



## Newsletter 31 Tm 4: 24 November 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

### End of Year Activities

Due to time constraints we won't be having a full school fun activity on our Feast Day, but each area of the school will have an activity preceding 8 December.

- Wed 30 Nov - Yr 4 – Touch Tournament
- Thurs 1 Dec - 17 students at Canterbury Zones, Ashburton
- St Peter's School Yr 7&8 visiting
  - Students from Chertsey School visiting
  - 5.30pm Whanau Sausage Sizzle in school grounds with our kapa haka, choir and jump jam children performing. Everyone welcome.
- Fri 2 Dec - Mufti Day to support Surf Life Saving.
- 1.15pm Talent Quest run by the School Council. Gold coin to enter.
- Mon-Wed 5-7 Dec Yr 6 Camp – Arthur's Pass
- Tues 6 Dec - Rm 1 – Ice Skating
- Rm 5-8 – Chipmunks
  - Rm 3&4 – Castle Hill
  - 7pm BOT and PTFA Meetings at school
- Thurs 8 Dec Feast Day *Mary Immaculate*
- 9am Liturgy to thank Mary, our patron, for protecting our school this year. Everyone welcome
  - Lunch - PTFA providing a free sausage sizzle for the children.
  - 7pm Yr 8 Leavers' Dinner – school hall.
- Thurs 15 Dec - 2pm Yr 1-3 singing carols in the hall.
- 6pm Yr 4-8 final School Mass at St Mary's

### NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 6 T4: Patient

*Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.* Psalm 146  
At New Brighton Catholic School we are patient.

Patience is persevering, sticking with something for as long as it takes to finish it. It might not be an immediate result but a commitment to the future. Some things do take time and so you need to be patient to see the end results. Patience is setting goals for yourself and carrying them through to the end. Patience is seeing the end in the beginning – doing what you can and then calmly waiting. Trust in God can give you patience – a quiet hope that can get you through the hard times. Patience means waiting calmly for something. Today we begin thinking about the season of Advent. Advent means coming. We are waiting for the coming of Jesus into our hearts. The people of long ago also waited for the coming of the Messiah. Some were tempted and turned away from God. Most however waited patiently with loving and hopeful hearts.

**Assembly:** Rm 1 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk6 T4.

### End of Year Mass

Our final mass of thanksgiving and farewelling our Yr 8 pupils will take place on Thursday 15 December at 6 pm. Due to available space in the Parish Centre (now our church), this year this mass will be compulsory for Yr 4 to Yr 8 pupils. Obviously other pupils are welcome to sit with their families in the general congregation. Space will be limited.

### Gondolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Finn Tofilau whose aunt passed away recently.  
*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.*

## Welcome

We welcome Nathan Bull (Joshua and Jessica's brother). Nathan started school in Rm 8 today.



### Interns

We welcome four inspiring training teacher interns from the NZ Graduate School on section: Heather Targett (Rm 1), Marie Reed (Rm 2), Emma Cowell (Rm 4) and Rachael Komen (Rm 5).

### Year 7/8 Retreat

On Tuesday Yr 7/8 children went on a retreat held by the Catholic Mission Youth in our school hall. It lasted all day and made the class pretty excited. We had a lot of fun learning about the things we need in life. They started by introducing themselves to us: we had Tom, Jerad (Jed), Luana and Stella. The theme of the programme was our journey through life and what we want to leave behind and what we want to bring on that journey. We learned that you are always carrying a bag on your back, like a burden, but when you get rid of the bad stuff, the bag will get lighter. There are three important things we need in that bag: a cellphone (prayer), a map (bible), and water (the 7 sacraments). If you live with these, your bag will stay light. We also learned a good way to pray: TSP (like teaspoon in a recipe) which means always say *thanks*, *sorry* and *please* to God. We played lots of games and all of them were fun. We were split into three groups for most of the day and we went on a journey through life's maze, into our baggage and filled out little booklets about good things and bad things in our lives and our future goals. We learned that even if it doesn't feel like it, God is always with us. We finished the day with a liturgy and we left on a high. Thank you all for a great day.

*Charlotte Taurima, Decs Shea, Milan Johnston*

### Mufti Day – Friday 2 December

Support your local Surf Life Saving Clubs by dressing up in red and yellow. Gold coin donation to be collected at the gate. It's National Jandal Day – but for health and safety reasons, please don't wear jandals.  
*The School Council*

### Rm 3 Cricket

Yesterday, Rm 3 took part in a non-stop cricket tournament in Rawhiti Domain, against Freeville School and North New Brighton School, organised by Kiwisport coordinator, Mitch.



The weather was overcast but we didn't let that dampen our spirits.

### Storm Birds

The Storm Birds programme involving 11 pupils was completed on Tuesday. We thank the facilitator, Karen Payne (a seconded principal from Hokitika), and parents for attending the last session

## Rm 2 First Aid

Yesterday Jessica from St Johns came to Rm 2 to teach us when to call the ambulance and CPR. We practised answering questions from the emergency operator, why to call an ambulance, and being sent for help. We learnt to put someone in the recovery position and practised this a few times to make sure our patient was comfortable. Once we had all got that, Jessica was happy. We learnt how to perform CPR on a plastic doll. It was quite hard to do the compressions and breathe into the dummy. You had to remember to hold the head back so that the neck was straight. After everyone had done five sets of 30 compressions and 2 breathes, Jessica got us together again to go over what we had just learnt.

- D – Danger
- R – Response
- S – Send for help
- A – Airways
- B – Breathing
- C – CPR



Olivia thanked Jessica for coming and Jessica gave us all a Safe Kids bag to take home.

*Addison Eleftheriou and Pawel Gall*

## Swimming

We have been looking at many options for our pupils for swimming since QE11 has been out of action but all avenues for this year are unavailable to us. So I can now say with certainty that we will not be having swimming lessons in 2011. But lessons are presently being organised for 2012. I am aware that many of you have paid for these lessons in your activity accounts. For those not returning in 2012, you will be refunded. For returning pupils, this amount will be shown as a credit on your 2012 Activity Account in February. Any queries regarding this, please see Mary or Deb.

## Rotary Club School Honour Roll Awards

On Tuesday Mischa and I were invited to the Rotary Club School Honour Roll Awards Dinner at the Garden Hotel Restaurant. Unfortunately, Mischa was unable to attend. The night was fantastic. We had a buffet dinner with all the Rotary Club members. Our speaker was Jason Pemberton (one of the Student Volunteer Army leaders) and he was really funny. He talked about how important it was not to let people say *no* to you when you want to do something good - to keep on trying. When Sam started the Student Volunteer Army, many people said he couldn't help because he didn't have the skills or experience to do so, or to organise so many people. In the end, after talking to all the people involved in the clean up after the earthquakes, and being told *no* so many times, he just got on and did it and did a great job too! Hon. Lianne Dalziel MP handed out our certificates and we had a photo taken with her. The night was very successful and I had a very good time. Thank you to everyone involved. *Josh Denley* (Rm 1)

## Have Your Say! Green Paper on Vulnerable Children

Lots of good information on the Commission for Children's website and the MSD website. People can give feedback or submissions:

[www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz](http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz),

[www.facebook.com/greenpaperonchildren](http://www.facebook.com/greenpaperonchildren) or mailing to Green Paper on Vulnerable Children, PO Box 1556, Wellington 6140.

Have your say by answering the questionnaire at the link below.

- Answer **nine key questions** from the Green Paper.
- Detailed response: **all the questions** raised in the Green Paper.

**Review of the Family Court:** Have you been involved in Family Court proceedings or sought advice from a lawyer about a family dispute? Your views are sought by answering the questionnaire at: <http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/justice-system-improvements/family-court-review/online-questionnaire-for-court-users>

## Parent Inc. Hot Tip: Working with different personalities

Does your family have any of those arguments that just keep happening? You can improve the outcome with these never-ending dramas by examining the personality dynamics at play. As parents we sometimes miss the obvious – if your children fight every day when they get home from school, perhaps the extrovert isn't respecting the introvert's need for some quiet time? Or maybe you struggle to be patient with a cautious decision-maker when the queue at the ice-cream counter stretches out behind you? Show your children how to understand and appreciate each other's personality quirks. We get better results from working with the grain than against it.

## Text Messages

Stay up to date with NBC activities. You don't need a twitter account to register for NBC's text messages and it doesn't cost you anything. Just text **Follow NBCSchool** to 8987 and you will automatically receive text alerts!

Please note: *follow NBCschool* is not case sensitive and there is no space between NBC and School.

Please ignore reply message saying "TIP: Want to tweet?"

*God Bless  
Deb Daines  
Principal*

## 2012 Term Dates

<b>Term 1:</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 February</b>	<b>- Thursday 5 April</b>
<b>Term 2:</b>	<b>Monday 23 April</b>	<b>- Friday 29 June</b>
<b>Term 3:</b>	<b>Monday 16 July</b>	<b>- Friday 28 September</b>
<b>Term 4:</b>	<b>Monday 15 October</b>	<b>- Tuesday 18 December</b>

## School Community

### Congratulations

Hamish Clark graded last night and earned his yellow tips at Tae Kwon Do.

At the South Island Surfing Contest at North NB Beach last weekend Bella Wilson was 1st in the U12 and Dara O'Malley was a finalist.

## Community

### On the Library noticeboard:

- Roger Sutton's weekly update
- Cyber Safety Session with Brett Lee – Friday 25 November
- NB Christmas Parade – 3 December
- Wise-Up/ACES courses for children to learn coping skills
- Missing cat
- Open Day – Cholmondeley – 27 November

## PTFA

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

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6 December at 7 pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

**Suggestions:** Do you have a suggestion as to where you see a need for the kids? We would love to hear it! Place your ideas in our *PTFA Suggestion* box in the office. We will raise them at the following PTFA Meetings. Include your name so we can get back to you personally.

## School Lunches - Thursday 1 December: Sushi

Order forms in the Library. Orders and correct money in the blue tin by 9 am Wednesday, please.

Thank you for your continued help and support  
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