

*TERM 1 - No. 4 ~ 25 February 2010*

### SWIMMING SPORTS

Yesterday's swimming sports were extremely successful using the indoor pool facilities at Jellie Park.

I offer my thanks to the staff, parent helpers who assisted us with timekeeping, Wally Mills, our starter and to Mr Kearns for his organisation of the swimming sports.

I was most impressed with the behaviour, skill level and sportsmanship of our Year 5-8 students. The friendly rivalry among 'houses' and many wearing the new house polo shirts added colour and excitement to the events

The North Zone Sports will be held on **Monday 8 March** at Jellie Park. Children representing our school will receive a separate notice outlining specific details.

### SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

The Year 1-4 children will have their swimming demonstration session **tomorrow** starting at 1.30pm in the school pool. Each child to bring two towels please.

### PARENT MEETING

We experienced a fabulous session last evening led by Nathan Mikaere-Wallis. About 100 people were brought up to date with the latest research in Brain development and how this knowledge and understanding can assist us as parents and teachers to promote better relationships and to enhance the learning of our young ones.

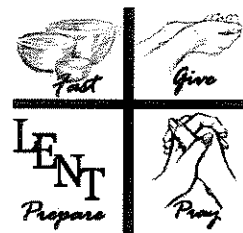
Nathan is prepared to offer another session based on behaviour for those who attended last night. Please let us know by emailing [office@stjopapa.school.nz](mailto:office@stjopapa.school.nz) if you would be interested. Alternatively, a repeat of last night can be arranged for parents who were unable to attend. Again, please let us know your thoughts.

### ASSEMBLY LITURGY

Room 16 is leading the liturgy tomorrow at 11.50am in the hall. Parents of Room 16 children are most welcome to attend.

*Lord,  
may everything we do begin  
with your inspiration,  
continue with your help,  
and reach perfection under your  
guidance.*

*We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



### REPORTING TO PARENTS—Initial Meeting

Details regarding the organization are on the reverse of this newsletter. Every family will be allocated a time but if you do have a preferred day or time please return the slip by **Monday 1 March**.

### INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION

Advanced warning is given of a free internet safety presentation for parents on Thursday 6 May at 7.30pm in the hall. Please place this date in your diary. Further information will be given closer to the time.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Liam McArthur** who has been selected in Regional emerging cricket team and to **Edward Ziolo** for selection in a Regional development Cricket team.

### PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW – Hot Dogs - \$2.

Thank you to our helpers, **Phillipa Ford** and **Trish McKendry**.

### SUNBLOCK FUNDRAISER

All orders have now arrived and can be collected from the office. There is a small quantity of Tubes available from the school office \$7.50 each. Thank you for your patience.

### Y7-8 CHRIST THE KING DANCE

Friday 5 March., 7.30pm—10.00pm. Tickets, \$5.  
Available from our school office.

### NOMADS UNITED AFC (Inc)

Registrations for 2010 close on 3 March. Contact Lynette Barnett 358 5956 or 027 321 0936.

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**REPORTING TO PARENTS – Initial meeting**

These meetings will take place on:

**Wednesday 10 March - 2.15 pm – 8.30 pm**

**Thursday 11 March - 3.15 pm – 6.30 pm**

**School will finish at 2PM ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH for these interviews**

If you are having difficulty organising child care between 2.00pm – 3.00pm on this day, limited supervisions will be provided here at school. Please inform the school office if you are in this situation.

These initial meetings are timetabled earlier than usual this year. It is an opportunity for your child’s teacher to share assessments to date and to set goals together particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

If your child is in Rooms 7 – 17 (Y3 – Y8), we would ask that he or she be part of this learning conference.

All interviews will be scheduled for 15 minutes, and for parents with two or more teachers to see, there will be a 15 minute gap between each interview.

If you wish to indicate a preferred time, then please complete the slip below and return to the school office by **MONDAY 1 MARCH**. Those parents who return the request form promptly have a better chance of receiving their first choice.

**Every family will be allocated a time with their child’s teacher/s** and your interview time(s) will be attached to next week’s newsletter.



**REPORTING TO PARENTS – Wednesday 10 March, Thursday 11 March**

Parents Name .....

Children’s name/s .....

Wednesday 2.15pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 3.15pm – 4.45pm

Thursday 5.00pm – 6.30pm