



Newsletter 28 Term 4: 27 October 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Tues-Mon 25-31 Oct	Life Education
Sun 30 Oct	11.30 am PTFA's Spring Fete
Tues 1 Nov	1.30-2.30 Road Patrol Training BOT Meeting 7 pm – Meeting Room PTFA Meeting 7 pm – Staffroom
Wed 2 Nov	Athletics
Friday 4 Nov	Stormbirds 9.30-10.30 am
Tues 8 Nov	Road Patrol Training 1.30-2.30 pm
Wed 9 Nov	Stormbirds 1.30-2.30 pm Eastern Zones Athletics
Thurs 10 Nov	Staff-only Day
Fri 11 Nov	Show Day – school closed
Fri 18 Nov	Stormbirds 9.30-10.30 am
Tues 22 Nov	Stormbirds 9.30-10.30 am
Thurs 8 Dec	Feast Day Leavers' Dinner
Thurs 15 Dec	6 pm Mass

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 2 T4: Prayerful

Next week is also *All Saints* (1 Nov) and *All Souls* (2 Nov) when we remember our faith followers who are models for us today, and also all those family and friends who are now at their final resting place.

Congratulations

We congratulate our 18 pupils who made their First Reconciliation last night. This is an important part of their faith journey as they prepare now for their First Communion. Many thanks to Siobhan Rooney for her preparation of these children.

Assembly: Rm 5 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk2 T4.

AB's - You are the Champions

Congratulations to the All Blacks - what a big effort. We even changed our virtue this week to *Proud!* We are proud of who we are: New Zealanders, Catholics, NBC pupils and community.

WOW!

Thank you to The Canterbury Community Trust. We successfully applied for \$6394 to purchase eight Gen2 iPads for the school. Our ICT hardware (desktop and laptop computers, iPods and iPads) is used fully by pupils daily.

School Honour Roll Awards - The Rotary Club

Two senior children have been selected to receive this wonderful award for displaying good citizenship and leadership. Congratulations to Joshua Denley and Mischa Horton-Davey from Room 1. We are extremely proud of you!

Staff-Only Day

Our usual Staff-Only Day on the Thursday before Show Day will take place this year on 10 November.

Welcome

We welcome Jackson Frieson (and Adrienne & Daryl) and Holly Davey (and Marcia & Jeremy) to our School Community and we also welcome Joel Verry (Jay's brother), Francesca Tohiariki (Neko's sister) and Jasmine Barr-Williams (Holly & Jade's sister to school).



Jackson and Joel and Francesca, Jasmine and Holly who all started school in Rm 8 this week.

Life Education

The Life Education mobile classroom, with Anita (the teacher) and Harold the giraffe, is visiting to help our children learn about healthy living. The emphasis is *Nutrition* with every pupil receiving an activity booklet.

Yr 0-2 Harold's Picnic – We need variety for energy, and

Food for Energy – Humans need a balanced diet

Yr 3&4 Space Invaders – Sources of food and their effects on the body

Yr 5&6 Body Journey - Understanding the way food is processed and used by the body

Yr 7&8 Warrant of Fitness - Nutrition – Activity, Attitude, Appetite

Anita and Harold will be here for our fete on Sunday and the mobile classroom will be open.



Christchurch Music Festival

Last night was the first performance of the Music Festival at the CBS Arena and our Senior Choir who participated in the mass choir represented NBC with pride and excellence. The evening was a great success and our children were wonderful! It was very exciting being part of such a wonderful event. Well done to Amy, Jasmine, Mairenuí, Shakira, Olivia, Mikayla, Jessica, Alanta, Gabrielle, Imogen and Estelle who have been practising for months in their lunch hours. We are very proud of you all. *Lorraine Lowe*

Athletics/Tabloid Sports – Wednesday 2 November

All children need to bring a house-coloured t-shirt, shorts and gym shoes. Please ensure they also have sun block and a drink bottle clearly named. Please come to the Senior Athletics and Junior Tabloid Sports and have lunch with your child and watch the events.

Junior School Tabloid Sports: In the Domain from 1.30-2.40 pm. Children will be in house groups and will rotate around four activities, each lasting approx. 10 minutes, allowing time for movement and for water breaks. This will be a fun afternoon.
Nick, Julie, Nicole, and Sharee

Senior Athletics: Students over 8 years old will take part in the Senior Athletics at the Athletics Club in the Domain from 11.30 am-2.30 pm with lunch at 1 pm. We need helpers for judging, marshalling and helping with events. Please see me (or leave a message at the office). *Sam Harliwich (Rm 2)*

Rippa Rugby Tournament

At the end of Term 3 Rm 4 played in a Rippa Tournament organised by Mitch (Kiwisport Co-ordinator). We had two teams representing Georgia and Canada. Both teams did



exceptional well and we had a fantastic time. *Jo Christophers*

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due back to school, Friday 4 November, in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot. Thank you. *Jo Christophers*

Wow again!

Have you seen the new doors and windows in Rm 5&6? They're fabulous, letting in so much more light, and much safer than the old wooden windows that had moved in the quakes. Thank you to the PTFA for their huge contribution to the cost, balance by BOT funds. All up, and together with the replacement of the library's west windows and door, approx. \$18,000.

Still to be completed are painting, plumbing, and window dressings this year, and steps and landscaping next year.

With only 7½ weeks this term, pressure is on with many meetings this term which will impact on the educational future of Christchurch within the CERA planning that need to be urgently attended and addressed. If you wish to see me, please ring for an appointment.

God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal

Community

On the Library noticeboard:

- Youth Alive *Family Fun Night* 31 October
- *Brainwave* Reassurance, Recovery & Resilience evening
- Roger Sutton's weekly update
- Dove Fellowship for Women
- Dog Training for Kids
- Back on Bikes
- Community Information about sports facilities, earthquake assistance centre, Westpac Business and Community Hub, School of Gymnastics, Community Watch

PTFA

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 November at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Lunch - Thursday, 3 November: Sausage Sizzle \$2
Order forms available in the library. All orders and money in an envelope in the blue tin in the library by 9am Wednesday.

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

Our Spring Fete!

The time has arrived it's all happening on Sunday!

Sunday 30 October
starting at 11.30am till 2.30pm

We are extremely lucky to have been given a donation from Fonterra so we will be offering some free and discounted rides: free mini train rides, free balloon animals and \$2 mini jeep rides. Along with those, we will be having *Dunk the Teacher*, Pony Rides, *Bouncy Castle*, Temporary Spray Tattoos, *Face Painting*, Fingernail Painting, *Cupcake and Cookie Decorating*, Water Walkers, *Fire Engine*, Raffles, *Lucky Dip*, Mystery Bottles, *great Live Music* and ZM Black Thunders will be running a few games with giveaways.

Great Craft Stalls run by the kids (they have been busy) and also a few stalls from outside the school community.

Fancy something yummy to Eat and Drink?

You will be able to choose from Sausage Sizzle, Hot Chips, Cakes, Lollies, Candy Floss, Ice Creams, Hot and Cold Drinks. Or sit down, relax and enjoy our Tea and Cake Tables.

Baking for our Cake Stall...

By now every family should have received a plate and instructions for baking (if you have been missed, please see me). The kids will love getting involved. We need everyone's help to make this stall a great success!! We look forward to seeing all the awesome baking on display!

Drop off times for your baking:

- After school tomorrow outside Rm 7 to Sharmilla.
- Between 4-5 pm on Saturday to Megan at 127 Lonsdale Street.
- Before 11.15 am on Sunday to the Baking Stall.

We are getting excited and hope you are also!

It's going to be a fantastic day - come along and enjoy all the fun!

We deserve it!!!!