



Newsletter 19

Term Three: 4 August 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Mon 15 Aug	Staff-only Day Dr Tom Mulholland evening for parents
Thurs 18 Aug	9.15 am <i>Cybersafety Yr5-8</i>
Mon 22 Aug	10.30 am Army Band Concert - all
Wed 24 Aug	11 am Duffy's Book Bus Adventure Cantamaths Yr 7&8 3.30 & 4.45 pm
Fri 26 Aug	<i>PTFA's Quiz Night</i>
Tues 13 Sept	Transitional Parents
Thurs 15 Sept	Music Festival Rehearsal
Fri 9 Sept	<i>Catholic Schools Tournament</i>

BOT Meetings: You are most welcome to attend BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 9 Aug, 20 Sept, 1 Nov, 6 Dec

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 2 Term 3:

Aroha Atu / Respect for Property

Be content with what you have. Hebrews 13:5

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Respectful of Property. In the beginning there was nothing – no people, no animals, no oceans, no planets, nothing except God. So God decided to create the universe and to fill it with things good and beautiful. He created animals and plants, land and water, man and woman and although we are only a small part of this amazing world, we are a very important part of His creation.

Showing respect for property is looking after everything that is in God's creation as well as all the other things that we have. This means taking care of our bikes, our bedrooms and our classrooms. Respecting property is caring about our school environment. When you respect other people's property then they are more likely to respect yours. When we live respectfully we are rejoicing in God's creation and opening ourselves to God's grace.

Father, by Your mighty power You have created everything from nothing. But in our weakness we have reduced some things to nothing. Forgive us for our past destruction and give us a new appreciation for all of Your creation. Amen

Assembly: Rm 4 is the Assembly Class for Week 2 Term 3.

Home Learning - Footsteps Quest Challenge

Yesterday a letter was sent home with all Yr 3-8 pupils outlining the new Home Learning programme. Hopefully you will have received this! Please read through and discuss with your child. If your child wishes to participate, then return the completed back page as soon as possible please (preferably this week) so that your child has enough time to complete at least half the tasks. We will give your child a copy of the challenge booklet when we receive the completed form. Thank you. *Lorraine Lowe*

Thank You

Today each of our pupils was given a box of Toy Story Lego to take home. The Salvation Army and Lego generously donated these as they wanted to bring some joy into the lives of children in these trying times.

Found

A black Samsung cell phone was found in the playground - obviously not a pupil's as it would have been in the office!

Cell Phones

In an evacuation pupils will not be allowed to stop and go to their bags for cell phones. Our Cell Phone procedure remains the same - pupils are to leave their cell phones at the office.

Welcome

We welcome Olivia Clarke (Tom and Hamish's sister) to school.



We also welcome Archie-Ray Thompson (and Sharmila and James) to our school community.



Archie-Ray and Olivia started in Rm 7 this week.

Bonjour!

In Years 7 & 8 (*Sept et Huit*) we interchange between French and Singing every Friday morning. We learn French with Mrs Lowe and Singing with Miss Oorschot.

In French, we have learned lots about the language and culture.

We can now say some greetings (*bonjour, salut, au revoir*), numbers (*un, deux, trois, quatre ...*), colours (*rouge, vert, bleu*), names of animals such as *chien* or *chat*, and we can name items we use in class like *un stylo, une gomme, la table, une trousse*.

We are also able to talk a little about our families: *ma soeur, mon frere*. We can ask someone their name; tell someone our own names; ask what age people are; and give our own ages.

In singing we have been learning to compose music. To do this we have had to learn the names of notes, how many beats notes can last for, how to keep the beat, and to draw each note. We also had to explore different genres of music and share our favourite songs. It is a lot of fun. *Au revoir! Charlotte & Milan (Rm 1)*

Healthy Thinking

On Monday evening, 15 August, there will be a community evening with Dr Tom Mulholland on the topic *Healthy Thinking Communities* and we are making it free to our school community.

Healthy Thinking has an impact on reducing stress, fostering improved relationships and building a positive work, school, community culture. For further information visit www.healthythinking.biz/who-is-dr-tom.html or see me.

Our school staff will participate in a daytime seminar with Dr Mulholland on *De-stress – Take Control – Move Forward with Healthy Thinking* on Monday 15 August, our staff-only day.

Remember to diary this day – 15 August. As the venue will be on the west side of town, I will put on a bus, if the demand is high for transport, for the first 40 people. To register your attendance and/or reserve your seat, please ring or email the office.

Welcome back. Term 3 already! Don't forget that children need their jackets and jerseys/cardigans in this cold weather – and especially if we need to evacuate.

Thank you to parents who returned the feedback form on the Interim Progress Report. Decisions will be made soon on our end of year reporting format. There's still time to voice your opinion of the format – by next Thursday please.

God Bless

Deb Daines

Principal

Going home today:

- Toy Story Lego
- PTFA's Cook Book flyer

School Community

Congratulations

At the Nelson TOTS Gymnastics competition Holly Barr-Williams came 1st beam, 2nd floor, 2nd vault and 3rd overall and at the CSG Classics competition she came 1st floor, 2nd beam, 2nd vault, 2nd bars and 2nd overall.

Save those Memories

With the damage from earthquakes to homes a lot of people have had memories on video, photos, etc. damaged or exposed to moisture and dirt risking the loss of them. Get them cleaned and put on DVD. Daryl Taurima 0220933406 taurima@xtra.co.nz

Parish Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

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

Attendance Dues

Term 3's Attendance Dues are now due.

Mercy Outreach

Because of the earthquake, financial resources have become available to us. If you know of anyone who needs support please get in touch with us. You, or others you know, may need some assistance with food & provisions; firewood or power bills; blankets & hotties; warm clothes, etc. All enquires will be kept confidential. Please contact: Sr Helen Goggin (381 1115) or Sr Mary Wood (382 5583)

Community

In the Office:

- A guide to community group programmes in Chch – Term 3
- On the Library noticeboard:**
- Transfer your home videos to DVD; memory cards to disc
- Marching Canterbury
- Dog Training for Kids
- Clip n Climb/The Roxx Climbing Centre – Term 3 programmes
- CERA Weekly Update

Earthquake Recovery

On the Library noticeboard is this week's CERA update. Of particular interest might be the paragraph on the Temporary Accommodation Assistance Service. This is not income or asset tested! Check out

www.quakeaccommodation.govt.nz/apply-for-temporary-accommodation-assistance

We have a printed copy of the application form in the Office.

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

PTFA

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

Next Meeting: Next Tuesday, 30 August, at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

School Lunches Thursday 11 August: Sushi

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

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser: This Saturday - 6 August - Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead

Thanks to all our volunteers. We would love everyone else to turn up and buy a sausage. Tell all your friends and family.

Recipe Book Order Form: Going home today is a recipe book flyer. Orders in the Red Box in the Office by Friday 19 August please



Wine Tasting and Quiz night

Come to this fun Waipara wine tasting quiz night in the School Hall – test your knowledge and get together with the school community

**** Half case of wine for the winning table ****

* Spot Prizes * Raffles * Cash Bar available *

Nibbles provided



Get a team of ten together or let us team you up on the night!

Friday 26 August – hall doors open 7.30 pm, quiz begins 7.45 pm

Tickets \$15 pp – limited numbers

Tickets on sale after school outside the Library – 10-19 August

or see a PTFA member

or place your order in the Red Box in the Office – remember to write your child's name and room number and the number of tickets you require – don't forget to include the correct money!
