



# Newsletter 26

## Term 3: 22 September 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

### Important Dates

Fri 30 Sept	School Disco
Mon 3 Oct	10 am Grandparents morning – Rm 5-7
Tues 4 Oct	2 pm Transition Group
Wed 5 Oct	Secondhand uniform sale–before/after school
Fri 7 Oct	Mufti Day – Rugby World Cup theme 2.45 pm Term 3 ends 8.45 am Term 4 starts
Tues 25 Oct	8.45 am Term 4 starts
Tues-Mon 25-31 Oct	Life Education
Sun 30 Oct	PTFA's Spring Fete
Wed/Thurs 26/27 Oct	School Photos
Wed 2 Nov	Athletics

**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 10 T3:

#### Respectful of Others/Aroha Atu

*I am thankful for the gift of respect. It helps me to handle life with care.* Unknown

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Respectful of Others. Sir Peter Blake, a very successful skipper who won numerous races and awards, was known for the way he treated his crew even in difficult conditions. According to a crewman, he never gave a direct order without *please* and *thank you*. When making decisions, he respected what his crew thought, asking for their opinions.. Tragically, Sir Peter was killed in 2001 by bandits while trying to protect his crew. A great leader known for courtesy and honouring of others, Sir Peter was a man of respect, who earned much respect.

**Assembly:** Rm 3 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk10 T3

### Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Megan Stewart and family. Megan's grandmother passed away this week. *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.*

### 2012 Planning

Thank you to the parents who have indicated their intentions. While we understand that many of you are unsure of decisions yet and are looking at options, I need an indicative roll to begin 2012 planning. So if you are planning a move (or even just thinking about it!), I would really appreciate you popping in to see me, phoning or emailing me. As you know from the media, staffing and school rolls are linked and if I can get as clear a picture as possible of next year, it will lessen the stress of staff and their job security.

### Mufti Day – Friday 7 October

It's a Rugby World Cup theme. Which country do you support? Come dressed in their colours – facepaint is allowed. Gold coin donation, please, for the RNDM's (our Founding Order) missions.

*Abby Jones (School Council)*

### Duffy Role Model Assembly

The children were engaged and excited when Rhubarb and Avonhead Rotary visited yesterday. Pete and Mary got everyone involved with re-tellings of classic fairy stories with their own twists. Pawel and



Dominic made wonderful ugly sisters and Sam Harliwich channelled her inner wolf with a devious performance.



*Nick Gray*

*Apparently the fairy godmother was gorgeous. But alas no photo, Nick! Ed.*

This morning we received this wonderful email:

Kia ora! Thank you for having us at your school. What a school! We have never been in a school where the kids got up out of their seats to dance...and were allowed to...that was the very best part...to be in a school where children had the freedom to express their creativity and emotions. Wow! We loved the music, the fact the assembly had structure and of course the kids. Lucky kids to have you lot! Mary Kippenberger, Storyteller, Entertainer & Peter Charlton-Jones, author, musician, entertainer, composer  
<http://www.storylink.co.nz>

### Antarctic Centre

On Tuesday Rm 5-7 went to the Antarctic Centre. The trip was long but we got there. We had morning tea at the Antarctic Centre - yum! We saw the little blue penguins at feeding time. Alert - snowstorm! We are in the snowroom!



We watched a movie about Antarctica. Next we learnt a lot about Antarctica in a special learning room. On the way back we were tired and hungry. We were glad to get back but had a great trip. *Lilah O'Brien/Ella Harris (Rm 5)*

### Pots Wanted

If you have any old small terracotta pots at home that are no longer needed, please send them to Rm 6. Thank you. *Julie Casey*

### Secondhand Clothing – Summer Uniform Sale

The PTFA will sell secondhand uniform items next Wednesday, 5 October, before and after school, in Rm 8. A great opportunity to get your child's summer uniform ready for Term 4. If you wish to donate clothing, please drop off in the office.

### IBOT

The BOT focus group discussion regarding the Review and Audit of Emergency Procedures will meet tonight at 7 pm in the Meeting Room. *Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry/Vanessa Baker*

### School Disco - Tomorrow

Yr 1-4 5.30-6.30 pm

Yr 5-8 7.00-8.30 pm

We are having hot dogs, hot chips, lollies, glow sticks, soft drinks and flashlight rings. Entry: A gold coin donation  
Hope to see you all there. *The School Council*



Parents – please note: Yr 5-8 pupils are not to be in the school grounds milling around before 6.50 pm. This created a safety issue last time.

## Stormbirds Programme

We will have a *Stormbirds* facilitator at school in Term 4 to work with our children to help them understand and express their experiences of the earthquakes. This is a specific programme and spaces will be limited. Please contact the office if you feel your child would benefit from *Stormbirds*. There is a pamphlet in the office if you want to know more.

## Wednesday Wheel Day



Lots of skills were on show as Cheepskates brought some ramps for our budding boarders to shine on.

*Nick Gray*

## Parents Inc. Hot Tip: Boys and Heroes

Everyone with small boys knows of their deep fascination for superheroes, goodies, baddies, and the epic battles between them. As they get older these themes might not be so obvious in their play, but be assured that boys are searching for someone or something to inspire and challenge them in what it means to be a hero. Movies, stories, computer games and TV programmes are a part of boys' lives and will have a huge impact on their growing ideas about what to value. As parents, listen, watch, read and play with him, and make sure that the stories he absorbs are the right ones.

*God Bless  
Deb Daines  
Principal*

## Community

### Dove Fellowship for Women

A retreat day for all women to know how very much they are loved and cherished on Saturday 12 November 9.30am-8pm at St Christopher's Anglican Church. Theme: *Come to the Father's Heart*. [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz) or phone Janet 03 3594305.

### On the Library Noticeboard:

- UC Open Day programme
- PCU Softball Club – *Have a go*
- Roger Sutton's weekly update
- Girls Summer Football
- CCC Hearings re draft Central City Plan
- North Beach Tennis Club – Kiwi Coaching – 5-8 yr olds
- Parenting Week 2-9 October

## Earthquake Recovery

**Red Cross \$500 Grant – Were you without sewage for 90 days?** Forms in the Office or phone 0800 RED CROSS or go <http://www.redcrossgrants.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:	<a href="http://www.landcheck.org.nz">www.landcheck.org.nz</a>
North New Brighton-QE2 Hub/Fletcher Construction for emergency work/weatherproofing/safety repairs	341 9979

## Parish Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

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

**Attendance Dues:** To save me a phone call next week, please address all outstanding Term 3 Attendance Dues. Term 4's Attendance Dues are due by Week 2 unless paid by automatic payment.

## PTFA

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

**Next Meeting:** 7 pm Tuesday 4 October in the Staffroom and everyone is welcome.

**Disco - It's Tomorrow Night!!** Finger lights, Glow Sticks, Lollies, Hotchips and American hotdogs will be on sale. Parents are welcome to stay for a wine, beer, tea or coffee in Room 6.

### Text Alerts

Are you getting the School and PTFA text alerts? If not, make sure you sign up for them. You don't want to miss out on the important messages we are sending. If you are having any problems, please come and see me as I'm happy to help.

Text **Follow NBCSchool** to **8987** (*Note the space between Follow and NBCSchool*)

## Our Spring Fete!

**Sunday 30 October 11.30am - 2.30pm**

A great day to show the whole community what an amazing school we have.

Again *thank you, thank you* to all those families who kindly donated bottles for our Mystery Bottle Stall.

### Cake Stall

Next week your child will be bringing home details regarding our Cake Stall – please keep an eye out for it. We need everyone's help to make the day a great success!

### What's going to be available on the day...

Kids Craft Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Hot Chips, Candy Floss, Lucky Dips, Dunk the Teacher, Cupcake Decorating, Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Ice Creams and so much more.

### Facebook...

Check out

**New Brighton Catholic School Spring Fete Event Page.**

Click *Attending* then go ahead and invite all your family and friends - Spread the word.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=113644255405064>

If you would like to book a stall space (\$10 ea) - please contact me directly.

*It's going to be a fantastic day  
for the whole school community to enjoy - We deserve it!!!!*

Thank you for your continued help and support  
Melinda Ernst (382 8995) [melinda\\_ernst@yahoo.com](mailto:melinda_ernst@yahoo.com)

## Lunch – next Thursday, 4 October - Sushi

Choose from rice balls or sushi, both available in crispy teriyaki chicken or tuna.

Rice ball or 4 pieces sushi - \$3.50 : 6 pieces sushi - \$5

Order forms available in the library. All orders and money in an envelope in the blue tin in the library by 9am Wednesday.

