

22nd March 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.

What a wonderful way to celebrate our school and our Patron Saint. Well done to our school leaders and all others who participated in our Mass on St Joseph's Day. Teachers were very proud of the way all children represented the school. Thank you to all those who helped welcome in our new parents and families to the school in the powhiri after Mass. It was a very moving ceremony. A special thanks to the Mona Stewart and the girls from Sacred Heart who performed the Karanga for us and to John Paterson and Sandy Crawford who spoke. Everyone agreed that it is something we must do each year as part of our pastoral care programme.

Once again the children had a fantastic afternoon participating in tabloid sports. It was a great opportunity for our year 5 and 6 students to take leadership roles and work alongside our younger students. There were many comments about the great support we have from our parents. Thank you all once again for your help and encouragement of students. Many thanks also to the PTA for the magnificent lunch and extra goodies. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 23rd – Middle and Senior Team Swimming Sports
Friday 26th – Teachers Only Day

New Entrant Enrolments

We have a very large intake of new entrants this year. If there is anyone who has not enrolled their child and is intending to send them to Reignier, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We are running out of spaces available. If you are unsure, please check.

Lateness

The beginning of each school day is a very important time for children. This time of the day sets the scene for everything that follows. It has been noticed that many children are arriving after the bell. Please consider that this is not good as their teacher is unable to greet them personally, and is often disruptive to the class prayers and morning routines. Please try to get children here before the bell so they can enter their class calmly and in a good frame of mind. The bell rings at 8.55 a.m.

Administration Block

We are very nearly there! A few jobs are still to be done to complete the admin block and then we will be in. The board and staff are thrilled with the way it is looking and can't wait to share it with you all. Once it is signed off and everything is tidy we will invite Father to bless it and give everyone an opportunity to have a look through.

Headlice

These are becoming a major nuisance. Please check your child's hair this week and treat aggressively. We are unable to check every child's hair like we could in the old days so we ask you to please monitor it closely. Thanks.

Teachers Only Day

Don't forget there will be a teachers only day on this Friday 26th March. The school will be closed for instruction on that day. You will need to make other arrangements for your children if you are working.

Teachers will be working on New Curriculum development - key competencies and learning areas.

On Friday St Columba's Kids Friendly Care will be open from 8am to 5pm. They will have spaces for families who are unable to make other arrangements. Call Peter on 0275397034

School Pool

After the cold snap last week the children are no longer swimming. The pool will be officially closed on 1st April before the Easter break. Thank you for your care and monitoring of the pool over the summer season. It is good to have many pairs of eyes watching what is going on around school during weekends and holidays. Please return your pool key to Carol at the office as soon as possible.

Parish News

BULLETIN DELIVERIES – Wanted urgently someone to deliver Parish Newsletters

(1) in the Greenmeadows East area. Atherfold Cres, Duckworth Cres, Currie St, Tait Drive (part) and side streets (21 to deliver).

(2) in the Oaklands area off Church Road, Summerset Village, Merlot Drive and Pinotage Drive (22 to deliver). Please phone Sylvia 844 8795 or Colleen 844 8797.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm every Friday during Lent. Worthwhile traditional Lenten devotion.

WALNUTS AND LEMONS required for the Passover Meal. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help

God bless you all.
Julia Johnson

SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION MEETING **LET'S MAKE OUR PRODUCTION A SUCCESS!**

Would you like to be involved in this year's senior school production next term? Come along to the school staffroom this Thursday 25th March at 7.30 pm and find out about the production and how you can help. See you there!



A BIG THANK YOU

To the Gardner family for donating the Girl Guide biscuits and to the Ericksen family for donating the apples for St Joseph's Day and to all those who assisted with the sausage sizzle and a special thanks to Chef Nic!

MIDDLE TEAM THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who supported our field trip to Anderson Park last Monday 15th March. We really appreciate the enthusiastic and focused way you all lead your groups and interacted positively with the students. This experience added much value to our current inquiry. The samples brought back to school created learning opportunities for us all. Thank you. Sheryl Riceman, Gary Nairn, Rachael Quinney & Laura Pearce.

Cricket

Year 3/4 A team played Onekawa at Nelson Park on Friday and had a great win 40 runs to 32. Angus Wilton topped scored with 10 runs. George Sicklemore and Noah Sloan both bowled very well and Sam Kluts was outstanding in the field.

The Year 3/4 B team played Napier Central and had another comprehensive win 104 runs to 48. Player of the day was Harry Lack.

Both teams have their last game for the season at Nelson Park this Friday at 3.30pm.

The Year 5/6 team played Arthur Miller on Saturday and did very well, but unfortunately lost 157 runs to 102. Hamish Rybinski, Regan Longhurst and Harry Mason all bowled very well. Harry affected two run outs in the field. Connor Smith and Jacob Eyles got one each. Felix Barham and Zak Taylor's opening partnership was excellent, Felix topping scoring with 21 retired. Tex Taylor batted very well down the order with 12 not out.

Their last game of the season is this Saturday. Mr Crawford will let the team know where they are playing when the draw comes through.

Year 5/6 Camp

This year the Year 5 and 6 students will be going to Wellington from 20th- 24th September on their urban camp. We are in the process of organising and booking the various activities we will be doing while in Wellington. We will need a number of parents to accompany us on this trip to assist the teachers with the supervision of the students. If you would like to be one of the parents to accompany us we would recommend you ensure your Police clearance is up to date. If you are unsure or have not applied for a Police clearance before, pick up a form from Julia to send to Wellington as soon as possible. If you have any questions see Sandy or one of the Senior Team.

St Josephs Day Sports

The first of our interhouse activities, the St Josephs Day Tabloid Sports, was held on Friday. It was a super afternoon and all the children participated with great enthusiasm and team spirit. I would like to thank all those family members who came along to support the students, especially those parents who ran the stations, we couldn't have done it without you. I would also like to thank the PTA very much for the terrific lunch they provided for the staff and students, it was gratefully appreciated.

The overall results of the sports were based on achievement and team work. They were very close and as follows;

- 1st Devoy
- 2nd Hadlee
- 3rd Te Kanawa
- 4th Hillary



School Swimming Sports

The annual school swimming sports will be held this **Tuesday 23rd March** at the Onekawa Aquatic Centre from 11am until 2.30pm. All students in the Middle and Senior School (Years 3 – 6) will be competing in various events and will need their swimming gear, a towel, lunch and a drink for this day. Students do not have to wear their uniform but may wear mufti clothes for this day that would be appropriate for swimming sports. We will be transporting the students by bus to and from the pools but invite parents and family members to come and support our swimmers on the day. **We will need a few adults to assist us with timing the events and would appreciate help from any parents who are able to help on this day at the pools. If you are able to assist please see Sandy Crawford at the pools when you arrive.**



ALTAR SERVERS Sunday 28 March

- 9 am M Holschier, C Brown
- 5 pm M Paterson, E Paterson

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

An invitation is extended to students, Year 4 and above wishing to make their first reconciliation and first holy communion. Please complete the registration slip below and return to the school office by 29th March. The sessions start with a parent meeting on Wednesday 21st April.

Thank you. Sheryl Riceman & Rachael Quinney.

CONGRATULATIONS

Harry Ludemann has been selected for the under 13's – HB Representative Badminton Team. Well done!

TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

All ages - All abilities catered for - Great coaches - Venue: Greendale Tennis Club

Four mornings, first week of school holidays: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th April. \$80 for all four mornings or \$25 per morning enrolled

Great Fun – Learn New Skills – Improve.

Phone Ian 844 3732 (evenings) for more information.

FOR SALE

Taradale Rugby Club shorts and socks, small youth, \$8. Rugby boots size 3, \$3. CCC Headgear, small adult, used for one season \$#5. Phone Katy 844 5098 or 021 1888 727.

NAPIER NETBALL CENTRE presents Year 5—8 Netball Development Programme 6th, 7th 8th April 9am—12pm at Onekawa Netball Courts. Cost: \$35 per player for 3 days. Registration forms from the office.

CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL

Fun and hands on arts programme that children of all ages can 'get creative' these school holidays 6th—16th April For programme details and online registration go to mojoinc.co.nz. Programmes available at the office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Child's Name _____ Parents' Names _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Place & Date of Baptism _____