



Newsletter 18

Term Two: 14 July 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 15 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends
Thurs 18 Aug	9.15 am <i>Cybersafety</i> Yr 5-8
Mon 1 Aug	Term 3
Mon 15 Aug	Staff-only Day Dr Tom Mulholland evening for parents
Mon 22 Aug	10.30 am <i>Army Band Concert</i> - all
Wed 24 Aug	11 am Duffy's Book Bus Adventure Cantamaths Yr 7&8 3.30 & 4.45 pm
Tues 13 Sept	Transitional Parents
14 or 15 Sept	Music Festival Rehearsal

BOT Meetings: You are welcome to attend BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 9 Aug, 20 Sept, 1 Nov, 6 Dec

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 1 Term 3: **Inoinga 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 can pray 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 – the sick or sad people, people who need to be loved. We can ask God to bless them. When we have done wrong things 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, many things, especially for giving us Jesus who taught us to pray. We can pray through song or dance; we can pray in our heads quietly or out loud. God hears all of our prayers no matter where we are or how we say them. We ask God to bless each one of us and help us to be better persons of prayer.

Assembly

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

Cuppa and Chat

Join us tomorrow morning after Assembly for a cuppa and a chat.
The Pastoral Care Committee

Gondolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Luke Bottomley and family (Luke's grandfather passed away recently) and to Olivia, Emilie & Holly Carey and family for the loss of their great uncle.

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.

Footsteps Quest Challenge (Home Learning)

The full *Quest* programme is displayed in Rm 8 and is available for you to look at anytime. Remember Reading, Basic Facts, RE, and maybe Spelling are not negotiable homework. Our *Footsteps Quest* is an optional challenge.

News Cruise

The Press News Cruise Challenge quiz, which we participate in each year, has unfortunately been cancelled for 2011 as the earthquakes have made staging the event too problematic.

Welcome

We welcome
Jessica Breen-McCallum
(Katie's sister) who has
joined us in Rm 6.



Tomorrow - Mufti Day

Tomorrow is mufti day with a **Black and Red**

theme. This is part of a nationwide Catholic schools mufti day to raise money for schools affected by the earthquakes. Gold coin donation for this worthy fundraiser!

Interim Report Feedback

Thank you to parents who have returned the form. This feedback will provide the basis for review for future reporting formats. Have your say – fill in the feedback form.

Healthy Thinking

Our school staff are participating in a seminar with Dr Tom Mulholland on *De-stress – Take Control – Move Forward with Healthy Thinking* on Monday 15 August, our staff-only day in Term 3.

Also on Monday 15 August, there will be a community evening with Dr Mulholland on the topic *Healthy Thinking Communities* and we are making it free to our school community. *Healthy Thinking* has an impact on reducing stress, fostering improved relationships and building a positive work, school, community culture. For further information visit www.healthythinking.biz/who-is-dr-tom.html or see me.

Remember to diary this day – 15 August. As the venue will be on the west side of town, I will put on a bus, if the demand is high for transport, for the first 40 people. To register your attendance and/or reserve your seat, please ring or email the office.

Road Patrol Parents for Term 3!

We need you! We need some more parents to help with road patrol over the next two terms. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. We have some parents who are called into work and sometimes are not able to cover or sometimes a parent is sick and can't make it ... please help us keep your children safe crossing the road!

A huge thank you to everyone who has given of their time in Terms 1 and 2 on Road Patrol. Please keep it going in Terms 3 & 4!
Lorraine Lowe

WOW!

Installed in Rm 1&2 this term are two new interactive short throw data projectors. (Rm 7 will have one installed soon.) These projectors allow the whiteboard (or any surface) to become interactive. We thank the PFA for their fundraising support last year which enabled us to purchase and install this expensive IT equipment.

Friday Sport

Every Friday Yr 6, 7 & 8 children go to Hagley Park to play winter sport. We travel there by bus. We all have a different sport to play. This year we have netball, football and hockey. When we get to Hagley, we go into our sports groups and walk to where we are meant to play that day. For football, it is a muddy walk if it has been wet. We play different teams each week and we work hard to earn our points out of 10 for fair play as well as trying to win our games. It is followed by a tournament and there is a winner at the end of it. When we have finished our games, we get together to say thanks to the opposing team and the ref and we all shake hands with the other team and leave the park to return to school by bus. We have to take off our muddy shoes before we are able to get on the bus though. I like going to winter sport because everyone is there to win and we always have a good time. *Josh Denley (Rm 1)*

Eco Mil

We have a huge supply of *Eco Mil* Quinoa Drink that we would like to give out to families please. It can be used in tea/coffee, cooking and baking. It is 100% non dairy, without lactose, soya free, cholesterol free, gluten free and wheat free!!! It would be great for anyone who has allergies. Available from the Office. This was part of the large donation from the Rangiora Parish.

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of Term 2! We all hope that you have a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing the children back in Term 3.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

PTFA

School Lunches Thursday 4 August: \$2 Sausage Sizzle

Order forms in the Library. Orders and correct money in the blue tin by 9 am Wednesday, please.

Meeting: Next meeting is on Tuesday, 2 August, at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room and everyone is welcome.

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Saturday 6 August

We will be at Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead running a sausage sizzle. We need some helpers, can you give us an hour? Ring Angela Millar 388 8664. Don't forget to turn up on the day and buy a sausage and tell all your friends and family to do the same.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kellie Moore (383 5111) kellie@ascc.co.nz

Community

Catholic Social Services

Term 3 Programmes include *Seasons for Growth* (grief courses for adults and children), and *Facing Your Fears* - when worries attack for children aged 8-10 years. Pamphlet in the office.

The Dore Programme

Dyslexia? Dyspraxia? ADHD? Aspergers? The Dore Programme free information evening 9 August. Info 0508 520000.

On the Library noticeboard:

- Bexley Community Garage Sales 23 July 7 am-2 pm
- Lianne Dalziel's info re land.
- CERA - Recovery Strategy
- Kate's Crusade - Family Fun Day 31 July Cashmere Club
- Kate Barron fundraising
- The Dore Programme free info evening
- Gymsports Clubs

Parish

Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Mercy Outreach

Because of the earthquake, financial resources have become available to us. If you know of anyone who needs support as we move into the winter months please get in touch with us. You, or others you know (*not necessarily part of our parish*), may need some assistance with food & provisions; firewood or power bills; blankets & hotties; warm clothes, etc. All enquires will be kept confidential. Please contact:

Sr Helen Goggin (381 1115)

Sr Mary Wood (382 5583)

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Earthquake Recovery

In the Office we have application forms for:

Canterbury Earthquake Assistance Trust

To assist those whose needs are not being addressed by EQC, insurance, state assistance, and charities such as the Red Cross, eg loss of employment, displacement from permanent residence, counselling needs, severe business disruption.

Variety the children's charity - Earthquake Emergency Fund

For things like warm clothing and bedding, essential childcare items, school fees and uniforms, toys and replacement mobility and medical equipment.

Adopt a Christchurch Family

Specific needs from petrol to work clothes, a bike to school gear, household storage to temporary accommodation and rent relief.

Anything to help people get back on their feet.

New Red Cross Grant -

Winter Assistance for School Aged Children Grant

This grant assists households with their electricity bills over the winter months. This grant is for \$400 in total and will be paid directly to their electricity retailer over three months. For info visit www.redcrossgrants.org.nz or call our 0800 754 726.

CERA's Invitation - Developing Recovery Strategy

Have a Voice workshops are being held - Nga Hau e Wha Marae, Pages Road, 7-9 pm Friday 15 July and 10-12noon Saturday 16 July (see noticeboard for others). Five key areas identified for discussion are: community wellbeing, culture and heritage, built environment, economy, natural environment. Closing date for submissions: 5 pm 22 July. For info: CERA 354 2698 / www.cera.govt.nz

Important Numbers

Govt Helpline: 0800 779997*

Quake Counselling 0800 777846

Catholic Social Services 379 0012

EQC 0800 326243

Council 941 8999

Land information: www.landcheck.org.nz

North New Brighton-QE2 Hub/Fletcher Construction for emergency work/weatherproofing/safety repairs 341 9979

*The Earthquake Government Helpline is an information service (with a person!). If you are not sure who to contact and it's earthquake-related - ring the Govt Helpline. They can direct you to the right people.

Free Influenza Programme for U18s

The flu vaccine is free until 31 July for all children under 18 yrs.