



# Newsletter 17

**Term Two: 10 June 2010**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

## Important Dates

Wed 16 Jun	Canterbury Cross Country
Fri 18 Jun	8.30 am D&As explained – Library 9 am Maths Open Hour – all classrooms D&A Folders home
22 Jun	9.30 am Rm 4&5 to Marae ICAS Spelling and Writing 7 pm BOT meeting 7.30 pm PTFA meeting
Thurs 24 Jun	Yr 5&6 Dance Concert 6-7.30 pm
Tues 29 Jun	1 pm CSO Big Bang Concert Yr 3-8
Fri 2 Jul	Mufti Mania for Caritas Samoa 2.45 pm Term 2 ends

## IRE

### **NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 9: JUST**

*What does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly, to love mercifully and to walk humbly with  
your God. Micah 6:8*

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Just. When you are just, you think for yourself and you are fair in everything you do and believe in. You make up your own mind about people and things. You see people as individuals who have the same rights as you do and you do not pre-judge them. When you are being just, you avoid gossiping about others and you look for the truth. You practise seeing things with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. People who are just are good at sharing with others – they know that everyone is entitled to a fair share. If you are cutting your birthday cake and you make sure that everyone gets the same size piece then you are practising justice. A just world means that every person's rights are respected.

### **School Achievement Target**

Ask your child what they have learned about Euphrasie Barbier. Visit [www.rndm.org/](http://www.rndm.org/)  
What made the RNDM come to New Brighton and establish our school? What does the RNDM do in the world today?

*Jo De Bono DRS*

## **Congratulations**

Grace Petalo made her First Communion last Sunday. We congratulate her on taking this step in her journey of faith.



### **Friday 18 June – No Assembly**

**D&A Folders Explained – 8.30 am**  
Your child will be bringing home his/her D&A folder today. Jo De Bono and I will be in the Library at 8.30 am to explain the information. New parents, particularly, will find this helpful.

### **Maths Open Hour – 9-10 am**

Parents and caregivers are invited to visit classrooms and join in with their children as they learn maths. The children will be covering multiplication and division in numeracy. This will begin in each classroom just after prayers and the roll.

## **PCT**

Thank you to everyone who attended Tuesday night's seminar by Robert Pereira on *Bullying*. The seminar was very informative and highly entertaining. We all learned a lot from his presentation. Robert said that we very nearly broke the attendance record for this visit to schools in New Zealand, so well done NBC! Visit his website [www.bullying-prevention.com](http://www.bullying-prevention.com)  
Special thanks to Deb for arranging Robert's time with us and to the Board of Trustees who covered the cost. If you have any feedback from the seminar, any questions you would like covered at Term 3's forum, or any ideas for future forum topics, please let us know. You are welcome to speak to any of the PCT in the school ground, or if you don't know us, feel free to email us at [pct@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:pct@slingshot.co.nz).  
*Sonia McManus*

## **Books on Bullying**

The School has purchased the literature that Robert Pereira suggested at the seminar. The books are available for you to borrow for a week from the Office: *Odd Girl Out*, *Best Friends Worst Enemies*, *Queen Bee and Wannabes* and Robert Pereira's *Why We Bully*

## **ASB Children's Accounts**

We have forwarded your applications to ASB for processing and the account packs are due here in the next week.

## **Head Lice**

A reminder again about head lice. We have had reports they are visiting Rm 6. Please check your child's head whichever classroom s/he is in.

## **PTFA**

### **Cookies**

Great work selling the cookies. Be quick - grab another bag to sell and you will get a FREE recyclable fabric Smart Bag to keep! This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Our target is to raise \$2000 to put toward classroom insulation and heat pumps. Please help us to achieve this! Put your money in a secure envelope, write your name on it, and place it in the Cookie Box in the office. Money is due back on Monday, 14 June.

### **School Lunches**

Next week: **American hotdogs!** \$3.50  
Order forms are in the library. Order and money in an envelope in the blue tin in the library by 9 am Wednesday.

### **Next Meeting**

At Kellie's house, 70 Kingsbridge Drive, 7.30 pm 22 June. All are welcome to come along for a wine and chat.  
*Claire Uhrbom, Secretary*

## **School Community**

### **Congratulations**

Abby Jones is the trials for Canterbury Primary Schools Representative Metro netball. Good luck, Abby.

*God Bless  
Deb Daines  
Principal*

## **Community**

### **On the Library noticeboard:**

- Matariki at the Mara
- Kids! Be a Warrior for the day – Roosters v Warriors 27 June
- *Wise-Up* – skills for everyday life for children 7-12 years.
- Southern Ballet Kidsfest Season
- Re Koha – Maori-Nesian music and performing arts

The Question Matrix was designed by Chuck Weiderhold in 1991. It contains 36 question starters asking what, where, when, which, who, why and how. Proceeding through the matrix, the questions become more complex and open-ended.

The Question Matrix can be used:

- To help children create their own questions about a specific topic and to encourage in-depth thinking.
- As question starters for teachers to elicit further information about a student’s knowledge and understanding of a topic.
- To formulate questions for a particular purpose eg. organising a camp, answering questions on a program, etc. For example, the Question Matrix can be used to answer questions about something in the News.

	Event	Situation	Choice	Person	Reason	Means
<b>Present</b>	What is?	Where is?	Which did?	Who is?	Why is?	How is?
<b>Past</b>	What did?	When can?	Which can?	Who can?	Why can?	How can?
<b>Possibility</b>	What can?	Where can?	Which can?	Who can?	Why can?	How can?
<b>Probability</b>	What would?	When would?	Which would?	Who would?	Why would?	How would?
<b>Prediction</b>	What will?	Where will?	Which will?	Who will?	Why will?	How will?
<b>Imagination</b>	What might?	When might?	Which might?	Who might?	Why might?	How might?

**School Achievement Target**

Reading: What do good readers do?

This is what the children are discovering in class. They are learning how to use strategies that they can apply to their reading and improve their reading comprehension. *Jo De Bono*

