

Newsletter 12

Term Two: 6 May 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

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| Fri 7 May | 1.15 pm Yr 7&8 Girls Self Defence 2 pm Library – Transition Playgroup |
| Mon 10 May | 1.15 pm Dancing with Stars 2.30 pm Coffee and Cake with the PTFA |
| Wed 12 May | 7.30 pm PCT Annual General Meeting |
| 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 10 am Cathedral Mass: House Leaders 11 am NBC Open Day |
| 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 Canterbury Cross Country |
| 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 |



Jo De Bono DRS

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 4: Trustworthy

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Trustworthy.

Trustworthiness means that if you have made a vow or a promise, you try your very hardest to keep your word and follow through on that promise. It means that you stop and think before making that promise to make sure that it is something that you really want to do and that you can do it. Others know that if it is at all possible, you will do what you said you would do. They can rely on you. Trustworthy people are known for their determination, their reliability and their truthfulness. Jesus trusted the Apostles with continuing his work after he died. They kept their promise even though at times it became very difficult for them. A trustworthy person is the best friend anyone could have.

Assembly Class

Room 1 is hosting assembly next week.

Catholic Schools' Day 19 May *Be The Change*

This is a call to focus our attention on positively managing change in a time of significant challenges, eg environment, social, economic, war, world resources, technology. We need to be faithful to the Gospel and not stand still. On Thursday 19 May we will celebrate being a Catholic School and we extend a warm invitation to all family and friends to:

- 11:00 am Our morning programme with the children.
- 12:30 pm Sharing lunch with your children
- 1:20 pm Liturgy
- 1.30 pm Tabloid Sports

Congratulations

Our Yr 5/6 basketball team of Finn Nicol, Carl James, Shakira Fukofuka, Blair Stevenson, Romek Pawel and Jalen Nugent played the Freeville Jammers on Tuesday and won 16 - 6.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Shakira and Tobias Fukofuka and their family. Their great aunt 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.*

School Cross Country

The day turned out great for the school cross country. It was awesome to see parents out to support the school in this event. Children were dressed in house colours and Mrs Lowe even had her silly yellow glasses on! Results:

5 years

Girls: Lily Robertson, Jessica Bull, Alanna Curry
Boys: Jacob Horton-Davey, Lucca Hemmingway, Dara O'Malley

6 years

Girls: Astasia Ward, Ella Harris, Maisy Meier
Boys: Ra Eruera, Connor Smith, Parker Bradford

7 years

Girls: Brydie Shea, Emilie Carey, Rose Stephenson
Boys: Neko Tohiariki, Thomas Horton-Davey, Cole Ashby-Wright

8 years

Girls: Mollie Nicol, Alanta Righton-Alsford, Imogen Antel
Boys: Zack Van Eekelen, Fagan Gray, Salio Tafaeese

9 years

Girls: Laura Jones, Brianna Willoughby, Bella Wilson
Boys: Joshua Stockman, Liam O'Sullivan, James Kleiss

10 years

Girls: Zoe Van Eekelen, Claudia McKenzie, Tia Sutherland
Boys: Finn Nicol, Declan Shea, Sars Flood

11 Years

Girls: Milan Johnston, Abby Jones, Tayla Kleiss
Boys: Corbin Haitana, Jack Wilson, Fintan McKeefry

12 Years

Girls: Jess Galbraith, Jana Willoughby, Jaime Bolster
Boys: Tyson Gray, Harri Dickson-Gray, Keegan Fairless

Eastern Zones Cross Country

Congratulations to our 22 students who represented our school at the Eastern Zones. Well done on a successful event and thank you to those parents who helped out with transport, supervising and marshalling. We could not have done it without you.

Representing NBC at the Canterbury Cross Country will be:

Zoe Van Eekelen, Claudia McKenzie, Abby Jones, Laura Jones, Corbin Haitana, Jana Willoughby, Jess Galbraith, Finn Nicol and Harri Dickson-Gray. Reserves, Milan Johnston and Jack Wilson.

P1 Pickup

Children are released from their classes at 2.45 pm. Please allow time for them to collect their school bags and walk to the pickup zone. Children take time! Allow them five minutes. If your child is not at the pickup zone, you will be asked to move on. For safety reasons the teacher on duty cannot go and hurry your child.

2.50-3.00 pm is good timing for P1 zone

BOT Election

There is still time to vote. Voting closes tomorrow at 12 noon. Envelopes must be postmarked today, Thursday, if you are posting your voting paper or you can leave your voting paper in its envelope in the office counterslot. We will be couriering the envelopes to the returning officer at 12 noon.

CES have advised us that they cannot now provide late or replacement voting papers as there is no time to print them.

Thinking Skills: Fat & Skinny Questions

Asking good questions is really important to generate more understanding of the topic, characters in a book, points of view and making connections. We use more skinny questions for short answers. Try using fat questions more everyday and you will understand more how your child thinks.

Skinny Questions:

- Will get only one or two-word answers
- Yes and no questions
- Don't ask about important information
- Ask only about basic facts

Fat Questions:

- Will be answered with lots of information
- Get at the main ideas of the story or book
- May be about feelings
- Ask about opinions
- May be to clarify things you didn't understand in the reading
- Ask if any one has ever had similar experiences
- Make predictions
- Explain why or how
- Make connections or comparisons

Try These: *What if...? Why did...? How did...? What would happen if...? What caused...? What might...? How would you feel if...? What character traits describe...? Explain.... Why do you think...? Why is...?*

Parents Inc. Hot Tip **Staying Positive about Discipline**

Barbara Coloroso, in her book *Kids Are Worth It*, explains that discipline can be a positive experience for parent and child if two key features can be woven in: keep the child's dignity intact, and give life to their learning. Whenever discipline is called for, you want your child to learn something about the world so that they can get on more successfully, eg cats' tails are not for pulling, or, hurtful words damage relationships. Focus on the lesson to be learnt, and try to treat all involved with respect, and the lesson is much more likely to sink in.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Community

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

On the Library noticeboard:

- *What Now* Tiddlers Triathlon 6 & 7 years – 12 May
- Citizen Advice Bureau

Sport Canterbury After School Care

373 5060

This is the number to ring for absences and enquiries.

School Community Congratulations

Man of the Match for the NB U9 Yellow Rugby Team:
24 April - James Kleiss and 1 May - Zack Van Eekelen.

PTFA

Help

We still have 18 boxes of chocolates left over from last year's chocolate fundraising that we need to sell urgently. Is there anyone out there who can possibly sell a box or two, perhaps at their workplace? If you can help, please call into the office to collect as many boxes as you think you can sell!!

Coffee and Cake get together

We need help! No need to join the committee, sometimes we just need once-off help for our fun community events. We are having a Coffee and Cake get together on Monday, 10 May, from 2.30 pm (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!

School Lunches – Thursday 13 May: Sushi

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

Cost: a rice ball or 4 pieces sushi - \$3.50
6 pieces sushi - \$5

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

Claire Uhrbom, PTFA Secretary

PCT

Written Language Forum

The PCT Steering Group would like to thank all the people who attended this week's **Information Forum** on the written language. We had a great turn-out and the evening was very informative and enlightening. We will summarise the content of the Forum for those who could not attend in next week's school newsletter. A big thank you to Jo De Bono for her excellent presentation and to Deb Daines for answering all questions from the floor. Thank you also to Lee-Ann Ryan-Verry for a wonderful welcome speech and to Sr Martina for a beautiful blessing!

Annual General Meeting

We extend an open invitation to the school community to our PCT Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12 May at 7.30 pm in the School library. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Chair, Secretary and a newly created position of Liaison Officer. Anyone attending the AGM is eligible for election to these positions. If you are not interested in becoming an official title holder, but you would still like to be involved with the PCT, we welcome you to come along also. This year the PCT will be facilitating a number of information forums for the school and we value your input to make these forums even more successful. Remember, this group was created to provide a communications link between NBC and the wider school community for the benefit of all our children. Your contribution and support is vital. Come along and lend us your voice – we definitely want to hear your ideas.

Sonia McManus
Chairperson PCT