

TERM 1 - No. 5 ~ 4 March 2010

WELCOME

Welcome **Ellah Streatfield** and **Riley Harrison** who started in the New Entrants class this week. We hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's School.



REPORTING TO PARENTS—Initial Meeting

We have not attached your interview times to this newsletter as not every family receives a hard copy of the newsletter. These will be sent home **tomorrow** with your child/ren. Please ask your child for this.

A reminder that school will finish at **2pm for all children on Wednesday 10 March**. If you are having difficulty organising child care between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on this day, limited supervision will be provided here at school. Please inform the school office if you are in this situation.

PARISH FAMILY MASS

This Sunday is "International Children's Day" and all families are strongly encouraged to attend the Parish Family Mass at 10.00 am. There will be morning tea after the Family Mass. If you could bring a plate of food to share it would be most appreciated.

CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following who received School Merit Certificates at our assembly last week:

Megan Townshend, Lily-Mae Baird, Angus Hammett, Grace Frame, James Woollett, Ruby Maguire, Caitlin Andrews, Nico Portland, Cameron Rawlings, Brooke Roder, Brooke Chamberlain, Dominic Brankin, Matthew van Peer, Maddy Crowther, Grace Haitana, Josh Le Poidevin, Lucy Parry-Cannet, Connor Shaw, Escher Bishop, Tom Ford, Edward Ziolo, Hanna Lyford, Liam McArthur, Georgia Harrison, Maddison Hill, Samuel van Hout, Lachlan Duff, Angelika Madage, Sophie Glass, Adam Ball, Kaiden Shaw and Keanu Labajo.

May we be filled and satisfied, by the word which you give us. Teach us to be loving not only in great and exceptional moments, but above all in the ordinary events of daily life. May we abstain from what we do not really need, and help our brothers and sisters in distress. May we bear the wounds of

Keeping your Son in our bodies, for through a Holy Lent his body he gave us life.

PMP HELPERS

Thank you to the following family volunteers on next week's PMP roster:

Tuesday 9 March: Turner, van Peer, Hart

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

Due to contamination, the school pool will be closed over the weekend. Our caretaker, Robert Manning, is following procedures treating the water and will have it tested on Monday. Hopefully we can re-open the pool early next week.

ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS

Best of luck to the swimmers representing our school at the Zone Swimming Sports at Jellie Park on Monday.

PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW – BBQ Sausages - \$1.

Thank you to our helpers, **Jo Ford & Lisa McDaniel.**

PTA

A huge vote of thanks to our PTA for the work achieved during 2009. The PTA donated over \$46,000 to the school to purchase new computers, classroom furniture, an interactive whiteboard, heat pumps for Rooms 9-10 and assisted with the financing of the new Deputy Principal's office. The support of the PTA is crucial to our Board of Trustees to enhance our school's facilities and resources. Your help is needed.

We need interested parents to continue the successes of the PTA and we look forward to seeing many new faces at the upcoming AGM on:

Monday 8 March at 7.00pm in the staff room

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday **Molly Mulrooney** represented Canterbury in a Year 5/6 cricket team in a 1 Day match against Mid Canterbury. The Canterbury team won 176/8 with Molly contributing a wicket and scoring 9 runs not out. Mid Canterbury got 136/10. Well done, Molly.

Congratulations to **Mary Lyons** who not only has captained the Canterbury Cross Country team for the last two years (freely acknowledged as one of the hardest age groups teams to get into within the province), but has now been named in the Canterbury Interprovincial Athletics team.

Mary will compete for Canterbury in Invercargill against all other NZ teams this Easter in the 400m, 800m, Long Jump and Hurdles.

Y7-8 CHRIST THE KING DANCE

Tomorrow, Friday 5 March., 7.30pm—10.00pm. Tickets, \$5 must be purchased by 9am from our school office—There will be no door sales

POLICY REVIEWS

The two following policies are up for review this term:

Policy	To be Reviewed by
School Swimming Pool	Board, Staff and Parents
Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substance	Board, Staff and Parents

We ask parents to follow the instructions below to take part in the review process:

- Visit our school website:
www.stjopapa.school.nz
- Click under 'Quick Links' School Policies and Procedures
- Enter the user name:
(stjopapa) and password (sjspanui).
- Click Review Schedule (in blue)
- Click Policy Reviews under 'In This Section'
- Click 'Complaints' or 'Behaviour Management'
- Read the policy.
- Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer as "Parent".
- Enter the password "pin".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

CONCERNS

Each year the school is required to inform parents of the procedure for expressing concerns.

If you have a concern, the school encourages open communication and prefers that you come to talk through a problem rather than discuss it in the community. It is our role to be fair and to listen to your concerns, but this also involves your support as well.

What do I do if I have a concern?

1. If the matter involves the classroom programme or a teacher, write a note or telephone the teacher concerned with a view to making a time to discuss the concern. The staff member may not be able to talk to you when you approach them, so it is best to make a time when you are both free. If the matter involves a school-wide or management issue, you should make an appointment to see the principal.
2. If possible, indicate before the discussion what the concern is about.
3. Talk with the staff member about the issue and be prepared to listen to their point of view.
4. Provide feedback to the teacher as to whether you were satisfied or not, to ensure the problem is settled.

What do I do if the problem is not solved?

1. Approach the senior teacher or syndicate leader responsible for that area of the school.
2. You may wish to make an appointment with the principal. Write down the details and the steps you have taken to remedy the situation.
3. The concern will usually be dealt with by the principal, but in some instances may be referred back to teachers, senior staff or the Board of Trustees.
4. If your complaint relates to the principal, you should follow the same processes as for teacher concerns.
5. If you still have a concern, put it in writing to the Chairperson of the Board.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE

Open morning Wednesday 24 March 9.30 to 12 noon.
Enrolment applications for 2011 close Friday 9 April.
For further phone the college on 3487010.

MARIAN COLLEGE

Open evening Thursday 18 March, 6.30 to 8pm. For further information phone the college on 385 1022.