

Newsletter 11

Term Two: 29 April 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 30 Apr	1.15 pm Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Mon 3 May	1.15 pm Dancing with Stars
Tues 4 May	11.30 am Cross Country – Eastern Zones Yr 5/6 Basketball - Cowles Stadium 3.45 pm 7.30 pm PCT Presentation Written Language Yr 7/8 Basketball - Cowles Stadium 3.45 pm
Thurs 6 May	1.15 pm Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Mon 10 May	1.15 pm Dancing with Stars
Fri 14 May	11 am Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence pm Winter Sport at Hagley starts – Rm 1-3 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Mon 17 May	1.15 pm Dancing with Stars
Wed 19 May	Catholic Schools Day 10am Cathedral Mass: House Leaders
Fri 21 May	11 am Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup
Tues 25 May	ICAS Computer Skills
Wed 26 May	Storylines Festival Jungle Bungle 1.30 pm
Tues 1 Jun	Young Leaders Day – Yr 8
Mon 7 Jun	Queen's Birthday
Wed 9 Jun	ICAS Science
Fri 18 Jun	D&A Folders home
22 Jun	ICAS Spelling and Writing 7 pm BOT meeting
Tues 29 Jun	1 pm CSO Big Bang Concert Yr 3-8
Fri 2 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends



NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 3: Loving (1)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Corinthians 13:3-5

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Loving. Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them and wanting to share with them. Love is that special feeling that fills your heart. Loving people means treating them with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. You can show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act or a hug.

Love is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and caring about what they feel. It is accepting them just as they are. You can even be loving to strangers, just by caring what happens to them and sending loving thoughts. Love is treating other people just as you would like them to treat you – with care and respect.

Assembly Class

Room 8 is hosting assembly next week.

Prayer Bags

Classroom Prayer Bags go home each Thursday and need to be checked and returned on the following Wednesday. This shows a parent/school partnership and commitment to our Catholic Character. Thank you.

Jo De Bono, DRS

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Lillie-Beth Casserley and her family. Lillie-Beth's great grandmother 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.

Congratulations

Lily-Ana Donaldson has a new baby sister, Marie Eve, and Annie O'Neill has a new baby brother, Louie.

Found

A white lasagna dish left from the 2009 Yr 8 leavers' dinner. Probably belongs to a 2010 Yr 8 parent.

Basketball

Great basketball under Pina Lissaman's drive has had a resurgence at NBC.

Yr 5/6 play Tuesday after school at Cowles Stadium
Yr 7/8 play Thursday after school at Cowles Stadium
Thanks, Pina, for getting kids active.

Wow! It's a busy time

Besides the whole school swimming, our senior pupils are dancing with the stars; attending self defence classes; attending anti-bullying sessions; and playing basketball. On Friday 14 May winter sport at Hagley Park starts.

PTFA

School lunches are back!

Yes, next week we will begin offering Thursday school lunches again. Each week lunch will be either hamburgers, sushi, American hot dogs or Subway.

Next week: Hamburgers. Choose from chicken or beef, \$3.50.

Order forms will be available next week in the library. All orders and money in an envelope are due in the blue tin in the library by 9 am Wednesday mornings.

Easter Raffle Results

The final results are in and we made a total of \$5,700. A fantastic whole community effort. Thank you.

PTFA Coffee and Cake Get Together

We do need help with some specific community events and are having a PTFA Coffee and Cake get together on Monday 10 May after school - by the junior playground if fine or in the library if wet. There will be someone allocated to watch your kids play while you have coffee and cake and find out how you can help. See you there!

Thanks to everyone who came to our meeting on Tuesday. We will be in touch soon with more details about what is coming up.

Claire Uhrbom, PTFA Secretary

When Making Friends Doesn't Come Naturally

Social know-how comes easier to some children than others, but if your child seems to struggle with making friends there are things you can do to help.

Speak to other parents and invite their children around to play – your child will be more comfortable on his 'home turf'.

Make sure your child knows which facial expressions and comments attract others, and which push others away. Use toys or role play to teach that eye contact, a smile, and responding with a happy voice show others we are friendly and that we like them.

For teenagers, help them understand that friendship grows slowly, through shared experiences and growing trust.

Teach them to encourage others eg praising team mates for a good game.

The attached sheet has the Candidate Statements for the BOT election. This has also been sent to you with the voting papers. Please take 15 minutes to read and then vote for five Trustees.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

BOT

Tuesday's meeting began with

Contemplation – being united in prayer

Communion – being united with others

Mission – be active in the mission of Christ

- The 2009 Audited Accounts were approved. These are public record, as are the BOT minutes, and are always available at the office for you to view.
- The BOT approved the start of a strategic plan to incorporate *Mary Immaculate* (our original school name) into our school name.

BOT Election

There are five vacancies for parent representatives.

Voting papers have been sent to you and we encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say on the formation of your Board of Trustees.

Seven nominations have been received:

Vanessa Baker, Monty McKeefry, Sonia McManus, Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry, Allan Smith*,

Alister Stevenson*, Kate Taurima,

*Re-standing

The BOT's subcommittees (Finance: Property, Health and Safety; Self Review; Catholic Character) are filled by your elected parent representatives, please consider this in your voting.

The four Proprietor's Representatives on the BOT are appointed by the Bishop to oversee the Catholic Character of the school.

PCT Forum

7.30 pm Tuesday 4 May Parish Centre

Doors open at 7.15 pm for a cup of tea.

Written Language: how and what our children are learning.

This will be presented by Jo De Bono.

Any questions you may have will be answered by Deb Daines. You can submit your questions on forms available in the school office. Supper will be provided.

PCT Committee

Sport Canterbury After School Care

373 5060

This is the number to ring for absences and enquiries.

Community

St Bede's: Open Day -Wednesday 5 May 9 am-2 pm

Information Evening 5 May 7.30 pm

Catholic Cathedral Open Night - 11 May from 6 pm

Marian College Pre-Enrolment

Families wishing to pre-enrol for 2012 onwards are encouraged to apply on the pre-enrolment forms on Marian's website

(www.mariancollege.school.nz) or ring Marian (385 8449).

Where there are more students in an enrolment category than places available – then the date order of receipt of pre-enrolment is the only criteria for student entry.

Entertainment Books \$65

To support Marian College rowing – ring Judith 388 3565

To support Marist netball – see Deb Daines

In the Office:

- Term 2 guide to community group programmes in Christchurch.
- SBS Marathon ... entry forms.

On the Library Noticeboard:

- Flax Weaving in the comfort of your own home
- SBS Chch Marathon, half, 10 km run and Kids Mara'fun
- Cracoft Caverns Visit – fully booked
- St Faith's After School Programme - Wednesdays

Parish Mass Times

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

St Mary's Sunday 10.30 am

Morning tea after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sunday

St James' Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

Attendance Dues

Term 2's Attendance Dues are due tomorrow. Please save us the trouble of ringing you.

Have you visited our website yet?

www.newbrightoncatholic.school.nz

Candidate Profiles Election of FIVE (5) Trustees

BAKER, Vanessa

My name is Vanessa Baker. My partner Loren and I have a son, Reuben, who is six and a half years old and is in Room 6 at New Brighton Catholic School.

I am employed by the Canterbury District Health Board at Christchurch Hospital, where I have worked for fourteen years on a part time basis as a senior Registered Nurse in the Cardiology Day Unit. Responsibilities include providing holistic nursing care, leadership, management and education.

I have also recently been nominated and assigned to the role of OSH representative for the department, which involves formulating and reviewing health and safety guidelines, standards, procedures and practice. I would like to use these skills to review and enhance New Brighton Catholic School's Health & Safety policies and procedures.

As well as working at the Canterbury District Health Board, I also commission portraits, weddings and other special occasions.

Travelling has always been important to me and I have enjoyed living and working overseas, visiting many different countries. Other interests include music, dancing, biking and swimming. I really enjoy being a mum, as well as having a social and family orientated life.

I have a healthy work/life balance and with my professional skills and personal interest and involvement with the school, I believe I can make a valuable contribution to the Board of Trustees.

I have an open and friendly manner and can communicate effectively with a diverse variety of people.

I am committed to achieving what is in the best interests of the school and all who are involved in it.

MCKEEFRY, Monty

I am a 40-year-old father of 2 students (year 5&7) at New Brighton Catholic School. I am a well organised professional business owner running a marketing company within the building industry. I have a good knowledge of the building industry including council requirements.

Because of the experience I have gained throughout my career I am very well connected in the community. I have developed a large data base of various businesses that I have continued to work with throughout my career and I am still held in high regard by all those I have had dealings with. These connections would be helpful when looking to get work done around the school, and looking for funding, etc.

I have a strong Catholic background and schooling and believe the Catholic education is of high quality. My great uncle was the first and only Cardinal of New Zealand.

Interests include most sports, I am currently managing my son's rugby team. I am also interested in the arts and local community activities and am culturally aware. I am a great communicator at all levels with a warm and approachable personality, which allows me to develop and maintain strong, lasting relationships. I am energetic and motivated and I feel that I would be great asset to the board.

MCMANUS, Sonia

I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for the BOT due to my expertise in project management, communications and relationships as well as self review and governance. My experience in project management has arisen through my past roles in risk management and succession planning in a number of industry sectors. I was employed in the position of senior engineering geologist in three organisations which involved considerable degree of self management, staff management and team relationship building and communication development. I was awarded my doctorate specialising in resilient organisations and have since applied my skills in developing resilience and business continuity in organisations in several industries. In all of the positions I have held, I have been expected to engage in self review processes and ensure excellence in team communications. I feel that these skills support my application towards election to the BOT!

I am a skilled listener and also believe that actions speak louder than words. I aim to get things done with as little fuss as possible. While I believe I am diplomatic, I am also comfortable in speaking my mind. I am presently engaged in developing my own business and believe the skills that this brings to my application are also important. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community and build resilience and excellence from the inside out.

RYAN-VERRY, Lee-Ann

Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry MBA, BA (Ngai Tahu)

In considering standing for the Board of Trustee I gave the position a lot of thought. The person needs to understand governance and be committed to learning about new educational policies. The person must be someone who can contribute to ensuring New Brighton Catholic students are given the best possible learning opportunities and environment. As a parent representative it is important to know when to seek feedback from parents about critical information.

I am currently the secretary of the PCT group, established in 2009 to enhance communication in the school. The board must ensure the school is reporting and communicating information to parents in a manner that is easily understood.

The bulk of my experience is in the not for profit sector. I currently sit on two Local Management Groups for Strengthening Families and work with the Management teams of many of the Social Service providers in Canterbury, in my role as Funding Advisor for the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) -Family and Community Services. I also have experience in the private sector and I am currently a Director of a Technology Company.

In the past I have sat on various committees including the Canterbury Ethics Committee (monitoring all Health Research in Canterbury) and was the Manager of Health and Social Services for Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

My current part-time position at MSD provides an understanding of government policy and how to interpret these documents. I also have a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA), giving a sound understanding for business & financial management.

I have two boys, Jay aged 7 years (currently attending NBC, yr 3) and Joel aged 3. My husband Grant and I are committed to New Brighton Catholic and the Catholic faith. Values taught within the school and church will support our children throughout their lives.

As parents we place our trust in the Staff and the Board to ensure they are informed and capable of making good decisions. I recently attended the Ministry of Education's workshop about National Standards. It highlighted the next three years will see significant changes in our schools, with the new curriculum and national standards. It will be both exciting and challenging times for the Trustees. I believe as an elected parent representative I can ensure NBC develops as a school that provides the very best opportunity for our children's success.

SMITH, Allan

I have currently been on the B.O.T for the last year & now have an understanding of how the system works. I am the director of two companies which I am employed in. My family and I very much enjoy the school community and are currently shifting into the New Brighton area.

STEVENSON, Alister

I have been on the board for the past 6 years and have enjoyed my role in providing governance for the school community. We presently have one child at the school but over the period I have served on the board we have had two children involved at the school. My background and employment (26 years) is in accountancy where I am a co director of a large farm accountancy practice servicing clients from all around New Zealand.

TAURIMA, Kate

Hi, I am currently the Chairperson of our school's PTFA, this is my second year in this role, previously I served as secretary. I have been involved with committees since I was 19 and have usually held the role of either Treasurer, Secretary or Chairperson.

I work for Spicers Portfolio Management which is in the financial markets. While it is not an easy industry to work in currently, things are getting better. My role at Spicers is Administrative where I support two financial advisors and their many clients. I love my job and I will be taking up some study in the future to further my career in financial advice.

I have three beautiful children at NBC, Charlotte in year 7, Grace in year 5 and Tommy in year 4. My children are also busy currently with their winter sports, Netball and Rugby, the girls also do dancing. My husband Darryl is also involved a lot with the school, he also coaches an under 9 New Brighton Rugby Team and is on the Junior Rugby Committee.

Being a busy Mum, like some many others, I enjoy working with others especially for the benefit of the community and this is why I am putting my name forward as a candidate for our Board of Trustees.

I look forward to being a part of New Brighton Catholic's Board.