

Newsletter 5

Term One: 4 March 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 5 Mar	Transition Playgroup
Wed-Thurs 10-11 Mar	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Thurs 11 Mar	11.30 am School Mass
Fri 12 Mar	Transition Playgroup
Wed 17 Mar	11.30 am Duffy Role Model
Tues 23 Mar	Power of 1 Anti Bullying Show Y7/8
Wed 24 Mar	Choral Outreach 10.30-11.30am Y6-8
Fri 26 Mar	PTFA Fish & Chip Night
Thurs 1 April	2.45 pm Term 1 ends
Mon 19 Apr	8.45 am Term 2 starts
Mon-Fri 19-30 Apr	Swimming Lessons Rm 1-8
Wed 19 May	Catholic Schools Day 10am Cathedral Mass:House Leaders
Wed 26 May	<i>Jungle Bungle</i> 1.30 pm
Mon 7 Jun	Queen's Birthday
Fri 9 Jun	D&A Folders home
Fri 2 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends



NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 6: Reflectful

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often. John Henry Cardinal Newman

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Reflectful.

When we live reflectively we delight in the signs and wonders that appear in our lives - the family that surrounds us and loves us, our friends, the beaches, the mountains. Everything that God has created.

One person who lived a very reflective life was St. Grimonia. She lived in a forest for most of her life and although this was a very solitary life she was never alone. St Grimonia saw God in everything - the sky above, the sun and the clouds. She received much strength from thinking about the Word of God and from her awareness of God's presence.

By delighting in the signs and wonders in our lives we can live reflectively like St. Grimonia. Then we may experience a greater depth of faith, love and respect for the mysteries and wonders of life.

The Gospel reading from Matthew is *The Beatitudes*. We can reflect on the virtues that God asks us to practise.

Assembly Class

Room 4 is hosting assembly next week.

Teachers' Union Meeting – Change of Date

Last week we informed you that the NZEI Te Riu Roa would be holding a teachers' union meeting in March. NZEI has now informed the school that it is postponing the meeting until Term 2. **This means that 17 March is a normal school day.** NZEI has apologised to the school for any inconvenience caused.

Found

Handed in to the Office: paua dolphin bracelet, green smiley face key, Nintendo Track & Field, one gold hoop earring, pink sunhat.

Eastern Zones Swimming

Thank you to all the parents who helped with official duties, marshalling, support and transport. We had a very successful day, here are the results.

Freestyle

Finn Nicol	4th 10yr boys
Mischa Horton-Davey	4th 10yr girls
Jordan Carey	4th 11yr boys
Claudia Roberts	3rd 11yr girls
Keegan Fairless	3rd 12yr boys
Emily Cormack	3rd 12yr girls

Backstroke

Jordan Carey	1st 11yr boys
Jack Wilson	3rd 11yr boys
Keegan Fairless	1st 12yr boys
Jana Willoughby	2nd 12yr girls
Emily Cormack	3rd 12yr boys

Breaststroke

Corbin Haitana	3rd 10yr boys
Caitlin Fensom	2nd 12yr girls

Relays

9 yr relay	4th place
11 yr relay	2nd place
12 yr relay	3rd place

Jordan Carey, Caitlin Fensom, Jana Willoughby and Keegan Fairless will represent NBC at the Canterbury Primary School Swimming Sports on 25 March. Races start 9 am and the programme is expected to conclude at approximately 2 pm.

Thank You

Thank you to the families who donated cans for the people of Aitutaki. They wanted a photo of our school so here we are telling them how old the school is this year.



Remember our Jubilee is being celebrated Labour weekend. All enquiries to Anna Morgan, phone 388 4509.

What to Read?

There are many different types of reading material for your children to read besides books, eg magazines, comics, poetry books, newspapers, diaries, reference materials, atlases, road maps, instructions for games, cooking recipes, computer adventure games, letters, telephone books.

Continue to show an interest in what your child is reading and talk to them about their reading!

Jo De Bono

Special Education Needs

The Ministry of Education is calling for submissions from anyone on a review of special education needs. If you are interested, please see me. For details view www.minedu.govt.nz/ReviewOfSpecialEducation

Jo De Bono

Habits of Mind:

Listening with Understanding and Empathy

If there is any secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from his angle as well as from your own. Henry Ford

We spend about 55% of our lives listening. People will often say they are listening when actually they are rehearsing in their heads what they will say when it's their turn to speak.

We need to teach our children the skills of listening:

paraphrasing, questioning, and taking turns at talking.

Highly effective people spend a great deal of time listening.

Some psychologists believe that the ability to listen to another person – to empathise with and to understand that person's point of view – is one of the highest forms of intelligent behaviour.

Listening this way does not mean we can't disagree with someone. Good listeners try to understand what other people are saying. In the end, they may disagree sharply, but because they have truly listened, they know exactly the nature of the disagreement.

What you can do at home:

- Ask your children to repeat what has been said to them, especially with instructions.
- Encourage your children to walk in other people's shoes – *How would you feel if that was you?*
- Feedback and feedforward – *I really liked how you worked on that? - What could you do to improve?*

Silent and listen are spelled using the same letters.

Board of Trustees Elections

There are five parent-elected positions on the Board, so we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider how they are going to participate in this year's BOT election.

For the continuing good governance of the School, it is necessary to have trustees with perspectives, skills and experiences that they are able to contribute to this important work. There are three ways you can participate: Standing for election; Nominating someone for election; Voting in the election.

Please consider how you are going to participate. For those considering or intending to stand (or curious as to what it is all about) please contact Anna Morgan (BOT Chairperson) phone 388 4509 or email john.anna@xtra.co.nz

The Ministry of Education provides for training and support to all newly elected trustees.

If places on the Board of Trustees are not filled from the parent community, then co-option for governance of our school can come from the wider general community.

Healthy Eating

Late last year Coca-Cola Amatil and Fruco Beverages (Pepsi) agreed to stop directly selling full sugar soft drinks and energy drinks to NZ schools. This is the industry's commitment to addressing rising obesity levels.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Sport Canterbury After School Care

373 5060

This is the number to ring for absences and enquiries.

School Community

Congratulations

At the Canterbury Athletic Championships, Zoe van Eekelen was 1st overall Girls 9 plus 2 Canterbury sprint records and Zack van Eekelen was 3rd Boys 8 long jump and 6th 200m.

Lost

Blue Thomas trike with long handle. Left on Lonsdale Street after school on Friday 19 February. Any info please call Elizabeth 382 0964

PTFA Easter Raffle

Please remember to put your Easter Eggs in the basket in the library. Thanks for your support.

We still have 40 raffle books to sell - to reach our target of \$7000.00 profit we need all tickets sold, so please sell sell sell.

Remember there is a prize for the student who sells the most tickets!

Return the butt plus money in an envelope to the box in the office by 22 March. Prizes drawn at the Fish 'n Chip evening on Friday 26 March. If you have sold all your tickets please grab another book as every ticket sold helps. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to the office ASAP.

Only 2½ weeks left to go!

Look out for our PTFA helpers after school recruiting ticket sellers and selling sunscreen at \$5 a tube.

Parish

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 30 May 2010 in our parish. Preparation and participation is available for people from Yr 8. Please contact Sr Mary Wood, 382 5583, or Mrs Chris Stevenson, 383 5316, for further details.

Attendance Dues

Not all Term 1's Attendance Dues have been received. Have you paid?

Community

Marian College Open Evening

Thursday 18 March 2010 – 6.30-8 pm

St Thomas of Canterbury College Open Morning

Wednesday 24 March 9.30 am-12 noon.

Catholic Cathedral Open Night - 11 May from 6 pm

Hot Tips for Parents Seminar Wednesday March 10 at

7.30 pm in The Aurora Centre at Burnside High. Tickets \$15 p/p from Postie Plus stores. Information call 03 323 7196.

On the noticeboard outside the Library:

- Marian College Open Evening (flyers in the Office)
- Carters Kids Gone Fishin' - 14 March
- Meridian Kids Bike Jams – 21 March
- Federated Farmers Farm Day – 28 March
- Air Force Museum *Escape at the Museum* – 20 March
- Air Force Museum Survivor Holiday Programme
- Train the Brain Seminars
- Cheerleading
- New Brighton Water Festival Finale – 6 March
- NZSO Family Concerts