

19 April 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa
Greetings everyone.

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. It was very exciting this morning to begin in the new block. Thank you to all those parents who attended the blessing, and especially to Father Peter who took time out of his one day off to bless the building and all those who use it. We hope you all had a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday. Once again we have a busy term ahead of us. The Education Review Office will be visiting us in week 7 and our production directed by Erin Smith and put on by the yr 5 and 6 students will be performed in Week 11.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 7pm – PTA meeting
Wednesday 7.30 – BOT meeting

Board Elections

The nominations for Board close at noon this Friday 23rd April. If you are considering standing for the board you will need to have your signed nomination forms into the office before then. Please consider whether this could be a way in which you can help our school.

Administration Block

This is now open to parents and staff. It is a beautiful building and we are all thrilled with the way it has been finished. If you need to find the office, enter through the front doors and see Carol at the front counter, or through the children's entrance off the tennis court. Please don't enter the office through the resource room and staffroom. This area is for staff only. The carpark is reserved for staff and visitors to the school. You are more than welcome to utilize the roadside parking in Guppy Rd and Burness Rd now that the front gate is open. Please remember to use the path to access the school. Walking through the carpark creates unsafe situations for our children. The disabled carpark is only to be used for disabled parking at all times. It is really our only access for foot traffic.

The administration block will be officially opened at some stage during the term when we can organise for the Bishop and representatives from Catholic Schools Board to join us.

Uniform

Traditionally from the beginning of Term 2 until Queen's Birthday weekend we have had a transitional period for changing from summer to winter uniform. This means that students may mix and match items from either until the end of week 7. However, they should be wearing either or, and not non-uniform items. Children need to be wearing either their summer roman sandals or the black lace up shoes. Let's keep up the high standard of dress code we all know and love. Holidays should have provided ample time to organise replacements where necessary. Check the newsletter for Karyn Gouder's or Sheree Lack's phone numbers to organise new winter uniform items.

New Appointment

We welcome Karyn Gouder to the staff as a teacher's Aide for 2010. Karyn has replaced Jill Foster who resigned last term much to our dismay. Jill has left the district to pursue other business opportunities. We thank Jill for all her hard work and contribution to our school and wish her and Ian all the best in their new venture.

School Pool

There are still many outstanding pool keys. Please return your them to Carol at the office as soon as possible.

Anzac Day – 25th April

If anyone else is interested in joining us in the march and presentation of a wreath at the town clock on ANZAC day please let us know before Friday. The parade will move off from outside Paper Plus at 9.45am.

Parish News

ANZAC DAY – SUNDAY 25TH APRIL Mass will be at 8.30am, allowing time to join the Civic Parade and Celebration at the Clock Tower.

CONFIRMATION 2010

This year's Confirmation of ALL Hawke's Bay young people will be at the Pettigrew Green Arena on Sunday 12 September during a combined Pastoral Area Mass. It will be an amazing and memorable service. Now that the holidays are finished we ask all Year 11 students and above to decide about this very important step in your faith journey. During Term 2 we will be asking you to register for the preparation which will begin before the end of this Term. Get "Plugged in" to the Holy Spirit!

Passionist Family Group Formation Weekend

At the rear of the Church is information about PFG in our Parish. Would you and your family like to join? We'd love to see more young families join and enjoy the social and supportive side of this wonderful Christian movement. On the 1-2 May a PFG Formation weekend is being held at Arataki Camp in Havelock North. We are looking for young families wanting to know more about PFG and prepared to consider taking a leadership role. The Parish will cover the costs for you and your family to attend this weekend. A crèche is available. You'll enjoy the break and the company. If you are interested, please phone our Parish PFG coordinators Peter and Mary Arnold on 844 4727

The Mass in Slow Motion

Many of you will be aware that some changes in our Liturgy (Mass) have been made. These changes are mainly concerned with about a more robust translation of the Latin into English. But there are other changes!

It is well over 40 years since the present form and translation took shape. It is now time to revisit and renew!

Bishop Peter invites us all to attend a series of 4 evenings over the next 4 months to reflect together on these changes but more importantly on the importance of the Mass in our lives.

Dates of sessions – 28th April, 26th May, 16th June, 21st July

God bless you all.
Julia Johnson

CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 5	St Gerard	Student of the Term Most Improved	Conner Treadwell Luis Toomey
Room 9	St Bridget	Student of the Term Most Improved	Richard Na Annaliese Williams
Room 10	St John Bosco	Student of the Term Most Improved	Tex Taylor Abbey Leswick
Room 11	St Dominic	Student of the term Most Improved	Monica Cacho-Bevin Joel Restieaux



ALTAR SERVERS - 25th April

9 am H Askew, C Gibson
5 pm c White Shaw, S Hard

GALA MEETING

Our first gala committee meeting will be Tuesday April 27th at 7.39 pm in the Staff Room. It would be wonderful to see lots of new faces.

MEGA VOLLEYBALL

Mega Volley is available this term for any Year 3/4 students wishing to play.

- Teams of 5 players
- Wednesdays from 3.30—4.30 pm for eight weeks from 5th May—23 June.
- Cost \$10 per player for the term.
- Held at Pettigrew Green Arena
- An adult will be needed to supervise each team entered.

Any students interested should see Mr Crawford for a notice.

MASS TIMES

25th April 8.30 am and 5pm



SCHOOL LUNCHES—FRIDAYS

Subways available Fridays.

\$4.50 beef, \$4.70 turkey, \$4.50 ham

All subs come with Freshup drink and cookie.

Order forms are available at the office and need to be in the classroom on Thursday morning only by 9am.

PAINT

Does anyone have any left over paint that we could use for the production?

We need different shades of brown, rust, black, red, bright yellow.

If you can help please ring Erin Smith 835 5274.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Inquiries to Karyn Gouder 845 2712 or Sheree Lack 844 4311.

Christian Value For This Month Is—JUSTICE