



Newsletter 23

Term Three: 5 August 2010

Kia Ora NBC Whanau

Important Dates

- Wed 11 Aug *Skateboard Day 12.45-1.15 pm*
Cantamaths
- Thurs 12 Aug *11.30 am Whole School Mass – The Assumption*
- Tues 17 Aug 9 am ICAS Maths
2 pm Transition Group
- Wed 18 Aug Snr Choir rehearsal at Christ's College 12.45 pm
- Fri 20 Aug Basic Facts Challenge in classes
- Tues 24 Aug *Rm2&3 Ferrymead 9 am-2.30 pm*
2 pm Transition Group
- Fri 27 Aug Basic Facts Challenge in Houses
School Disco
- Tues 31 Aug 2 pm Transition Group
- Tues 7 Sept 2 pm Transition Group
- Thurs 9 Sept *Read Aloud Rm 1-3 – 10.30 am dep.*
- Thurs 16 Sept Catholic Tournament (postponement 23/9)
- Fri 17 Sept Jump Rope for Heart 1.15 pm
- Tues 21 Sept Duffy Role Model Assembly
- Fri 24 Sept 2.45 pm Term 3 ends

BOT Meetings: You are welcome to attend: 7 pm in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 21 September, 19 October and 30 November.



NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 4: Joyful

A joyful heart is like the sunshine of God's love, the hope of eternal happiness. Mother Teresa

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Joyful.

Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through hard times, even when we are feeling sad. It is what causes us to delight in God's presence and to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. The joy we feel may be directly related to our satisfaction in helping others.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta worked tirelessly to help those in need. She found joy in the help that she was able to give to the poor and the needy. You practise being Joyful when you:

- Give thanks to God
- Look inside yourself for happiness
- Enjoy whatever you are doing
- Appreciate the gifts in your life and in others
- Have a good sense of humour
- Feel an inner peace even when things are tough

Condolences

The School Community extends its sympathy to Deb Daines and her family. Deb's cousin recently passed away.

We also extend our sympathy to Toby McManus and family.

Toby's great aunt passed away this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Feast of the Assumption

We celebrate that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the time her life on earth ended. Mary had a very special and unique relationship with God/Te Atua throughout her life because of her son, Jesus. The Gospel of this feast day tells how Elizabeth recognised Mary as the Mother of the Lord and said how blessed she was among women. The Feast of the Assumption is the perfect ending to the perfect life she lived in Christ.

School Mass

We will be having a Whole School Mass next Thursday 12 August at 11.30 am at the church. All are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

Hail Mary, full of grace

The Lord is with thee

Blessed are you among women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners now

And at the hour of death

Amen

Jo De Bono, DRS

Assembly Class

Rm 2 is the Assembly Class for Week 4.

School Disco

We are going to have a School Disco on Friday 27 August. Details next week. *The School Council*

2011 Enrolments

Is your preschooler enrolled for 2011? Check with Mary if you are not sure. Do you have friends or family who are thinking about sending their child to NBC? Ask them to ring the office to make an appointment to meet with me.

Hand-Held Sonar - Help Needed!

Children in the senior school who will be competing in the BP Technology Challenge in October would like some help! They want to build a little sonar device and were wondering if anyone in our community can help with this? Even if you know where we can buy the parts needed, it would be very helpful. If you have any help or advice, please see me in Rm 1 or ring me. Many thanks.

Lorraine Lowe

Newsletter Emailed

Several newsletters *bounced back* earlier this week from parents with @yahoo.com email addresses. Please let Mary know if you have a problem with emails. There are copies of the current newsletter in the Office and of course it is on our website.

Scholastic Book Club

All Book Club orders are due back to school tomorrow Friday 6 August in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot. *Jo Christophers*

McCains Veggie Patch

Please continue to bring in the barcodes from McCains Frozen Veggies. Remember to ask your extended family. *Jo Christophers*

Nits

They're back! Some would say – *they never left!* Please check your child's hair – and keep checking on a regular basis. We have had reports of nits in Rm 7.

Newsletter Deadlines

Written items for the newsletter need to be in the newsletter holder in the Office by Wednesday afternoon. Emailed items must be received at office@nbc.school.nz by 8.30 am Thursday mornings.

Spring Clean Swap Shop!

We are having a *Swap Shop* in the School hall on Sunday 12 September from 11.30 am until 3 pm to raise funds for our 2011 School camp. The idea is that for an entry fee of \$5 p/p, people can select any items they like from the clothes and accessories donated. A great way to freshen up your wardrobe for the spring season! Of course, we need the clothes and accessories! Now is a great time to spring clean your wardrobes and donate the clothes and accessories you no longer want to the School. The House Captains and School Council will sort the clothes and display them in the hall on Swap Shop Day. Please bring your donated clothes/accessories to Rm 1 before Friday 27 August. Many thanks. *Lorraine Lowe*

Skateboard Day – Wednesday 11 August

Children can bring their skateboards for a session at lunchtime 12.45-1.15 pm. Parents willing to help just need to come on down. *The School Council*

School Community

Congratulations

Holly Barr-Williams was 1st Beam, 2nd Vault and 2nd Overall in the Canterbury Gymnastics Championships last weekend.

Lost: School Jerseys

Please check to ensure your child is wearing his/her jersey/cardigan. (Missing jerseys are becoming a time-consuming problem for teachers.)

Jessica Bull – return to Rm 7

Liam Fort – return to Rm 6

Habits of the Mind: Creating, Imagining, Innovating

If the only tool you own is a hammer, then every problem begins to resemble a nail. A. Maslow

All human beings have the capacity to generate novel, clever or ingenious products, solutions, and techniques, but that capacity needs to be developed. No special artistic talents are needed, but persistence, resilience and questioning, to name a few intelligent behaviours are necessary.

Creative people try to conceive problem solutions differently, examining possibilities from many angles.

Creative people have cognitive flexibility and constantly strive for greater fluency, elaboration, novelty, perfection, harmony and balance.

What you can do at home:

- Encourage spontaneous ideas.
- Encourage *outside of the box* thinking.
- Make lists of possible and impossible holidays.
- Have discussions using wild imagination.
- Look at the usual in a different way.
- Draw fantastic pictures, inventions.

Even without success, creative people find joy in a job well done, learning for the sake of learning. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Community

On the Library Noticeboard:

- North Beach Tennis holiday programme & after school
- Parents Inc. Great kids need great parents – join a toolbox group.
- Frank Cowling Workshop – *teaching struggling readers*
- Gifted Education Centre after school class

PTFA

3D Movie Preview!

Join us for a sneak preview of *Despicable Me* in eye-popping 3D!

Where? We have booked a whole theatre at Readings Cinema, The Palms for 3.30 pm on

Sunday 19 September.

Just \$12/ticket, adults and children! Tickets are priced low so we can all go and just have fun! We do still need to cover costs, so please ask all your friends and family to come along and join us.

Look out for posters around the school in the next few days with more details.



School Lunches

Next week: Thursday 12 August - **Sushi**

Rice ball or sushi in crispy teriyaki chicken or tuna.

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

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

School Disco

The School Council is organising a disco for the children - a night of dancing, eating, drinking and glow sticks on 27 Aug in the school hall. The PTFA are organising the wine and cheese, coffee, tea and cake in the Parish Centre for the parents. Look out for posters around the school.

Next Meeting

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday 24 August at Anne-Marie's house, 21 Eastwood Drive at 7:30 pm. Please feel welcome to come along – we would love to see you!

Thanks, Claire Uhrbom, PTFA Secretary, 021 285 7359

Parish

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Parish Mass Times:

St Mary's	Sunday	10.30 am
Morning tea after Mass every 1 st & 3 rd Sunday		
St James'	Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm
	Sunday	9.00 am

Attendance Dues

Overdue notices were sent home last week. Please honour your commitment and keep your Attendance Dues payments up to date.