



# Newsletter 19

**Term Two: 24 June 2010**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

## Important Dates

Thurs 24 Jun	Yr 5&6 Dance Concert 6-7.30 pm
Tues 29 Jun	1 pm CSO Big Bang Concert Yr 3-8 Parent Interviews
Wed 30 Jun	Parent Interviews
Fri 2 Jul	Mufti Mania for Caritas Samoa 8.50am Duffy Assembly with Lianne Dalziel, MP 2.45 pm Term 2 ends
Mon 19 July	8.45 am Term 3 starts
Thurs 22 Jul	12 noon Kids in Town (Snr Choir)
Tues 27 Jul	7 pm BOT Meeting
Tues 3 Aug	9 am ICAS English
Wed 11 Aug	Cantamaths
Tues 17 Aug	9 am ICAS Maths
Wed 18 Aug	Snr Choir rehearsal at Christ's College 12.45 pm
Thurs 16 Sept	Catholic Tournament (postponement 23/9)

**BOT Meetings:** You are welcome to attend at 7 pm in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 27 July, 21 September, 19 October and 30 November.



## NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 11: **Compassionate**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ, God forgave you.* Ephesians 4: 31-32

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Compassionate. Compassion is understanding and caring about someone. It is showing love towards someone who is sad or is going through a tough time.

Being compassionate is about being kind and forgiving to someone who has made a mistake. It is forgiving someone who has hurt you, it's feeling the pain of someone who is in trouble, it is caring deeply and wanting to help them, even if all you can do is to listen.

Being compassionate in this way tells a person that they are not alone. With compassion we are all connected and hard times are much easier to cope with because you know someone is there for you.

Our Lady is the name given to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She is often called *Our Lady of Compassion*.

*Jo De Bono, DRS*

## Assembly Class

Rooms 7&8 are hosting assembly next week.

## Parent Interviews

The teachers have done the schedule for the interviews next Wednesday and Thursday. If you requested an interview, your child will bring home today the slip with your time/s.

## Help Needed!

If you are able to help with ideas and action to raise funds for the Year 7/8 School Camp at Wainui in 2011, please see me in Rm 1 or leave a message at the Office. *Lorraine Lowe*

## Thank You

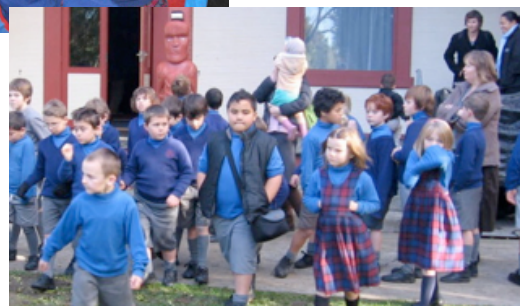
Many thanks to Tina Wilson and the PTFA who applied for a grant for sports uniforms to the Christchurch City Council's Small Grants Fund. We have purchased sports jackets and thank the City Council for this opportunity.

## Trip to the Rehua Marae



Rm 4&5 enjoyed a wonderful experience at the Rehua Marae. We were greeted with a traditional powhiri and were regaled with stories from Terry Ryan. The

children learnt a lot and represented NBC well. Many thanks to parents who came along to support the trip, particularly Lee-Ann Ryan-



Verry, who was instrumental in the organisation, and Michelle Fukofuka who led the reply as we came on the Marae. *Nick Gray*

## Sport Friday 25 June – 1.30 pm start

Y5/6 Soccer	v St Martins B	South Hagley pnk
Y7/8 Soccer	v Rolleston B	South Hagley In10
Y5/6 Netball	A v Hornby B	Ct 30
	B v Somerfield B	Howzat in Matipo Street
Y7/8 Netball	A v ChCh East A	Ct 10
	B v Marshlands	Ct 8
Y5/6 Rugby	v ChCh East	North Hagley 9
Y7/8 Rugby	v NB	South Hagley 8

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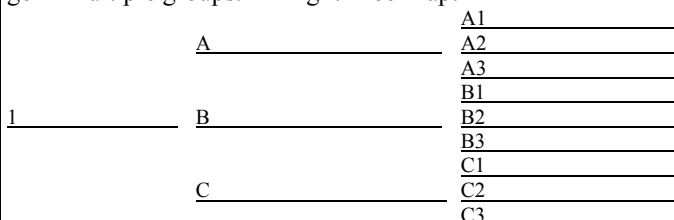
- Three cell phones have been left in the Office.
- A gold bracelet for a really small wrist.
- Pink and white baby's knitted cardigan.
- A scooter

## Yr 5/6 Dance Performance

Good luck to the Year 5&6 Dance Team who will be performing tonight at the James Hay Theatre. We hope the children have a wonderful time and enjoy the experience. There will be a DVD available for purchase tonight at the venue. *Pina Lissaman*

## Thinking Skills: **Tree Map**

For classifying and grouping, students learn to use a Tree Map. Things or ideas are sorted into categories or groups. Sometimes new categories are created. In the first line, write the category name. Next, begin writing sub-categories. Within each sub-category, write specific members of the group. Some things can go in multiple groups. A Right Tree Map:



Ask your child about Tree Maps and how they work.

Tree Maps are good for studying for tests. Use this map to categorise spelling words according to the skill being taught. A Right Tree map can be used for studying Social Studies or Science Topics. It works well when organising parts of a speech for the details.

## Mumps

We have a case of mumps at NBC. The CDHB recommends parents check that their children's immunisations are up to date and get their child vaccinated if they are not. See the Library noticeboard for the fact sheet on mumps.

## Maths at Home

Activities to help your child with maths at home.

### Doubles to 10

Why do this? To help your child to learn the doubles to 10.

What you need: Socks or shoes - items that come in pairs (drumsticks, knitting needles, earrings, hair ties)

What to do:

Get 5 pairs of socks. Pick up one pair of socks and ask your child: *How many socks are in one pair?*

Repeat with the other pairs asking:

*How many socks are in two pairs? Three pairs? Four pairs? Five pairs?*

*Ask your child how many shoes would be in three pairs?*

Explain to your child pairs are the same as doubles.

Ask them: *What is double one? Two? Three? Four? Five?*

What to expect your child to do: Initially your child may need to count the items. They should progress to instantly recalling the doubles for 1 – 5.

Variation: Make matching pairs together

Look for opportunities to practise recalling the doubles of numbers 1 – 5.

eg, Three people have taken their shoes off at the door – how many shoes are there?

Two drummers have a pair of drumsticks each – how many drumsticks?

Lorraine Lowe

## BOT

### The BOT - Office Holders and Subcommittees

Sonia McManus	Chair, Self Review
Veronica Kidd	Vice Chair, Catholic Character
Vanessa Baker	Secretary – Administration, Health & Safety
Kerry McCarthy	Secretary – Meeting Admin, Self Review, Catholic Character
Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry	Self Review
Monty McKeefry	Property, Health & Safety
Alister Stevenson	Finance
Sr Martina	Catholic Character
Deb Daines	Property, Health & Safety, Finance
Fr Bryan Parish	
Lorraine Lowe	
Minute Secretary	CES

At Tuesday's meeting:

- The BOT members are attending training sessions on their role in governance.
- The BOT acknowledged and thanked the work of our parents who participate in the PTFA and PCT.
- Discussion on the Bishop's wish that upon entering the church we acknowledge the Blessed Sacrament.
- Discussion on finding someone to help and guide, with our DRS, our Young Vinnies Group.
- NBC's 75th Jubilee at Labour Weekend.



### ASB Children's Banking

Banking packs were distributed during the week to those children who joined ASB. The locked ASB Deposit Box (just like on TV) is on the wall in the Office. Children can deposit their banking anytime and it is banked fortnightly. There are registration pamphlets by the deposit box if your child wants to join.

## Government Book Week

Next week is Government Book Week and our local MP, Lianne Dalziel, will present the Duffy books next Friday at Assembly.

### Choosing Books for Your Child

- What are your child's interests? Is s/he fascinated by trucks, bugs, princes and princesses? Look for books that connect with those interests.
- Keep the classics in mind. Some of the books you loved as a child may be just as appealing now.
- Take note of books your child seems to enjoy. Look for books by the same author or illustrator. These people will become like old friends to your child.
- If your child likes fairy tales, look for different re-tellings of a favourite.
- If your child is a beginning reader, select some books with repeated text. These books will help your child read along with you or more easily read the text on his/her own.
- Consider award-winning titles. These books often endure over time.
- For more ideas, ask your child's teacher or at the public library.
- Most importantly, involve your child in choosing books to read. Children are often drawn to books adults may overlook.

## PTFA

### School lunches next Thursday:

### Hamburgers

All orders and money in an envelope in the blue tin in the library by 9am Wednesday.

## School Community

### Fill a Box for Fiji

In the school holidays we are going to Fiji to visit our Nana & Poppa who live there. Mum & Dad thought it would be a good idea for us to go and spend a day at Lomary Primary Catholic School to see how other kids learn. Our Nana and Poppa sponsor the school as a lot of families do not have enough money to buy stuff like pencils for their kids to write with. If you can please help us to fill up a box of things to take to the school, it would be great! Things they need are: pens, pencils, reading books, posters for the walls and anything to help the teachers. We have a box in our class room, Room 5, you can leave things in. Anything would be great!!

Thanks heaps, Rose and Bella Stephenson (Rm 5)

### Lost

School jersey named *Patrick Reilly*. Please return to Patrick in Rm 6.

KidsCan, who support New Brighton Catholic by providing raincoats and shoes, are running an Online Auction until 1 July. Check it out at [www.sellaco.nz](http://www.sellaco.nz)

I will be unavailable next week as I am at the NZ Principals Conference.

*God Bless*

*Deb Daines*

*Principal*

Going Home Today:

- Returning slip with your interview time.

## Community

### On the Library Noticeboard:

- NB Project – Puppet Festival and Indoor Market – 3 July
- Dore – Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADHD and Asperger's
- Soccer holiday programme 4-14 years
- eTime holiday programme – Film Making
- AquaGym
- Imagine Youth Theatre's *Beauty & The Beast*
- CDHB Fact Sheet - Mumps