



Newsletter 24

Term 3: 15 September 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Mon 19 Sept	Staff-Only Day
Tues 20 Sept	2 pm Transition Group
Tues 27 Sept	Rm 3&4 Ferrymead Rm 5/6/7 Antarctic Centre
Wed 28 Sept	11.30 am Duffy Role Model Assembly
Thurs 29 Sept	Rm 1&2 Ferrymead
Fri 30 Sept	School Disco
Mon 3 Oct	10 am Grandparents morning – Rm 5-7
Tues 4 Oct	2 pm Transition Group
Fri 7 Oct	2.45 pm Term 3 ends
Tues 25 Oct	8.45 am Term 4 starts
Wed/Thurs 26/27 Oct	School Photos

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

NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 8 T3: **Hopeful**

May the God of Hope fill you with joy and peace

Romans 15: 12-14

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Hopeful. Being hopeful is looking forward to the future with faith in God. Hope gives us the courage to look forward and with hope we know that we are not alone. When we find ourselves in times of need, where we feel little hope, there is always help if we are willing to ask. With hope we have the confidence to try and try again. Take time this week to think about your hopes. What is it that you hope for your future and for your present? What is it that is important to you?

Dear God, may you be a source of hope within us. May our belief in You fill us with confidence and joy as we face life's challenges. May we remain open to the Spirit who will guide us in ways of love and peace. Amen

Assembly: Rm 1 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk8 T3

Healthy Thinking Community Seminar

Villa Maria Auditorium

7.30-9 pm Monday 19 September

Dr Tom Mulholland on

De-stress–Take Control–Move Forward with Healthy Thinking

Please let me know if you can attend so that I can reserve a seat for you.

We strongly urge our parents to attend this seminar. As the topic is in our Strategic Plan, it will become part of our culture.

One Community – Learning Together

CTV Coverage of NBC and Joshua's Quest

To view the CTV news item from 5 September, go to:

<http://vimeopro.com/canterburytv/ctv-news/video/28631492>

It's 14 minutes in.

School Disco

Disco time again!! Friday 30 September:

Yr 1-4 5.30-6.30 pm

Yr 5-8 7.00-8.30 pm

We are having hot dogs, hot chips, lollies, glow sticks, soft drinks and flashlight rings.

Entry: A gold coin donation

Hope to see you all there.

The School Council

Welcome

We welcome Aimee Cook (and Rae & Brent) to our school community. Aimee has joined us in Rm 5.



Slippers – Thank You



We are enjoying having toastie toes thanks to the ladies (many of whom are in our local New Brighton Community Craft Group) who donated some lovely knitted slippers to our school.

Writing Bags

To encourage and excite children about writing, Rm 4-7 pupils will have the opportunity to take home a writing bag. There are two bags per class and they will be on a timetabled rotating system with bags sent home on a Monday and returned the following Monday. In each bag there are instructions of how to use the bag. We hope you enjoy using the writing bags and have lots of fun writing, writing, writing!! Please see your class teacher with any questions. *Nicole Buckley*

Greats and Grands Month

October is the month when we celebrate *Greats and Grands*. Rm 5-7 invite all Grandparents to join us in school on Monday 3 October at 10 am to spend time in the classrooms and have morning tea with us. Please let your class teacher know if your families will be joining us. We look forward to seeing you. *Nicole Buckley*

Room 1 Basketball Sessions

Yesterday Mark Morrison (Sport Canterbury) taught us some basketball skills. We split up into three groups and took turns with Mark to play the games, and we had a lot of fun. He gave us some tips on basketball and how to dribble the ball, such as side to side or cross over, down low and left and right. The most important things to remember are to keep the ball below your waist and use the tips of your fingers. We look forward to seeing Mark again tomorrow.



School Community

Congratulations

Laura Jones won Most Valuable Player in her Marist Albion JN netball team.

Canterbury Touch Trials

The trials are coming up. Anyone interested, contact Declan's mother, Sue.

God Bless

Deb Daines

Principal

Parents Inc Hot Tips: Natural consequences

You don't have to be the bad guy! When dispensing discipline it's often true that less is more; sometimes we'll do our very best work by doing very little. Children learn best from natural life lessons, and our lectures, emotions, and *I-told-you-so* interfere heavily with that process. Single parents, in particular, need tools that save energy and stress in the long run, and this is one of them.

Although it feels unnatural, don't pick up that toy when it's left out in the rain, don't empty that schoolbag after they're in bed, and whatever you do - don't hijack the lesson by telling them where they went wrong. If you're getting the blame, just gently remind them where the responsibility sits - with the choice they made.

PTFA

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

Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday 4 October at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Calendars

The completed artwork will be coming home today and orders need to be returned by next Thursday, 22 September. Full info will be attached to the artwork.

Disco

Friday 30 September in the school hall. Entry - gold coin donation. Finger Lights, Glow Sticks, Lollies, Hot chips and American hotdogs for sale. Parents are welcome to stay for wine, beer, tea or coffee in Room 6.

Our Spring Fete!!! Sunday 30 October 11.30am - 2.30pm

Would you like to Volunteer? Get in quick so you can pick your job!!!. See me or one of the other PTFA members. Over the coming weeks we will be outside the library asking for parents to help. We need your support to make the day a great success! We will also leave a clipboard outside the library for you to fill in.

We need your Help!! Next week we are asking for donations of canned or non perishable items to go towards our Grocery Hamper Raffle. Please take the donations to your child's classroom and we will collect them from there - Thank you!

It's going to be a fun day, we now have the ZM Black Thunder, New Brighton Silver Band and New Brighton Fire Engine confirmed.

If you would like to book a stall (\$10ea) - please contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support.
Melinda Ernst (382 8995) melinda_ernst@yahoo.com

School Lunches Thursday 22 Sept: Sausage Sizzle \$2

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

Parish Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

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

Attendance Dues: Unfortunately some Term 3 Attendance Dues have not been paid. They are now overdue!

Community

Neighbourhood Trust's Parenting Week 2-9 October 2011

See the noticeboard for the amazing programme of speakers from Nigel Latta to Sophie Gray on topics such as *Raising Boys*, *Raising Girls*; *The Destitute Gourmet*; *Who's the Boss*; *Alcohol and the Teenage Brain*.

Community Dental Service

CDHB's new look Community Dental service has been launched in your area and we will visit your child's school during the year. This is part of a nation-wide upgrade of what was formerly known as the School Dental Service. The service aim is to improve the delivery of dental care to your child by making access to check-ups available at every school and increasing our prevention work with pre-schoolers. This service will be provided through our new up-to-date facilities.

How will it affect you and your child?

- All school age children enrolled in the service will have their dental check-ups at school in a mobile dental unit. The mobile dental unit will visit the school once a year.
- Examinations, X-rays and preventative treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available at school in the mobile dental unit.
- If your child requires other operative work such as fillings or extractions they will bring home a Care Plan indicating the work required. This Care Plan will also provide a free phone number to call (0800 846 983) for you to arrange a time when you are able to take your child to the new Community Dental Clinic as per the new delivery of care.
- Preschoolers will have their dental checks at the Community Clinic.

You will be contacted when your preschooler is due for a check-up. For further information about the new facilities please visit the community Dental Service website:

<http://www.cdhb.govt.nz/dentalcare/child-adolescent-oral-health-development.htm>

or call 0800 846 983 if you wish to discuss care for your child.

Science Alive is offering free science programmes at New Brighton Library on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm (term time) with a different topic each week. Each child will make something to take home. There is no need to book, just pop on in.

On the Library noticeboard:

- CERA Update - the draft Recovery Strategy
- Strike Force at Wigram - holiday programme
- Parenting Week programme
- Canterbury University - Community Open Day - 1 October
- Sunshine Football - for children with special needs
- Scouts - give it a go - free for a month - voucher in Office
- Cross Country Running & Obstacle Race 2-8 years olds - Sunday
- Play softball
- Redcliffs School on-line auction - TradeMe - closes today
- How to Keep Safe Around Dogs

Earthquake Recovery

Red Cross \$500 Grant - Were you without sewage for 90 days?

Forms in the Office or phone 0800 RED CROSS or go <http://www.redcrossegrants.org.nz/Overview/Information/Alternative-to-City-Sewerage-Grant>

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