



Newsletter 4

Term One: 24 March 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 15 Apr	12 pm Easter Liturgy 2.45 pm Term 1 ends
Thurs 12 May	Cross Country - tbc
Fri 27 May	Rm 1&2 – Hagley sport - tbc
Mon 6 Jun	Queen's Birthday-school closed
Tues 21 Jun	9-10.30 Michael Mangan

Welcome back! It's hard to believe it has been over a month. The children have been fantastic and settled back in very well. As you will see below, soon we will even have drinking water.

As a school, we receive many notices regarding support services and systems that are available – emotional, financial, housing, etc. Please don't hesitate to check with us if you have any concerns. On the page opposite is an Update of Family Situation form. If you have changed your address or phone details or there are situations of which we should be aware or can help, please let us know.

Don't forget to join me for coffee after the Virtue Assembly on Monday morning. In the meantime, Kia Kaha.

Breaking News

We are a KidsCan school (www.kidscan.org.nz) and KidsCan have just confirmed that they have organised something very special for us. Tomorrow morning, 10.30-11.30 am, members of the All Blacks will visit our school.

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 9 Faithful

The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger abounding in love and faithfulness. Exodus 34:5-7
At New Brighton Catholic School we are faithful. Being faithful means being loyal and true in your words and actions towards others and towards God. No matter what happens, it is holding on to what you believe is important even when others challenge or put you down for your beliefs. Listen to your heart. It might mean starting out on a path and staying on it no matter how many times you stop or get distracted. Faith is needed when you have a belief in God that cannot be proven. If you are faithful to your belief in God, others can see your values in the way that you act. As you grow in your beliefs, you practise them as faithfully as you can.

Assembly

Unfortunately there will be no Friday assemblies until further notice. Our Virtue Assembly on Monday mornings will take place outside Rm 2&3 and you are more than welcome.

Welcome

This week we welcome Jorja Allen (and Melinda & Chris) to our school community. Jorja has joined Rm 5.



School Camps – Yr 6 and Yrs 7&8

Thank you to parents who replied to the camp survey. Due to many factors that affect the running of a camp, we will not be going ahead with either Wainui or Arthur's Pass camps on the alternative dates.

Drinking Water



Next week our children will be able to fill their drink bottles with fresh drinking water from our water tank. We'll let you know when.

This is the 30,000 litre tank being "wheeled" into school.

Swimming

Regrettably we won't be swimming in Term 2 because of QE11's closure.

Jerseys/Cardigans

Many jerseys/cardigans were shared out on 22 February to keep our children warm while waiting in the Domain. Can parents now please check that they have their child's jersey/cardigan and send unknown ones back to the school office so that we can return them with their owners. Many thanks.

Help – Supermarket Bags

We are desperate for supermarket plastic bags to line our rubbish bins. Please leave in the Office.

Activity Accounts

We will keep all accounts the same as sent to you in February. We will be trying to replace our swimming and senior school camps with alternatives later in the year.

The Earthquake

On the day of the earthquake I was on the mat and the class shook and wiggled. I didn't know it was an earthquake. Then the teacher said, "get under the table." I was scared. After that we ran into the Domain. I really didn't want to wait in the Domain. Everybody was sitting down eating their lunch and the teachers were seeing if everyone was there. Some kids' Mums came to pick them up. I had to wait because Mum couldn't come to see me. She was at work looking after the little kids. Dad could take me because he was right there with me so we went to Nana's house. On the way there was a lot of liquefaction and we had to go slow. Luckily we had a drink of juice and some food. Lots of people came to Nana's house to stay; now Nana's house is like a hotel.

Isabella Gray (Rm 6)

Give Us 5

A kind parent completed the *Give Us 5* form by ticking sports coaching, road patrol, gardening, painting, helping PTFA – but forgot to write their name. Who are you? We want you!

NZ Book Month

\$5off voucher

The organisers of NZ Book Month have given a \$5off voucher to each student to help them buy a book. The vouchers expire on 31 March.

Competition: Who's your reading super hero?

See the Library noticeboard for details.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

PFTA

Easter raffle

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Easter raffle this year but we look forward to running one later in the year.

BYO Picnic Tea

We're having a BYO picnic tea this Friday night and would love you to join us in the playground. This is a lovely opportunity for the school community to get together. Bring whatever you like to eat and drink – see you there! Friday, 25 March 2011 from 5:30pm
"One community learning together" and one community rising from the quake together.

Thanks for your continued support
Kellie Moore (383 5111) kellie@ascc.co.nz

Earthquake Recovery

Important Numbers

Council: 941 8999
Govt Helpline: 0800 779 997
EQC: 0800 326 243

North New Brighton-QE2 Hub

Contact Fletcher Construction (tel 341 9979) re emergency works/temporary repairs:

- Repairs to remove a safety hazard.
- Temporary repairs to make your house habitable; long term repairs can be considered.
- Make weather-tight.
- Make secure.
- Make sanitary.

Community Briefings - Saturday 26 March

9-10.30 am Brooklands Domain (Anfield St)
11-12.30 pm Parklands Reserve (Queenspark Dr)
1.30-3 pm Rawhiti domain (Keyes Rd)
3.30-5 pm South New Brighton Park (Jellicoe St)

On the Library noticeboard:

- Earthquake Recovery information

Please be assured that we are here to help and that the welfare of all our children is of paramount importance to us. All the information you share with us will be kept confidential but your child's teacher will be made aware of any relevant information.

Update of Family Situation following 22 February earthquake

Family Name: _____

Children and Room Numbers: _____

Are you currently able to live in your family home? Yes / No
If No – what is your current address:

Phone Numbers (only if changed):

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Emergency contact 1: _____

Emergency contact 2: _____

Is there anything about your family's well being or financial situation that you think we should know about?

Have there been any dramatic changes in your child's behaviour, eg anxiety, sleeplessness, bed wetting, moodiness, etc?

What can we do for you, eg access to various support agencies?

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