



# Newsletter 13

Term Two: 9 June 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

## Important Dates

Tues 14 Jun	Transitional parents meeting
Thurs 16 Jun	11.30 am School Mass - Pentecost
Tues 21 Jun	9-10.30 Michael Mangan 2 pm Transition Group
Wed 22 Jun	11.30am Travelling Roadshow – jnrs 1.45 pm Young Mary MacKillop
Tues 28 Jun	2 pm Transition Group
Fri 1 Jul	School Disco
Tues 5 Jul	2 pm Transition Group 7 pm BOT Meeting
Thurs 7 Jul	Carving – jnrs
Tues 12 Jul	2 pm Transition Group
Fri 15 Jul	2.45 pm Term 2 ends

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



## Pentecost Sunday

Every person and every group has a beginning. The Church had a beginning too, and each year it has a birthday when Christians remember and celebrate that beginning. The birthday of the Church is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday because this was the day that the Holy Spirit began to work among the community of disciples. When the Holy Spirit came among them they suddenly understood what Jesus wanted them to do. The Church was born! They were excited and a bit scared but they knew they could do it. When they began to speak in different languages so that all people could understand them, they realised that Jesus would give them the help that they needed.

Now the Church has millions of members in almost every country on earth. We remember the beginning, the little group gathered in one room, and give thanks for 2,000 years of life.

On Monday as the children leave Virtues assembly they will each receive a tea light to take home to light with their family to remember the significance of Pentecost Sunday and to use in their family prayer time.

Spirit of the living God  
We place all that we do in our school in Your holy hands  
Be with us every day  
Helping us to love one another  
Guiding our thoughts  
Inspiring our actions  
Renewing our faith  
Bringing us peace  
And leading us all more deeply  
Into your Sacred presence. Amen

## School Mass for Pentecost

We will be having a whole school Mass next Thursday, 16 June, at 11:30 am in the Parish Centre. Our Mass will be in recognition of Pentecost. We would encourage you to join your children and the school community for this important time together.

Megan Stewart DRS

## Assembly

Rm 7 is the Assembly Class for Week 7.

## NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 7: Faithful

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

At New Brighton Catholic School we are faithful.

Being faithful means being loyal and true in your words and actions towards others and towards God. No matter what happens, it is holding on to what you believe is important even when others challenge or put you down for your beliefs. Listen to your heart. It might mean starting out on a path and staying on it no matter how many times you stop or get distracted.

Faith is needed when you have a belief in God that cannot be proven. If you are faithful to your belief in God, others can see your values in the way that you act. As you grow in your beliefs, you practise them as faithfully as you can.

## Welcome

This week we welcome Holly Douglas and Paige Atkinson (and Win & Paul) and Lain Martin (Luke and Grace's brother) to our school community.



Holly joins us in Rm 4, Paige in Rm 2 and Lain in Rm 5.

## Cuppa and Chat

Don't forget to join us for a cuppa and a chat tomorrow from 2.15 pm outside Rm 1 (or in the Library if wet). This is a great opportunity to share experiences or just catch up.

*The Pastoral Care Committee*

## Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by next Wednesday, 15 June, in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot. Thank you.

*Jo Christopher*

## School Disco

It's that time again. This year's disco will be happening on Friday 1 July in the School hall. There are two sessions:

Yr 0-4 5.30-6.30 pm

Yr 5-8 7.00-8.30 pm

Entry is by gold coin donation. We hope to see you there.

*The School Council*

## Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Joshua Denley and family. Joshua's great grandmother 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.*

## Sick Children

Remember to keep your children home if they are sick. Be assured that if your child feels sick at school, we will assess and ring you.

But if you do send your children to school and tell them to get Mary to ring if they still don't feel well, believe me every child with this permission will ask Mary, and we will ring you!

## Young Leaders' Day

On Wednesday 1 June we went to the 2011 Halogen National Young Leaders Day at the La Vida Centre in Upper Riccarton. There were lots of inspirational speakers who taught us valuable life lessons. People such as Christian Gallen, Adam Hall, Pat Buckley, Jason Gunn and Allison Mooney. There were games and movie clips between speakers and there was also an awesome DJ at morning tea and lunch. Matt Gibb and Alice Gallagher were very good hosts. They gave out chocolates and prizes when there were competitions and games.

Our favourite speakers were Jason Gunn and Christian Gallen because they were so funny and had good quotes. We are very grateful to Sue Kleiss for taking us, looking after us and buying us each a Halogen pin. We also thank the school for letting us go, we had a fantastic time!

*Michael Hurst-Long, Claudia Roberts,  
Joshua Denley and Tayla Kleiss (Rm 1)*

## Parents Inc. Tips: Strong kids get tested

If you have seedlings sprouting, you'll appreciate the difference between plants that grow indoors and outdoors. The inside plant grows tall, but it's thin, pale, spindly, and the roots are shallow. The outside one develops a deep, wide root system for support, a thicker stem, has better colour and is sturdier. Our kids (like plants) need the testing that comes from a bit of wind, rain and adversity to help them grow strong.

Don't rush your kids through difficult feelings or challenges. Learning how to cope is so important for confidence. If the opportunities aren't there, make a game out of questions - *Hey what would you do if...* - kids love the chance to own a problem and find a solution.

## Hauora Survey

Thank you very much for completing and returning the survey. I am reading them all and looking at ways in which we can help.

*God Bless  
Deb Daines  
Principal*

## Going home today:

- Sport Canterbury *Active Kids* Holiday Programme
- KidsFest programme

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## Parish Fr Bryan Parish (388 9020)

Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Sunday. Everyone welcome.

**Attendance Dues** for Term 2 should now be paid. Unfortunately there are some outstanding accounts. If you are not sure of your account balance, ring Mary in the School Office.

## School Community

### Congratulations

In Sunday's SBS 2.5 km Marafun (7&8 yrs) Joshua Bull came 21st out of 80 boys with a PB of 12 min 6 sec and Jessica Bull come 48th out of 70 girls (15 min 34 sec).

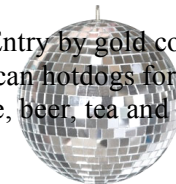
### Wow!

Verity and Lilah O'Brien chatting to Prince William.



### PTFA

**Disco:** Friday 1 July in the school hall. Entry by gold coin donation. Glow sticks, lollies and American hotdogs for sale. Parents are welcome to stay for wine, beer, tea and coffee.



### School Lunches Thursday 16 June: Hot Dogs

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

Thanks for your continued support.

Kellie Moore (383 5111) [kellie@ascc.co.nz](mailto:kellie@ascc.co.nz)

## Community

### Marian College

We have Notice of Intention to Enrol forms in the office for entry two or more years in advance. They are also available on Marian's website. The Marian Enrolment Scheme states that if there are more applicants than places available then the pre-enrolment list will be taken into consideration.

### On the Library noticeboard:

- Sport Canterbury *Active Kids*

## Earthquake Recovery

### North New Brighton-QE2 Hub

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

### What do you want Christchurch to be?

Visit <http://www.shareanidea.org.nz>

**Free flu vaccine for under 18 years – see your doctor.**

## Tummy Bugs (gastrointestinal infections)

**What is it?** A sore, crampy stomach accompanied by diarrhoea. Other symptoms include fever, vomiting, loss of appetite and dehydration.

**How is it spread?** Viruses, bacteria or parasites can cause these infections.

**Prevention:** Frequent hand washing is key, especially after using the toilet and before eating.

**Treatment:** It is vital to keep the child hydrated and replace sodium, potassium and other important nutrients with hydration salts. Visit the doctor if a child has a prolonged episode of diarrhoea, vomiting or abdominal pain.

**When to stay home from school:** Keep your children at home if they have a fever and if they still have episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea. It is essential children have been able to keep food and fluid down for about 24 hours before they return to school.

Public Health Nurse