



Newsletter 2

Term One: 9 February 2012

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Important Dates

Mon-Tues 13-14 Feb	Cycle Safety – Yr 6
Wed-Fri 15-17 Feb	Yr 7&8 – Hamner Springs
	Yr 5&6 – Living Springs
Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday School Liturgy
Fri 9 Mar	Zone Swimming Sports
Thurs 5 Apr	Term 1 ends

NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 3: Respectful - Self

Our bodies are part of the creation which God made and "Saw that it was good". In grateful response to this gift/taonga, we respect and care for our own and others' bodies. RE Curriculum At New Brighton Catholic we are Respectful of Ourselves. Being respectful of ourselves is an attitude of honouring ourselves as a person of value and worth. It is treating our bodies with respect and dignity, the way God has asked us to. With self respect, we like ourselves because of who we are and not because of what we can or cannot do. We have pride in ourselves and we value ourselves. When we respect ourselves, we hold ourselves with simple confidence and self-esteem. We move and speak in a graceful manner. We avoid actions that might cause us to feel ashamed. Practising self respect is treating ourselves as we feel others deserve to be treated. Every person in the world was created by God and we all deserve respect.

Condolences

The school community extends its sympathy to Anna Morgan and family for their recent loss.
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.

Welcome

We welcome
Kolai Fonoti-Leiataua and
Joseph Williams to Rm 1;



Mike Beecham R3
Emma Beecham R5
Juliet Beecham R4



Shae Barrett-Corrigan to Rm 3



Rosie Richards to Rm 5
Ollie Richards to Rm 4



We also welcome Lily Cave who has started school in Rm 6.



Student Details – Update and Permission

Attached is our annual Student Update & Permission form (pink) for returning families. (We have these details for students who are new to NBC in 2012.) It is essential that we have up-to-date contact information and, of course, your permission for your child/ren to use the ICT equipment and to leave the school grounds.

Please complete the form and return to the school office by this Monday, 13 February

School Camps

Next week (Wednesday-Friday) our Yr 5&6 students are on school camp at Living Springs and our Yr 7&8 students will be at Hamner Springs. They will all have some new and exciting experiences to tell us about upon their return.

Swimming Sports

Due to the Earthquakes, there are no pools available for us to hold Swimming Sports this year. The Eastern Zones Swimming Championship will be held at Dudley Park in Rangiora on 9 March. We don't want our pupils who excel at swimming to miss out, so please come and see me if you know that your child is able to compete in a competition type race. I can then make arrangements for a team to represent our school. Fortunately we have been able to book swimming lessons later in the year at Queenspark School and the Graham Condon Complex.

Sam Harliwich

Activity Account

The Activity Accounts will be sent home in week 4 and will include the camp costs (Yr 5-8). If you wish to start an automatic payment now, the account details are at the back of the Information Booklet. Thank you.

Give Us 5

Please complete the attached form and return by Monday. As our Government funding is severely reduced this year, any help you can give the school will help lessen our costs and also build us as a community. Thank you to those parents who have already come forward with help and initiatives to aid our school either with the classroom or school property.

Scholastic Book Club

All Book Club orders are due back to school, Thursday 16 February, in an envelope marked *Book Club* and posted in the Office counterslot.

Room 2

Back to School

This week and last week we have had lots of fun
We played outside and in the sun.
We did some maths and that was cool!
The reading made us drool.
But the writing was better
And we all got the spelling letter.
It was all great time in Week One
We all thought it was lots of FUN!

Eve Kinder

Being in Room 2

Well...last week we had a great time. We first of all learnt the new roll and we had heaps of fun playing lots of new games. At our brain food break we got told our new electives and what we could do. The next day we all did handwriting and did a great job on our pencil grip and our posture. Together we made our Treaty and told Mrs Harliwich what would help to learn much better! The Year 6s have learnt all our jobs around the school. We have all done a great job for Week 1. And I think we have had lots of fun already in Room 2.

Estelle Alderson

Electives – Rooms 1-5

You may have already heard about these from your child. We are offering exciting electives the children have chosen to opt into for Term 1. The electives will expose children to different skills, activities and learning experiences. They are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1.15-1.45 pm. Kung Fu, Choir, Movie Making, Enviro Schools, Fitness, Pals, Kapa Haka, School Webby, Jump Jam, Recorder, Rock Band, Cooking/Growing Food, Board/Card games, Maori Culture

I appreciate that there is a lot going home today.

Please complete and return by Monday:

- Student Update & Permission form (pink)
- Family/Whanau Hauora Survey form
- *Give Us 5* form
- *Introducing Your Child* parent-teacher information form

Don't forget to print clearly so that the information you provide is easily read.

God Bless Deb Daines Principal

Going home with children:

- *Introducing Your Child* parent-teacher information form
- Home Learning Challenge Booklet (Yr3-8 students)
- Senior pamphlet (Yr 5&6 students)

Going home to each family:

- Student Update & Permission form (pink)
- Family/Whanau Hauora Survey form
- *Give Us 5* form
- 2011 Information Booklet

PTFA

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 March at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Annual General Meeting

We had our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, it was great to welcome back our members along with some new faces. Please check out our PTFA Board outside the Library for more info on each member including photos. We are finalising our 2012 planner and will publish it once it's completed.

Easter Raffle

We are starting to organise our Easter raffle - watch this space for more details.

We need your help!

Do you know someone or a business that would be happy to donate towards our Raffle eg Vouchers, Wine, anything suitable - Please see me if you can help.

Lunch Orders

We will again be offering Thursday lunch options - starting next week with Sushi. Order forms in the Library. Orders and correct money in the blue tin by 9 am Wednesday, please.

Have a great week.

Thank you for your continued help and support

Melinda Ernst (382 8995) melinda_ernst@yahoo.com

Parish

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

You are also welcome to attend mass at St James: 6 pm Saturday or 9 am Sunday.

Attendance Dues

The Parish Attendance Dues invoices will be sent out tomorrow. Thank you to the school for facilitating this.

Fr Bryan Parish

Community

Leaflets in the Office:

- Catholic Social Services group programmes: Personal Development Group; Facing Your Fears (8-10 years); Self-Esteem (adults), Seasons for Growths (grief)
- Guide to community group programmes in Chch
- CCC Parents Guide to Child Pedestrian Safety

Catholic Cathedral College Reunion 23-25 March

Including Xavier and Sacred Heart College students.

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On the Library noticeboard:

- Scouts – boys and girls – from Yr 1.
- Burwood Soccer 2012 registration dates
- Xpression Dance Studio – 3yrs+
- Green Paper for Vulnerable Children – have your say
- Farm Day Sunday 18 March
- Sport Canterbury's Football Open Day Youth with a Physical Disability
- Parents Centre Quiz Night 24 February
- Bottle Lake Forest Orienteering Day Sunday 19 February
- Parklands United Sports Club Football /Netball registration days
- Adult and Community Education Classes – Risingholme
- Karate for Kidz