



Newsletter 23

Term 3: 8 September 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Fri 9 Sept	8-9am Classic Hits 97.7 FM - coffee Catholic Sports Tournament
Thurs 15 Sept	Music Festival Rehearsal
Mon 19 Sept	Staff-Only Day
Tues 20 Sept	2 pm Transition Group
Tues 27 Sept	Rm 3&4 Ferrymead Rm 5/6/7 Antarctic Centre
Wed 28 Sept	11.30 am Duffy Role Model Assembly
Thurs 29 Sept	Rm 1&2 Ferrymead
Fri 30 Sept	School Disco

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

NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 7 T3: **Compassionate**

The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Exodus 34: 5-7

At New Brighton Catholic School we are Compassionate. We find many examples of compassion when we look at saints. St Vincent De Paul founded the Order of Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul to help poor and sick people. They worked in the streets and in hospitals and built homes for the poor, the sick, the aged, and abandoned children. Today this good work continues through the St Vincent De Paul charity.

Caritas Horn of Africa Appeal

As a result of every positive thought, every prayer, every action, every donation made (no matter its size), a life will be made better for someone in East Africa. To find out more visit <http://www.caritas.org.nz/> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxySvj9KNvU&feature=player_embedded

Assembly: Rm 1 is the Assembly Class for prayers Wk7 T3

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers those who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion:
Declan Shea,
Sam Turner,
Dean Harris,



Mrs Siobhan Rooney, Thomas Horton-Davey, Brydie Shea, Willow Ward, Holly Barr-Williams, Cole Ashby-Wright, Joshua Bull, Neko Tohiariki, Astasia Ward, Ella Harris, Estelle Alderson, Eve Kinder, Adam Cook, Jay Verry, Meg Kinder, Grace Schischka

Social Justice Week – *On a Level Playing Field*

*Positive values on the sporting field – fairness, an equal chance of success, unbiased refereeing – are equally important in society, says Archbishop John Dew in “kicking off” the Catholic Church’s annual Social Justice Week. Caritas has a blog *Level with me – Who’s the FAIRest of them all?* which offers a rough guide to the relative social equality/inequality of the 20 nations competing in the World Cup, and the opportunity to explore and debate the issues.*

www.socialjusticeweek.org.nz

Footsteps Challenge Quest

I congratulate Joshua Bull on completing the first challenge of our home learning programme. In the *One Community – Learning Together through Giving* category, he chose to thank Orion.

Orion - Thank you

Joshua chose the first day of spring to thank Orion for all the work they have done to keep the eastern suburbs with power to have light and be warm over winter by presenting a 20-metre long scarf and a huge hat to Orion CEO, Rob Jamieson. With help from his mum, Joshua collected over 1500 dots with messages of thanks from other schools and the community. These were attached to the hat and scarf.

Also at the presentation was our local MP, Lianne Dalziel, who was suitably impressed with Joshua's speech. Well done, Joshua.



Healthy Thinking Community Seminar

Villa Maria Auditorium

7.30-9 pm Monday 19 September

Dr Tom Mulholland on

*De-stress – Take Control –
Move Forward with Healthy Thinking*

Support Please!

We strongly urge our parents to attend this seminar. As the topic is in our Strategic Plan, it will become part of our culture. Many thanks to The Canterbury Catholic Primary Principals Association and the New Zealand Catholic Education Office who have sponsored this evening for parents/caregivers in our Catholic Schools. **(That means it's free to you.)**

One Community – Learning Together

Staff-Only Day – Monday 19 September

Sport Canterbury will run a day programme for NBC children from 8.45 am-2.45 pm on Monday 19 September. The cost to parents is \$20 per child and NBC will subsidise the balance. Numbers are limited, so please book at the office asap.

Thank You

Many thanks to Countdown New Brighton for giving each of our students an All Black flag.

NBC shows our loyalty with a mass flag waving



Needless to say we wish our All Blacks good luck in the World Cup. NBC has featured again with Richie McCaw in the latest edition of *Mindfood*. Check out the mobile noticeboard.

Twitter

Please refer to last week's newsletter on how to receive NBC tweets.

If the weather is bad tomorrow (Catholic Tournament for Yr 5-8 students) I will be *tweeting* to let you know if it is cancelled.

Room 1 Community Day

On Wednesday 31 August Rm 1 gave a day to our community. We had lots of fun activities such as crafts, a puppet show, fresh baking and hot drinks, an obstacle course, face painting and games with prizes for local pre-school age children. We also washed the mums' cars! We all had a great time giving up our day to entertain our community and we thank everyone who came to enjoy it with us!



Antarctic Centre

Rms 5,6 and 7 will be visiting the Antarctic Centre on 27 September as part of our topic study this term. We will be travelling there and back by bus. More details to follow.

Financial Assistance

The J R McKenzie Trust Fund and Rotary have funds available for school uniforms and school-related costs, like stationery, for children who are in difficult circumstances. Please let me know in confidence if you are interested.

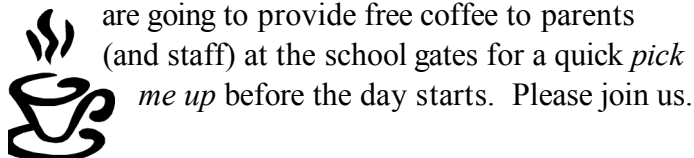
Cantamaths

Decs Shea, Shakira Fukofuka, Jessica Hanson and Sars Flood (Yr 7 team) and Corbin Haitana, Claudia Roberts, Katerina Fonoti and Charlotte Taurima (Yr 8 team) went to the CBS Arena on 24 August to participate in the 2011 Cantamath Teams Competition. One person in each team ran to collect each question; the team worked together to solve it; and then the runner ran to the judges with the answer. The judges would mark our answers correct, incorrect, or unclear. Each team was seated so that each runner had the same distance to run. There were twenty questions and each correct answer earned five points. It was a lot of fun and a great experience to have.

Yr 7 and Yr 8 Cantamath Teams

Don't forget – Coffee at the gates tomorrow

Tomorrow, between 8-9 am, Classic Hits 97.7 FM



*God Bless
Deb Daines
Principal*

Going home today: Active Kids Holiday Programme

PTFA

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 October at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room and everyone is welcome.

New Chairperson

Hello, my name is Melinda Ernst (Jorja's Mum – Rm 5) and I'm pleased to say I was appointed Chairperson at the last PTFA Meeting. We would like to thank Kellie for the hard work and dedication she has shown to the school. She did an amazing job and we wish her and her family all the best for the future. I look forward to meeting with you all and we welcome you to our next meeting.

New Treasurer

Many thanks to Ann-Marie Jones for her many years of keeping track of the money. Trina Morgan is taking over the role.

Disco

Friday 30 September in the school hall. Entry by gold coin donation. Finger lights, glow sticks, lollies, hot chips and American hotdogs for sale. Parents are welcome to stay for wine, beer, tea or coffee in Rm 6.

Calendars

The completed artwork will be coming home next Thursday and orders need to be returned by the following Thursday. Full info will be attached to artwork.

Our Spring Fete!!!

Mark it in your diary, **Sunday 30th October**. Start telling your friends and family now. It's going to be a fun day and a great way to show off our amazing school to the community. Are you available to help? We would love any help you can offer!! Stalls will include pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting, food, and much more. If you would like to book a stall (\$10 ea), please contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support.
Melinda Ernst (382 8995) melinda_ernst@yahoo.com

School Lunches Thursday 15 September: Hot Dogs \$3.50

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

Community

On the Library noticeboard:

- Caritas Horn of Africa Appeal
- Roger Sutton's weekly update
- Burwood/Pegasus Community Update
- Taize Prayer for International Day of Peace – 21 September
- Parklands United Softball Club – registration days
- YMCA – supporting preschoolers in these times - 5 & 6 Oct
- Learn to Sail 9-14 years

Earthquake Recovery

Red Cross – Alternative to City Sewage Grant

We have forms in the Office or phone 0800 RED CROSS or go to: <http://www.redcrossegrants.org.nz//Overview/Information/Alternative-to-City-Sewerage-Grant>

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