



Newsletter 3

Term One: 17 February 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

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 Mar	11 am Rm 1 Class Mass
Thurs 24 Mar	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
Thurs 12 May	Cross Country
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 4 : Self -Aware – Food/Sleep

Most of us have to get in touch with ourselves before we can turn openly to our relationships with God. John Main

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Self-Aware. Being self-aware is caring about our bodies and ourselves. Caring about yourself means that you treat yourself with the respect and concern that you deserve as a child of God. Treating your body with respect is looking after it, washing yourself, and keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Exercise is really important for your body. Put into your body things that will make it healthy, like nutritious foods and drinks. Avoid putting in your body anything that could harm you.

Assembly Class

Rm 4 for Week 4 Term 1.

Student Details-Update (Blue)

We are still waiting for several families to sign and return this form.

Coffee Chat

Don't forget coffee in the Library after Monday's virtues assembly. Just a time for parents/caregivers to get together casually. See you there.

Traffic

Please do not stop over a driveway on Lonsdale Street or on the yellow lines – not even for a quick drop off or pick up. It's illegal. Let's all use our *footsteps* and be respectful of our neighbours and the law.

Safety

Please do not do u-turns in the school zone – it is extremely dangerous and obstructs the view for our pupil traffic wardens.

Role Models

Could all adults please walk across our *bulge*. It's all about setting examples. Children will do what you do!!

Arriving at School

We ask that children not arrive at school before 8.30 am. The gates will be opened then, unless raining. (Refer to the Information Booklet for more detail.)

I have asked all teachers to be available in their classrooms from 8.30 am until the bell to greet the children and to speak to parents. Teachers have a daily meeting at 8 am, so time is tight. Thank you for your co-operation. If you have exceptional circumstances, please contact me.

Financial Assistance

There are several organisations offering assistance to families struggling financially, eg The Mayors Welfare Fund for school camps and swimming costs; The Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust for sport costs, eg footwear, clothing, equipment, club fees, travel to local competitions. Please see me in confidence if you are interested in any of the organisations offering financial assistance. This is particular relevant at the moment with the forthcoming school camps.

Cycle Safety 2011

Our Yr 6 students were on CCC's annual Cycle Safety course this week. On Monday the children learnt about the care and maintenance of their bikes and helmets and learnt how to have more control of their bikes especially when completing hand signals. Tuesday morning the children learnt road rules and how to ride their bikes on the road. The instructors then took the children around the roads in New Brighton for the rest of the day. Finally on Wednesday the children were again taken out on the road and assessed whether or not they can go out on the road independently or they will need an adult to accompany them.

Sam Harliwich

ASB Student Banking

Each week in Term 1 that a deposit is made through the ASB School Banking Programme, the student automatically goes in the draw to win 25 prizes of \$50. Remember – no deposit is too small – it's the habit of saving that's important.

BOT

Prior to Tuesday's BOT meeting, Al Fone, a consultant, worked with the BOT on governance, The Education Act 1989, and management. There will be a further meeting with Al on 1 March.

You are always welcome to attend BOT meetings which are held at 7 pm on Tuesdays. This year's dates are:

29 March, 31 May, 5 July, 9 August,
20 September, 1 November and 6 December

- During the holidays the pupils' toilets were internally painted, and exposed aggregate was completed around the new planters to clean up that area.
- Our playground is checked every Monday morning for safety. Thanks to Chris Jones.
- A fire drill is undertaken each term. We can vacate the buildings in 2 seconds and be lined up for roll call within 45 seconds.
- Earthquake drills are practised in the classrooms each term.

Newsletters Emailed

Thank you for returning the student update forms; we have updated our database. We will resume emailing the newsletter to you today. Don't forget it is also on our website. Where parents live apart, it may be necessary to send a second copy of the newsletter to a different address – please advise us. It is essential that both parents are aware of the school's activities and requirements.

Yr 8 Students

Yr 8 girls will today receive a copy of the end of year report from their D&A folders. This is for you to put with their high school applications.

Rm 5&6

The Rm 5&6 ceiling was damaged in the earthquake. A false ceiling will be hung underneath the existing one next week and this is covered by insurance.

Therefore, while we have classes absent on school camp, we will relocate Rm5&6 as follows:

Rm 6 will go to Rm 8

Rm 5 will go to Rm 3 Mon-Wed and to Rm 2 Thurs-Fri

Parents Inc. Hot Tip: More choice - More responsibility

There are significant transitions that all children go through: starting kindy, starting school, forming new friendships, etc. These times are much easier if we have helped our kids develop the skills they will need ahead of time. You can do this by talking about, and role playing, some of the things they will do in the new situation: greetings, listening, sitting quietly, etc. That way when they start school, or any new endeavour, both you and the kids can be confident that they have been gradually prepared for the challenges they will meet. Remember, with every passing year, your child should be allowed more opportunities to decide things for himself/herself, to solve his/her own problems, and also to cope with greater responsibilities.

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand. Chinese Proverb

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Going home today:

- The annual Parish/Diocese Attendance Dues invoice to all families.
- Yr 8 girls – copy of report for enrolment applications

School Community

Congratulations

Mollie Nicol, Fagan Gray, Tommy Taurima, Joshua Bull and Salio Tafaese's team won the Yr 3/4 Touch Tournament at Waitangi weekend.

PFTA

PTFA

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 for a prize please contact Kellie Moore 383 5111 or 0212555437 by 18th February. We URGENTLY need another major prize. Tickets will be printed next week.

Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 20th March 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

Lunch - Thursday 24 February: Subway

Order forms in the Library. All orders and \$5 (per order) in the blue tin in the Library by 9 am Wednesday, please.

Parish

Preference Cards for High School

I will be available for preference cards from 4 March.

Attendance Dues

Going home today is the annual Attendance Dues invoice. You made the commitment to pay attendance dues when you enrolled your child at a Catholic school as it is a condition of enrolment and attendance at the school.

The account has been sent out a little later than usual to avoid it being confused with school accounts.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying this account, please see me or telephone me. Thank you.

Fr Bryan Parish, 388 9020

Community

Marian College

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 or from Marian's office.

Marian College PTA is having its AGM on 23rd of February. All welcome.

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.

In the Office:

- Methodist Mission's Toolkit Newsletter

On the Library noticeboard:

- Marian College Open Morning - 24 March
- New Brighton Newball – registration
- Toolbox Parenting Groups: Key parenting principles
- Child Youth & Family – foster families wanted
- Annual Farewell to the Godwits/Kuaka
- Walk and Talk in the sand dunes
- Make a live TV show
- Meridian Kids Bike Jams
- Art in the Park – 19-20 March
- Marist Albion Rugby Club – registration
- Student Exchange – host families wanted

One Community – Learning Together