

*TERM 2 - No. 6 ~ 27 May 2010*

### **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

With the introduction of National Standards, our reporting to parents and students will be changing. The legal requirement for schools is to report in writing in plain language twice a year.

We are currently developing a mid-year report form that will focus on the curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Parents will be able to see at a glance where their child is placed in relation to national expected levels of achievement.

This new report will be discussed and shared with parents and students at a three-way learning conference at the beginning of next term. We hope parents and students will find this new reporting process to their liking.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES / PTA WORKING BEE**

We offer our sincere thanks to the parents who took part in the tree trimming working bee at the weekend.

The work achieved by this group, after expenses are covered, will have saved the school approximately \$6,000 had we gone ahead with initial quotes.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

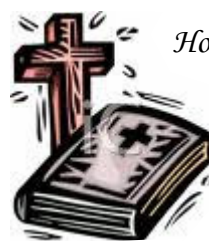
Last Sunday was a wonderful celebration for our school's 36 First Communicants. We were very proud of you on the day and wish you every blessing as you enter a new phase in your journey of faith.

First Holy Communion certificates will be presented at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday. Children must get their names checked off before Mass so that their certificate is presented by the visiting priest. Children are invited to wear their First Communion clothes for the presentation.

### **ABSENCES**

We would appreciate you contacting the school office before 9am if your child is going to be absent. A message can be left on the answer phone or e-mail [office@stjopapa.school.nz](mailto:office@stjopapa.school.nz)

### ***A Teacher's Prayer***



*Holy Spirit of God, I thank you for the gift of my baptism.*

*Through it I am able to have faith and hope in God,*

*and this gives meaning to my life.*

*Through it I am able to be free from sin and I can grow and live as a child of God.*

*Let your presence dwelling within me be seen in all my words and actions so that I may be a sign of your loving presence in the world.*

*Amen*

### **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME PROGRAMME**

Due to demand an extra programme for the Catholics Returning Home is being offered in June. Catholics Returning Home is a four week programme for non-practising Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church. It will run on Monday 14th, 21st, 28th June and Monday 5th July at Christ the King Parish, Burnside.

Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support with this programme. For details phone Janet 359 4305 or Mary 357 8400 or visit [www.catholicshomenow.co.nz](http://www.catholicshomenow.co.nz)

### **ROAD SAFETY**

We are still observing parents making U-turns close to the road patrol area. This is an unsafe practice and causing distress for the parents, teachers and children supervising the crossing. We all need to drive safely to protect our children. Double parking and parking over driveways is another problem we are observing. Children are more than capable of walking 500m or so from a safe car park to the school grounds.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Orders are being taken for the Scholastic Book Club. Remember, books ordered earn new books for the school library. Orders close on Wednesday 2 June and can be dropped off at the school office.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Edward Ziolo who plays cricket for Marist-Harewood, has been selected for the Christchurch Under 13 cricket team to tour Queensland later this year.

## CERTIFICATES

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

**Lucy Portland, Liam O'Reilly, Ivy Pham, Osric Parry-Canet, Holly Myers, Isabella Shatford, Finn O'Donnell, Lucas Te Rangi, Marosca Habachi, Ben Turner, Isabella Bishop, Benjamin Sutcliffe, Kayla Coyne, Nate Johanson, Cameron Nevin, Isabela Manzano, Ella Woodbury, Ollie Kan, Charlotte Holt, Jacob McKendry, Corban Maynard, Amelia Mead, Stephanie Watson, Tyler McKendry, Alexandra de Vries, Joshua Rietveld, William Ecroyd-Caddick, Jed McArthur, Luke Gill, Joey Johnstone, Mathew Ryan, Isabella Ford, Lucy Sutcliffe and Molly Mulrooney.**

## PMP HELPERS

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

**Monday:** Streatfield Portland Cisterna-Baeza

**Tuesday:** Prentice Kofoed Sherwood

## LOST

A named brand new jersey belonging to Matthew Jones has been lost. If found, please return to Matthew in Room 12.

## TELSTRA INTELLIGENT REWARDS

Here's your chance to help support **St. Joseph's School** and it's as simple as being a **TelstraClear** customer. **St. Joseph's School** will receive reward points every month for every dollar you spend with **TelstraClear**, which we can then use to get fantastic rewards, e.g. computers, school trips, sports gear, musical instruments and almost anything the school wants. To join **TelstraClear** and/or nominate the school of your choice please complete the attached flyer or visit [www.intelligentrewards.co.nz](http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz) to complete the form online.

## NORTH WEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our Yr 5—Yr 8 choir will be performing in the North West Music Festival at the Aurora Centre on **Tuesday 22 June**, at 7.30pm. Tickets (\$8.00) are available from our school office and can be purchased with eftpos, cash or cheque.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have 10 or so books to sell, so if you are still wanting a book you can order one at the office. This year's book is ready to use immediately and the 2009 book finishes on the 1st June. This fundraiser will end next week, so don't delay. If you're not sure, there is a sample book at the office for you to have a look through.

## LUNCHES TOMORROW - Hot Dogs \$ 2.00

Thank you to our helpers,

**Yvonne Shaw and Judith Short.**

## MOBILE DENTAL UNIT VISIT

Your new Dental Team is Rose (Therapist) and Jo (Assistant). We will be arriving at St Joseph's on **Monday 31 May** in a new mobile Dental Unit and leaving on **Thursday 17 June**. During this time we will provide as many dental examinations of eligible/enrolled children as time allows. Children with no dental problems will be issued with a bookmark to take home stating no further treatment is required. For children who require further dental care an appointment will be sent home to parents/caregivers to accompany their child to the **Northcote School Dental Clinic** on Tuckers Road.

The van will be returning in Term 3 where we will examine further children.

All dental care provided by the Community Dental Service is free. Our dental staff will provide a regular check up, with preventative care if it is required. To help your child maintain healthy teeth, a happy smile, and to provide an efficient service, this may include:

Cleaning/Scaling

Dental X-Rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)

Fluoride Varnish (to prevent decay)

Fissure Sealants (plastic coating on back teeth to prevent decay)

If you do not wish your child to receive any of the care mentioned above without prior approval, please contact the staff at your Dental Clinic as soon as possible.

**If any other dental care is required we will let you know before proceeding.**

## SPORT CANTERBURY - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The July holiday programme information flyer is now available in the classroom or at the office.

More information is available by visiting:

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)