



Newsletter 13

Term Two: 13 May 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 14 May	11 am Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence pm Winter Sport at Hagley starts – Rm 1-3 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Mon 17 May	1.15 pm Dancing with Stars
Wed 19 May	Catholic Schools Day 10 am Cathedral Mass: House Leaders 11 am NBC Open Day
Fri 21 May	11 am Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Tues 25 May	ICAS Computer Skills 7.30 pm PTFA Meeting
Wed 26 May	Storylines Festival <i>Jungle Bungle</i> 1.30 pm
Fri 28 May	11 am Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence
Tues 1 Jun	Young Leaders Day – Yr 8
Thurs 3 Jun	11.30 Whole School Mass
Mon 7 Jun	Queen's Birthday
Tues 8 Jun	ICAS Science
Wed 9 Jun	Canterbury Cross Country
Fri 18 Jun	D&A Folders home
22 Jun	ICAS Spelling and Writing 7 pm BOT meeting
Tues 29 Jun	1 pm CSO Big Bang Concert Yr 3-8
Fri 2 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends



NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 5: Courageous (1)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the Lord, your God, goes with you. Deuteronomy 31: 5-7

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Courageous. Courage is being brave enough to face things that are scary or difficult. It is doing what you know is right even if other people laugh at you, call you names or even hurt you. St George showed great courage. He became a Christian and because he wasn't afraid to say that he believed in God, he was put to death. The most famous story about St George is of him killing a dragon and so saving a town and a beautiful princess. St. George said, *Do not be afraid, but trust in the Lord Jesus.*

Courage comes from knowing that God is there to help and that you can count on God always.

Assembly Class

Room 2 is hosting assembly next week.

Catholic Schools' Day 19 May Be The Change

This is a call to focus our attention on positively managing change in a time of significant challenges, eg environment, social, economic, war, world resources, technology. We need to be faithful to the Gospel and not stand still. On Thursday 19 May we will celebrate being a Catholic School and we extend a warm invitation to all family and friends to:

- 11:00 am Our morning programme with the children.
- 12:30 pm Sharing lunch with your children
- 1:20 pm Liturgy
- 1.30 pm Tabloid Sports

Jo De Bono DRS

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Liam McKee and his family. Liam's great grandfather passed away this week. We also extend our sympathy to Brittany Fox and her family. Brittany's grandfather passed away this week. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Welcome

We welcome Peter Tafaese (Grey, Pelenato and Salio's brother) and Holly Carey (Jordan, Olivia and Emilie's sister) to school. Holly and Peter started in Rm 8 this week. (Peter's photo next week.)



Help – Desperate!

We desperately need a parent to do road patrol on Friday afternoons, starting tomorrow. Our traffic wardens will all be at sport at Hagley Park on Friday afternoons and they don't get back until about 3 pm. If you could help, please let me or Mary know. Thank you. Sam Harliwich

Hagley Sports Draw – Friday 14 May

All games start at 1:30 pm

Y5/6 Soccer:	NBC v Rolleston B: South Hagley 11
Y7/8 Soccer:	NBC v Phillipstown: South Hagley In8
Y5/6 Netball:	NBC A v Opawa A: Ct 26 NBC B v Hammersley Park: Ct 36
Y7/8 Netball:	NBC v Opawa A: Ct 1
Y5/6 Rugby:	NBC v Marshland: North Hagley 7
Y7/8 Rugby:	NBC v Queenspark: South Hagley 6

Pina Lissaman

Habits of Mind: *Striving for Accuracy*

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake. Confucius

Craftsmen take pride in their work, and they desire accuracy as they take time to check over their work. Craftsmanship includes exactness, precision, accuracy, correctness, faithfulness, and fidelity. For some people, craftsmanship requires continuous reworking. Mario Cuomo, a great speechwriter and politician, once said that his speeches were never done; it was only a deadline that made him stop working on them.

Some may turn in sloppy, incomplete, or uncorrected work. They are more eager to get rid of the assignment than to check it over for accuracy and precision. They are willing to settle for minimum effort rather than invest their maximum. They may be more interested in expedience rather than excellence.

What you can do at home:

- Encourage your child to produce quality work – tidy, correct spelling and punctuation.
- Be specific when giving and receiving instructions.
- Use bat and ball games – encourage striking and catching.
- When creating new things, encourage craftsmen-like appreciation for their work.
- Be correct and exact when measuring in recipes and instructions.

Measure a thousand times and cut once Turkish Proverb

Basic Facts

Going home today to each family is our pamphlet *Helping Your Child Learn the Basic Number Facts.*

Indicate!

Before driving into or out of the P1 zone, please indicate. Our student traffic wardens get a fright when a car suddenly pulls out of the zone without indicating and they have children crossing.

Head Lice

Yes – they are here and not just in Rm 5! Please check your child's head and treat accordingly.

From Liz Hampton, our Health Nurse, on preventative maintenance.

GIVE HEAD LICE THE BRUSH-OFF 7 Easy steps to reduce the head lice problem

- Use a good clean grooming hairbrush.
- Drop chin down on your chest.
- Brush firmly up and over from the nape of your neck.
- Then brush behind the ears right through to the top of your head.
- Repeat from the other side.
- Clean hair brushes and combs by soaking in hot water for 10 minutes every week.
- Keep long hair tied back and check for head lice weekly.



ADVANTAGES OF HAIR BRUSHING

- Stimulates the scalp
- Regulates the oil glands
- Removes dead hair
- Improves appearance – you look good – your hair shines
- May damage head lice and prevent them from reproducing

Parents Inc. Hot Tip

Blending Families – A Work in Progress

When two families are brought together, the emotional stakes for adults and children are huge. An important thing to remember is that this is a process, not an event. Regardless of the age of the children involved, it can take many years for trust and affection to grow, and it's not something that can be rushed. Parents and step-parents can help by lowering expectations on children to behave a certain way within a certain time-frame. If you want hugs and kisses to be heartfelt, you should realistically be prepared for it to take a while. Take the pressure off, and allow everybody plenty of time; what grows will be worth the wait.

Could we, please, keep in our prayers those members of our school community, and their families, who are undergoing medical tests and procedures.

God Bless

Jo De Bono

Deputy Principal

Community

Entertainment Books \$65

To support Marian College rowing – ring Judith 388 3565
To support Marist netball – see Deb Daines

On the Library noticeboard:

- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Webb Ellis Cup
- NZ Nannies International
- Te Tohu O Tu – Queen's Birthday Weekend

Sport Canterbury After School Care

373 5060

This is the number to ring for absences and enquiries.

PTFA

PTFA Coffee and Cake get together

Our cake & coffee afternoon was a great success and we were delighted to find lots of parents willing to lend a hand if needed. A big thank you to all of you who gave us your names, we will be in touch shortly.

ICT purchases

The ICT purchases from the Easter Raffle money are nearing completion - we will let you know more soon.

School Lunch

The school lunches are going really well and we've had some great feedback. Any feedback is really valuable so if you have any thoughts or ideas please let me know at claire@indigogirl.co.nz.

Next Thursday, 20 May: American Hotdogs \$3.50

Order forms available next week in the library. Orders and money in an envelope in the blue tin in the library by 9am Wednesday.

Next Meeting

At Kate's house, 18 Driftwood Lane, Waimairi Beach, at 7:30 pm Tuesday 25th May. Please feel welcome to come along – we would love to see you!

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Toys from IQ Toys and Mighty Ape.

Gifts, prizes and lots, lots more !

Just go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz and select New Brighton Catholic School (Chch) for great discounts and online offers.

Thanks, Claire Uhrbom. PTFA Secretary, 021 285 7359

BOT Election News

Thank you to all the candidates for putting their names forward. Congratulations to our new Parent Representatives: Alister Stevenson, Monty McKeefry, Vanessa Baker, Sonia McManus, Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry
Anna Morgan, Chair