcome new families, liaise with class parents, assist the PTFA and encourage parents to get involved.

The basic idea behind Patron Parents is to support, make contact with and involve more parents in the school community, and from this, to develop a stronger parent base in the school and a greater sense of community at NBC. The Patron Parents network will work to build community within our school and be a point of contact for class parents who are unsure about school procedures. One Patron Parent will be appointed for each class and s/he will liaise closely with me.

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## Westpac Rescue Children's Colouring Competition

The winner will fly to school in the Westpac Rescue helicopter on the first day of Term 2 with his/her friends. Download entry forms from [www.airrescue.co.nz](http://www.airrescue.co.nz) or I have a small supply if you don't have internet access. Entry forms must be back to me by 3 pm Wednesday 13 April. *Julie Casey (Rm 6)*

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## Parent/Class Meetings

Thank you to those who attended the meetings last night. It is a great way to start the year with parents and teachers on the same page working together for your children.

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## Last Week - Did you receive everything?

Accompanying last week's newsletter:

- The 2011 Information Booklet – a source of so much information about the school – everything you need to know almost! Keep it safe.
- RE newsletter – what's happening this term.

Also:

- Parent to teacher comment form. Very helpful for teachers to know about your child.
- Yr 7/8 technology letter – explains 2011 Phillipstown technology. It is for you to keep.

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## Cellphones Leftover

We have two cellphones that have been left at the office for over a year. We put them in lost property but they weren't collected. We are going to donate them to the Starship Hospital old cellphone appeal next week.

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## Newsletters Emailed

We will resume emailing newsletters next week after we have received the student update sheets back.

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*God Bless*  
*Deb Daines*  
*Principal*

Attached to the newsletter

- Student Details update (blue) – **due back tomorrow**
- Give us 5 (white) – **due back tomorrow**
- Student Activity Account (pink)

## PFTA

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

### Easter Raffle

We are running our big Easter Raffle again this year. If you have an item to donate that would be suitable as a prize, please contact Kellie Moore 383 5111 or 021 2555437 by Friday 18 February.

### School Lunches

Thursday lunches resume next Thursday with **Sushi**. Order forms are in the library. Order and money in the blue tin by 9 am Wednesday, please.

### Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 12 March we will be at Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead running a sausage sizzle. We need some help. Can you give us an hour? Ring Angela Millar 388 8664.

### Events for the Year (tentative)

Term 1: Easter Raffle

Fish & Chip night and raffle drawing (8 April)

Term 2: Disco. Movies

Term 3: Disco. For the adults - Winniebagoes

Term 4: Children's artwork calendars. School photos.

Fete (Sunday 30 October)

From last night's AGM, we have the following Committee:

Kellie Moore Chairperson

Anne-Marie Jones Treasurer

Claire Uhrbom Secretary

Committee: Joanna Corbett, Truda Johnston,

Kate Taurima, Angela Millar, Michaela Bolster,

Jo Sutherland, Anna Julian, Annie Clark

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## Parish

### Attendance Dues

The 2011 invoice will be sent home next week to avoid confusion with the school's account. Please ensure you use the correct bank account when making a payment.

As advised in the school newsletter last May – the Diocese has increased the RE component of the attendance dues to \$10 a term. And, of course, there was an increase in GST. Therefore the attendance dues for a child for one term are \$45.75 or \$183 for the year.

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## Community

### Marian College Enrolment

Applications for enrolment for 2012 close on 8 April 2011. Enrolment appointments with the senior leadership and junior dean will be on 11 and 12 April, 4-8 pm, and by appointment only. Families who have pre-enrolled for Yr 9 in 2012 will be sent paperwork to complete shortly.

If you wish to enrol for any year beyond 2012, complete a pre-enrolment form – go to [www.mariancollege.school.nz](http://www.mariancollege.school.nz) or from Marian's office.

### Catholic Social Services

CSS is an approved counselling and family centre. It works at no cost to families or individuals. CSS offers professional counselling, including post earthquake support, social work, group work and education, budget advice and food bank assistance. Term 1 programmes include personal development, building self esteem for adults, grief courses for adults and children. Phone 379-0012 for more details. Flyers available in the school office.

### On the Library noticeboard:

- PSIS Children's Day – Sunday 6 March
- Youth Alive Trust – start dates
- Beginner Roller Skating classes (vouchers for one free entry available in the school office)