



## Newsletter 21

Term 3: 25 August 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

### Important Dates

Thurs 8 Sept	11.30 am School Mass
Fri 9 Sept	Catholic Schools Tournament
Tues 13 Sept	Transitional Parents
Thurs 15 Sept	Music Festival Rehearsal
Wed 28 Sept	Rm 3&4 Ferrymead
Thurs 29 Sept	Rm 1&2 Ferrymead
Fri 30 Sept	School Disco

**BOT Meetings:** You are most welcome to attend BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 20 Sept, 1 Nov, 6 Dec

### NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 5 T3: Grateful / Whakawhetai

*Give thanks in all circumstances.* 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
At New Brighton Catholic School we are Grateful. To be grateful means to be thankful for the gifts we have. It is easy to grumble and complain about all the things you want and to forget to be grateful for the things that you have. When you are not grateful and content, you begin to feel sorry for yourself. The way to feel better is to begin thinking about all the good things God has given you. Instead of wishing for what you don't have, be grateful for all that you do have. Each of us is an individual, made in the image of God. Each of us is important and special to God. Because God loves us, God has given us many gifts – gifts of health, education, safety, friendship, faith and family. For all of these things we should be truly grateful.

*Dear God, I am grateful that I'm strong and healthy.*

*I'm thankful for my family and friends. Thank you for all the good things you give me. And thank you for loving me. Amen*

### Caring for Our Community

This week's virtue is *Caring for Others* and we looked at ways in which we can make active this virtue. For next week our students have come up with these fantastic ideas:

- Rm 1 Toddlers and parents afternoon tea and car wash (Wed)
- Rm 2 Visit the community gardens, wash staff cars, weed school gardens, *Promise to help* vouchers for neighbours (Wed)
- Rm 3 Baking for road workers on Keyes Road (Tuesday)
- Rm 4 Clean up Lonsdale Street
- Rm 5 Baking and cards for the local police (Friday)
- Rm 6 Make something to give out at church for Fathers Day
- Rm 7 Magnetic gratitude cards for our school families

For more information please see classroom teachers and if you are available to help that would be fantastic. We are a community and it is wonderful for your children to see you following our Virtues too. Thank you  
Megan Stewart (DRS)

### Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Romek and Pawel Gall and family. Romek and Pawel's grandmother passed away this week.

We also extend our sympathy to William Hughes and family. William's grandmother passed away recently.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Help – Please!

We need volunteers to help with road patrol on days when parents are away or unable to make it. Please see me to help keep our children safe while crossing the road. Thank you. Lorraine Lowe

## Welcome

We welcome Jazmyne Lyth (and Karena & Ben) to our school community and Lucas Black (Katie and Jessica's brother) and Thomas Robertson (Lily's brother).



Jazmyne, Lucas and Thomas have started school in Rm 7

## Welcome

We successfully applied to the MOE's Interim Response Fund for earthquake assistance for a person to support our boys through physical activity in the playground and with classroom work. We welcome Finn Tofilau who has taken up this temporary position and thank the MOE for this grant.

**Assembly:** Rm 7 is the Assembly Class for Week 5 Term 3.

## Thank You – Duffy Books

Last week all our children each received a book from Duffy Books. They were presented by ex pupil, Alexis Vette. Many thanks to Duffy Books.



## Snow at NBC

The children had a great time in the snow last week. Those who had gumboots were able to play in the domain and enjoyed the change of environment.



## Room 1 Caring for Our Community

Wednesday 31 August from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm. Come along with your toddler for a free, fun-filled afternoon where the children of Rm 1 will feed you with yummy baking, have activities for your toddlers including games, crafts and face-painting, and even wash your car! Please ring the office or pop a note in by Monday to let us know if you are coming. We look forward to giving our time to you and to making your afternoon enjoyable.

Room 1

## Orion - Thank You for Keeping Us Warm this Winter!

As part of Joshua Bull's (Yr 4) NBC Footsteps Quest Challenge he decided to say thank you to Orion. So with help from family, school, other sponsors and the community he has made a giant hat and scarf covered in polka dots containing the best wishes of approx 2,500 Christchurch residents. On Thursday 1 September at 1pm he, along with NBC, will be making a presentation to the CEO of Orion. (If you would like to add your best wishes go to Rm 4 to get a dot.) Thank you. Check the poster on Rm 4's window for more info.

Thank you for all your great work this winter!  
Joshua Bull and Family

### Airport Trip

Unfortunately due to circumstances out of our control the planned trip to the airport tomorrow for our topic study in Rms 5,6 and 7 has been cancelled.

### Community Sports Coordinator

NBC, together with other schools in our area, used their MOE KiwiSport Grant to employ a Community Sports Coordinator for Rawhiti Community Sports Inc. Mitch Alcock has been appointed to the position to assist with PE, Kiwisport fundamentals, competitions and new sporting initiatives, such as creating links between our local schools.

**Lost:** School jersey, size 8, named *Alderson* (might be faded!)

On Friday 9 September, between 8-9 am, Classic Hits 97.7 FM are going to provide free coffee to parents (and staff) at the school gates for a quick *pick me up* before the day starts. Please join us.



*God Bless*  
*Deb Daines*  
*Principal*

### Parish Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Sunday.

#### Baptismal Preparation Programme

Thursday 1, 8 and 15 September 7-8 pm St Mary's Parish Centre.

Welcome Sunday – 4 September 10.30 am Mass

Baptism Sunday – 18 September 10.30 am Mass

**Attendance Dues:** Term 3's Attendance Dues are now due.

### Community

#### On the Library noticeboard:

- Lianne Dalziel MP Info Update No. 20
- Roger Sutton's weekly update

## School Community

### Contgratulations

**Neko Tohiariki and Tom Horton-Davey** were selected for the Canterbury Metropolitan Junior Rugby U-9 Western Zone Tournament Team. For the New Brighton Gold U9 Rugby Team, **Neko** won Player of the Year and **Jacob Horton-Davey** won Most Improved Player.

**Abby Jones and Charlotte Taurima** refereed the Christchurch Netball Centre U11 grade every Saturday, and last Saturday **Abby** received her Silver and Gold certificates for refereeing and **Charlotte** received her Silver certificate.

## PTFA

**PTFA:** Our aim is to unite the school community through social events and to fundraise for our school.

**Meeting:** Next PTFA meeting Tuesday, 30th August at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room, everyone is welcome.

### Wine Tasting and Quiz night - CANCELLED

Due to lack of interest this night has been cancelled. Our idea had been for a community event for the adults of the school community. We would love to hear your ideas about what kind of events you would like us to hold. Please feel free to email suggestions to me or come to the meeting next Thursday.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kellie Moore (383 5111) [kellie@ascc.co.nz](mailto:kellie@ascc.co.nz)

### Lunch – Thursday 1 September - \$2 Sausages

Order forms are in the Library. Please place your order and money in the blue lunch tin.

## Earthquake Recovery

### Red Cross – Alternative to City Sewage Grant

This grant is available for households that have, for at least 90 days, had to find alternatives to flushing their toilet at home. \$500 per household. We have forms in the Office or phone 0800 RED CROSS (0800 733276) or go to:

<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](http://www.landcheck.org.nz)

North New Brighton-QE2 Hub/Fletcher Construction for emergency work/weatherproofing/safety repairs 341 9979

## The Army Band at CBS PMI Chart by Room 4

Plus	Minus	Interesting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was fun because of the <i>What Now</i> presenters</li> <li>• Extra long morning tea (not working in the classroom).</li> <li>• Good music from the band</li> <li>• Being able to meet the characters</li> <li>• They did a Rarotonga dance</li> <li>• They travelled around the world</li> <li>• Good acting</li> <li>• <i>George</i> was funny</li> <li>• It looked like they were having fun</li> <li>• Children and adults both enjoyed it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sitting for too long</li> <li>• Not being able to touch the ball</li> <li>• Sitting at the front was too close – strained necks</li> <li>• Children on the bus were really loud</li> <li>• It was too loud sitting next to the speakers</li> <li>• Some men had no tops on</li> <li>• Johnny Depp was not Captain Jack Sparrow</li> <li>• It was a long ride on the bus</li> <li>• Camilla went missing</li> <li>• We had to wait because we arrived early.</li> <li>• We were tired after the show</li> <li>• The gorilla was scary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeing Miss Hurford</li> <li>• Brydie kicked the gorilla by accident</li> <li>• Gem was the one going off the stage the most</li> <li>• Gem could play the trumpet</li> <li>• It felt like the ground shook when they played</li> <li>• It was interesting how they travelled the world</li> <li>• The characters weren't real</li> <li>• Camilla found a boyfriend</li> <li>• We got to touch some of the characters</li> <li>• They climbed up Mt Everest</li> <li>• There were lots of costume changes</li> </ul>