



Newsletter 6

Term One: 7 April 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Wed 13 Apr	12.15 pm Easter Liturgy
Fri 15 Apr	2.45 pm Term 1 ends
Thurs 12 May	Cross Country - tbc
Fri 27 May	Rm 1&2 – Hagley sport – tbc
Tues 31 May	7 pm BOT Meeting
Mon 6 Jun	Queen's Birthday-school closed
Tues 21 Jun	9-10.30 Michael Mangan

BOT Meetings: You are welcome to attend BOT meetings at 7 pm on Tuesday 31 May, 5 July, 9 August, 20 September, 1 November, 6 December

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 11: **Joyful**

Be joyful always. 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-17

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Joyful.

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of wellbeing. Joy is inside us all. It comes from a sense of being loved. It comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes from doing what we know is right. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through hard times, even when we are feeling very sad. Joyfulness means knowing that you are loved by God and free to enjoy life. It begins deep inside you and spills out to the people around you. Joy is more than just a feeling – it is a gift to be shared with others.

You are practising being Joyful when you:

- Give thanks to God.
- Look inside for happiness.
- Enjoy whatever you are doing.
- Appreciate the gifts in your life and in others.

Holy Week Re-enactment

Next Wednesday, 13 April, at 12:15 pm we will have a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week. But it will be weather-dependent. If fine, we will be by the Domain gate. A shared lunch with food that Jesus and His 12 apostles may have eaten will follow regardless of weather. (In classrooms if wet.)

Children won't need to bring lunch as we will provide everything. It would be great if your child could bring something to wear to look the part, eg dressing gowns, towels, tea towels and sheets make good costumes.

If you have a grape vine at home we would appreciate some grapes, please, on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you - Thank you – Thank you!!!

Many thanks to all those families in our community who donated food and clothing on Wednesday. We were able to give some of our families much appreciated supplies. We are trying to help as many of our families as we can and ask that if you are able, please donate next Wednesday.

Food is wonderful, however if anyone would like to donate cleaning products, toothpaste and brushes or anything else that would be appropriate, we would appreciate that as well.

Thank you very much.

Megan Stewart, DRS

What exciting happenings at NBC!



A visit by All Blacks, Richie McCaw and Steve Hanson. Many thanks to KidsCan.

Friday's Funday: bouncy castles, facepainting, jewellery making, clown.



Many thanks to Youth Alive.



Squirt the Clown's visit: a wonderful clown (and his incredible assistant!) who got us all laughing – ask your child.

Many thanks to Grace Vineyard.

Friday Winter Sport

We need people to help with our soccer, netball and rugby teams. Have a chat with me to find out what's involved. Many thanks. *Sam Harliwich*

School Uniform – Post Plus

PostPlus in New Brighton Mall is hoping to re-open very shortly. In the meantime Michelle, the NB Branch Manager, is at PostiePlus Northwood (tel. 323 5721). You can get our uniform there.

Australian Competitions

If you want your child/ren (Yr5+) to enter, please complete the form below. Form and correct money in an envelope marked *Australian Competitions* and posted in the counter slot by tomorrow, Friday 8 April. Late entries cannot be accepted.

Infrastructure Update

Water: We have fresh drinkable Kaiapoi water in our 33,000 litre tank near the office. All children are asked to ensure they bring their drink bottles every day – or, preferably, leave them at school. Children can fill their bottles at school.

Portaloos: Soon our sludge tank will be connected and operational. This will mean that the children can use their toilets with the sewage going into the sludge tank. It will be emptied regularly.

Church: We have confirmation the insurance quote for the church deconstruction is complete. The date hasn't been set yet but I will let you know as soon as it is confirmed. It might occur during the holidays.

Power: We will be doing our bit for power conservation. Our classroom-temperature will be set at the health recommended temperature of 18 deg. Please ensure your children have their jerseys/cardigans at school for warmth.

Seagulls

Seagulls soar over a gigantic washing-machine and land on soapy powder sand, before the tide washes in and out.

Seagulls are vacuum cleaners sucking up all they can swallow

Eww! This dust-bag has a hole in it! *Abby Jones (Rm 1)*

Basketball

Basketball starts again soon at Cowles Stadium - Yr 5&6 on Tuesdays and Yr 7&8 on Thursdays. The cost is \$30 per player which includes coaching sessions. Children need to register with me before next Wednesday. If you are interested in helping to manage a team and organise them while there, please see me.

Sam Harliwich

SunSmart! Sunbeds & Sun lamps - stay away!

These can produce UV radiation several times stronger than the summer midday sun! It increases your risk of skin cancer even more as you are adding to the UV your skin already receives, not to mention the ageing, wrinkling and other skin damage, It is particularly dangerous in adolescence and before age 35 yrs.

Don't forget we have access to and knowledge of many different services in this time of earthquake recovery, including visiting trained counselors. Please don't hesitate to ask – we can't help unless we are aware.

*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Community

Marian College Enrolments

Enrolments for 2012 close tomorrow, Friday 8 April.

You can drop your child's application off at the Main Office of St Bede's (Marian staff are there).

St Thomas of Canterbury College Open Morning

Thursday 5 May 9am to 12 noon. Closing date for enrolments for 2012 is Friday 3 June 2011.

On the noticeboard outside the Library:

- Youth Alive Trust Club – and holiday programmes
- Woolston Rugby League
- Dunedin's Fishy Icons
- Be part of the audience – *What Now*

PFTA

School Lunches - Thursday 14 April

Sushi or Rice Ball

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

Kellie Moore (383 5111) kellie@ascc.co.nz

Earthquake Recovery

Important Numbers

Council: 941 8999
Govt Helpline: 0800 779 997
EQC: 0800 326 243

Sleep Disruption – MOE Advice

We have had several reports relating to students not sleeping properly. When children have been through something scary it's not unusual for their sleep patterns to be affected. Here are some helpful tips for you to share with your parents:

- Try and keep to the same sleep routine every day
- Establish a bed time routine that includes cuddle time
- Don't rush bedtime. Be prepared for it to take longer than usual
- If children don't want to sleep alone, that's okay. But make a plan for them to gradually return to their normal sleeping arrangements.
- If they have bad dreams comfort your child and explain that bad dreams are normal and that they will eventually go away.

Chemical Toilets

A parent has advised us.

Go to the CCC table at St Faith's Church Hall and get a number. Take it to the Linwood Centre on Smith St and pick up your chemical toilet. No waiting list.

North New Brighton-QE2 Hub

Contact Fletcher Construction (tel 341 9979) re emergency works/temporary repairs:

- Repairs to remove a safety hazard.
- Temporary repairs to make your house habitable; long term repairs can be considered.
- Make weather-tight.
- Make secure.
- Make sanitary.

Parish

Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Parish Mass Times:

St Mary's at St James - Sunday 10.30 am

Morning tea after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sunday

St James': Saturday 6.00 pm / Sunday 9.00 am

While we wait for St Mary's Church to be deconstructed, we are celebrating our 10.30 am Sunday Mass at St James. We will let you know when we can start using the Parish Centre.

Australian Competitions

Student Rm

Please tick the tests you wish your child to sit:

Maths	\$7.50
English	\$7.50
Science	\$7.50
Computer Skills	\$7.50
Spelling	\$9.50
Writing	\$17.50

Total amount enclosed: \$