



Newsletter 25

Term 3: 22 September 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Tues 27 Sept	Rm 3&4 Ferrymead Rm 5/6/7 Antarctic Centre
Wed 28 Sept	11.30 am Duffy Role Model Assembly* <i>Secondhand uniform sale—before/after school</i>
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*
Wed 5 Oct	<i>Secondhand uniform sale—before/after school</i>
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
Wed 2 Nov	<i>Athletics</i>

BOT Meetings: You are most welcome to attend our BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 1 November and 6 December

NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 9 T3: United / Hono

If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly be united with him in his resurrection. Romans 6: 4-6

At New Brighton Catholic School we are United.

Being united is a way of seeing the world and all that is in it, as one, made by God who created everything. When you practise unity, you allow yourself to feel connected to everything and everyone. In our families and in our classrooms we see unity when we are all working together for a common goal, when we listen to each other and respect each other, and when we enjoy our differences and ways of being. We see unity in our country when a hero like Sir Edmund Hillary passes away or the Maori Queen. We see unity in the world when a natural disaster happens and we become united in our compassion and support. We were all created by God, and we are united by God.

God our Father, creator of the world, please help us to love one another. Make nations friendly with other nations; make all of us love one another like brothers and sisters. Help us to do our part to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people. Prayer from Japan

Assembly: Rm 2 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk9 T3

Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Grace Schischka and family. Grace's grandmother passed away this week.

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.

Thank You

Kidscan and Ngai Tahu have donated survival blankets for all children. We have put these into our classroom emergency evacuation packs.

Kidscan have also donated thermals to our children and we will be distributing these shortly.

We thank Kidscan and Ngai Tahu for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

Thank You

Many thanks to the Ebony Wilson at Vodafone for the donation of six netballs and netball bags and thanks to Anna Julian for organising.

2012

It is that time of the year when we start looking at classroom planning for next year. While many of us are living in uncertain times and are unsure of decisions yet, I need an indicative roll to begin 2012 planning, so if you are planning a move (or even just thinking about it!), I would really appreciate you popping in to see me or phoning me. As you will know from the media, staffing and school rolls are linked and if I can get as clear a picture as possible of next year, it will lessen the stress of many.

Stormbirds

Stormbirds is a programme to help children process their experience of natural disaster. In Term 4 we will have a *Stormbirds* facilitator at school to work with our children to help them understand and express their experiences of the earthquakes. As this is a specific programme and spaces will be limited, please contact the office if you feel your child would benefit from *Stormbirds*. There is a pamphlet in the office if you want to know more.

*Duffy Role Model Assembly

The Alan Duff Charitable Trust Foundation organises speakers to inspire our children to read. Once a year they send a *role model* to talk to our children. On Wednesday 28 September our speakers will be Mary Kippenberger (storyteller) and Peter Charlton-Jones (musician). You are more than welcome to join us.

*Transition Group

Our prospective New Entrant children have mornings where they come to school to interact with each other. This also allows their parents to get to know each other.

Secondhand Clothing – Summer Uniform Sale

The PTFA will sell secondhand uniform items on Wednesday 28 September and Wednesday 5 October, before and after school, in Rm 8. This will give you an opportunity to get your child's summer uniform ready for Term 4.

If you wish to donate clothing, please drop off in the office.

If you wish the PTFA to sell on your behalf, you will need to put your name and the price you want onto each article of clothing and drop off to the office.

School Disco - Next 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



Parents – please note: Yr 5-8 pupils are not to be in the school grounds milling around before 6.50 pm. This created a safety issue last time.

Road Patrol – Just 15 minutes of your time!

Help! We need more people to help keep our children safe as they cross the road. We need parents who can stand in when other parents are called into work or are sick and who can cover road patrol at reasonably short notice. PLEASE – see me in Rm 1 if you are able to help. Many thanks.
Lorraine Lowe

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders by next Friday, 30 September, please. Orders in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot. Thank you.
Jo Christophers

School Community

Congratulations

At the New Brighton Rugby Club, James Kleiss was named Most Valuable Player for his team.

Year 7 & 8 Cinquains

A Cinquain is a poem that has five lines, each having its own rules:

Line 1 - Title - 1 word, 2 syllables

Line 2 - Describes title - 2 words, 4 syllables

Line 3 - Expressing action - 3 words, 6 syllables

Line 4 - Expressing a feeling - 4 words, 8 syllables

Line 5 - Title - synonym - 1 word, 2 syllables

Flying by Decs Shea

Enormous Height

Wings going crazily

Feeling hyped, adrenalin high

Gliding!

Robot by Josh Denley

Silver, tinny

moving stiffly around

Blankly cold destructive machine

tinman.

Kiwi by Shakira Fukofuka

Furry creatures

pecking hidden insects

being captured by predators

peckers

BOT

From Tuesday's meeting:

- Veronica Kidd resigned as a Proprietor's Rep. The BOT thanks Veronica for her dedication and time.
- An exit questionnaire has been created that will be given to people leaving NBC. This will help the BOT to review and improve our programmes and plan for the future.
- The Special Character Attestation Report has been forwarded to the Bishop. This report assures the Bishop that the Catholic dimensions of the school are being upheld.
- The BOT moved that the 2011 Charter be accepted. This will be forwarded to the MOE for approval. Our Charter is available at the office for you to review should you wish.
- The BOT is formalising a review of earthquake procedures. If you have any further views, please forward to the office (either by email office@nbc.school.nz or in an envelope) and these will be tabled to the subcommittee. Please contact Vanessa (382 0572) or Lee-Ann (029 2003335) if you wish to be on the focus group that's meeting next Thursday 29 September.

Parents Inc. Hot Tip A Family Culture of Co-operation

Everyone wants a home where conflict is minimal and children generally do as they are asked. There are times when this can feel far from reality; it seems so easy to form habits of communication between parents and kids that are negative, oppositional, and often unpleasant! One of the keys to a culture of co-operation is to act and speak to your children as though you have every confidence they will want to come on board with your request. Children want to be respected and valued for what they can contribute, so show them from the start that you know they're helpful and considerate. The result will be a child that is more motivated to show you that side of themselves.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

PTFA

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

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

Disco: Friday 30 September in the school hall. Entry gold coin donation. Finger lights, Glow Sticks, Lollies, Hot chips and American hotdogs will be on sale. Parents are welcome to stay for a wine, beer, tea or coffee in Rm 6.

Our Spring Fete!

Sunday 30 October 11.30am - 2.30pm

Thank you, thank you to all those families who kindly donated items towards our Grocery Raffle.

We need your help again!!

Next week we are asking for donations of unopened bottles to go towards our Mystery Bottle Stall, eg Wine, Sauces, Soft Drinks, Oils etc surprise us!

Please bring the donations to your child's classroom and we will collect them from there - thank you.

Volunteers Needed!

Baking for our cake stall - more details will be coming home soon with your child - keep an eye out for it!

Remember we need your help to make the day a great success!

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

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

School Lunches Thursday 29 Sept: Subway \$5

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.
Everyone welcome.

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

Community

In the Office: CCC's Learning Centres Holiday Programme

On the Library noticeboard:

- Roger Hutton's Weekly Letter
- NB Athletic Club open day - 4 October
- SurfKids
- Alpine Ice Learn to Skate

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