

# Newsletter 3

## Term One: 18 February 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

### Important Dates

Fri 19 Feb	Snr School Swimming Sports – noon <i>Rm 4&amp;5 NB Library 11am</i>
Mon 22 Feb	Parent/Caregiver KOS Meeting
<i>Thurs 25 Feb</i>	<i>Eastern Zones Swimming</i>
Fri 26 Feb	Transition Playgroup
Tues-Fri 2-5 Mar	Yr 7/8 Camp Twizel
Wed-Fri 3-5 Mar	Yr 5/6 Camp Raincliff
Fri 5 Mar	Transition Playgroup
Wed-Thurs 10-11 Mar	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
<i>Thurs 11 Mar</i>	<i>11.30 am School Mass</i>
Fri 12 Mar	Transition Playgroup
Wed 24 Mar	Choral Outreach 10.30-11.30 am
Fri 26 Mar	PTFA Fish & Chip Night
Thurs 1 April	2.45 am Term 1 ends

### IRE

Over the next six weeks the children will be looking at the Jesus Strand/Hehu Karaiti to learn more about Jesus, His life and His teachings. The children are exploring their growing relationship with Jesus and their ability to act Christ-like in their daily lives.

### NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 4: Caring – Stewardship

*When you care for the land and water it, you enrich it abundantly. Psalm 65: 8-10*

At New Brighton Catholic School we are caring towards others. One special part of caring for others is called *Stewardship*. Stewardship is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. Helping other people is one of the best ways to serve God. Having an attitude of stewardship means looking for ways to be of help, rather than waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. You do things for other people just to be helpful, not because you hope there will be a reward for you. You do things just because you care.

You can do things to care for the earth by remembering to recycle, reduce the things you use, and reuse old things instead of buying new ones. Here at school we recycle all that we can and we have a worm farm that helps us with our waste. Other ways we see stewardship in our school are through our Young Vinnies Group who do good work for others and our various fundraising efforts for those less fortunate. Remember that God placed us here to take care of one another and the earth.

### Assembly Class

In response to your request to know which class is *hosting* assembly each week. Next week it's Rm 2.

### Helping Others

Cyclone Pat hit Aitutaki last week. A school family with close relatives on the island are putting together packages of non-perishable food to send. They have asked if we can assist. Could children please bring a can of food or a nonperishable item to school on Monday. Thank you.

*Jo De Bono Acting DRS*

### Thank You

Many thanks to our lovely "good fairy" gardener who last Friday quietly weeded our front garden.

### Condolences

The School Community extends its sympathy to Tyson, Angus and Fagan Gray and family. Their great aunt passed away. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

### Key Competencies - Managing Self

At NBC our children contribute to the quality of our learning environment by being:

- *Ready to learn*
- *Goal setters*
- *Independent*
- *Aware that my actions have a "reaction"*
- *Positive*
- *Proud of who I am*
- *Proud of my work.*
- *Willing to "take risks" and persevere*
- *To accept new challenges*

### Indicate!

When leaving the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone, please indicate. It makes crossing the road at the bulge difficult if the wardens don't know what cars are doing.

### Student Details – Update (The Green Form)

Unfortunately we have not received all the green forms back – this is a matter of your child's safety/security. If you have misplaced it, please ask Mary in the office for another.

### PTFA Easter Raffle

The PTFA have worked hard to organise another fabulous Easter raffle. The details are in their attached newsletter. There is a prize for the student who sells the most tickets. If we can sell all the tickets, the PTFA will raise \$7000. Please support the PTFA to support your children.

Could all children please bring an Easter Egg for the hampers and leave them in the basket in the Library. Many thanks.

### Activity Accounts (Lilac)

Every family was sent their child's/children's Activity Account/s last Thursday. If you did not get them, please ask Mary in the office for another. The slip at the bottom of the activity account needs to be returned now.

### Financial Assistance

There are several organisations offering assistance to families struggling financially.

The Mayors Welfare Fund can help with school camps and swimming costs.

The Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust helps children (8-12 years) to participate in their chosen sport, eg footwear, clothing or equipment, sport 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.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)

We have only received seven responses. To be successful KOS needs your help and support. Your child will have Home Activities to work on with you. It is important that you participate and talk with your child about what they are learning. This will help reinforce the messages and help your child to use his/her new skills with confidence.

A Parent/Caregiver Meeting given by Constable Debbie Wilson will be held at school on Monday 22 February at 7.30pm.

Please complete the form below to let us know whether or not you can attend and post in the office counterslot tomorrow.

Thank you

# Thinking Skills

This year New Brighton Catholic School will be focussing on teaching many different types of thinking. Thinking is intelligent behaviour that we encourage in our learning environment.

Thinking Skills will be taught in our school. This will encourage the language, practice and understanding of thinking. We encourage families to use some ideas to enrich this learning. So join in the journey with us to develop intelligent behaviours in our children.

Thinking Skills can be divided into three main groups of skills: Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, and, when the two are combined, Creative Problem-solving.

1. **Creativity** - Basically, coming up with new, novel or original ideas and ways of doing things. Looking at things from a different perspective. Common process verbs: imagine, invent, change, design, create....

2. **Critical thinking** - Analysing and evaluating or judging information or data to find the right answer. Common process verbs: analyse, break down, compare, categorise, list, sequence, rank...

3. **Problem-solving** - Using both analytical and creative thinking to solve problems and situations. New or creative thinking is always needed to solve a problem – you cannot rely on the same old thinking which got you into the problem, to get you out of it! Common process verbs: improve, design, refine, find, invent criteria to, combine...

Each fortnight in the newsletter, we will give you some background about one of the Thinking Skills being taught.

## God Bless Deb Daines Principal

### Attached to the newsletter:

- PTFA Newsletter
- PTFA's Easter Raffle – books of tickets

## **BOT**

The BOT meeting always begins with a themed prayer led by the Catholic Character Committee. Tuesday's meeting: *Parents as first teachers of faith for their children.*

We will look particularly at the first of the ways in which the Catholic Character is expressed – through the people. The school belongs to the Catholic community. The children and their families are the reason the school exists. The school builds on the faith first experienced in the home.

### **Board of Trustees Elections**

There are five parent-elected positions on the Board, so we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider how they are going to participate in this year's BOT election.

For the continuing good governance of the School, it is necessary to have trustees with perspectives, skills and experiences that they are able to contribute to this important work. There are three ways you can participate:

- Standing for election
- Nominating someone for election
- Voting in the election

Please consider how you are going to participate. For those considering or intending to stand (or curious as to what it is all about) please contact Anna Morgan through the School office. The Ministry of Education provides for training and support to all newly elected trustees.

## **Parish Mass Times**

### **Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)**

<b>St Mary's</b>	Sunday	10.30 am
Morning tea after Mass every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		
<b>St James'</b>	Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm
	Sunday	9.00 am

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 30 May 2010 in our parish. Preparation and participation is available for people from Yr 8. If you wish to participate in the preparation please contact Sr Mary wood, 382 5583, or Mrs Chris Stevenson, 383 5316, for further details.

## **Sport Canterbury After School Care 373 5060**

This is the number to ring for absences and enquiries. Information sheets available in the School Office.

## **Community**

### **Marian College Open Evening**

Thursday 18 March 2010 – 6.30-8 pm

### **Catholic Cathedral Open Night**

11 May from 6 pm

### **Catholics Returning Home**

A 4-week programme for non-practising Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church: 1–28 March 2010, 7:30pm at:

- Mondays at Christ the King, Burnside
- Tuesdays at St Peter's Beckenham
- Wednesdays at St Matthew's, Bryndwr & St Patrick's Kaiapoi
- Thursdays at St Paul's, Dallington.

Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support with this programme. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366) or visit

[www.catholicshomenow.co.nz](http://www.catholicshomenow.co.nz)

### **Hot Tips for Parents Seminar**

Wednesday March 10 at 7.30 pm in The Aurora Centre at Burnside High. Cost \$15 p/p. Tickets will be available from all Postie Plus stores throughout Christchurch and Rangiora. For further information call 03 323 7196.

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

- Multi-Cultural Festival – Saturday 20 February
- Marian College Open Evening (flyers in the Office)
- "Tween" Girls and Celebrity Culture – UC lecture
- Singing lessons for grown-ups
- Exploring Electronics – holiday programme
- McDonald's Youth Duathlon (entry forms in the Office)
- Youth Alive Trust 2010 Clubs
- High Flyers Aerobics

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## **Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting 7.30 pm Monday 22 February**

Please return this slip to indicate whether or not you will be attending the meeting.

We will be coming to the meeting. (please circle)

YES

NO

Name.....

No. attending.....