

11th February 2010



Newsletter No 2

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

Assembly

There will be a school assembly tomorrow, Friday. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

Museum Visits

Thank you for offers of help for the Museum visits next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, 17th February and marks the beginning of Lent. There is no Parish Mass on Wednesday morning so classes will mark Ash Wednesday with their own prayers. There is Parish Mass at 7.00pm.

Commissioning Mass

Our staff will join staff from all Dunedin Catholic Schools for a Commissioning Mass next Thursday evening.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Katie Galt whose Grandfather passed away this week. May He Rest In Peace.

**The Mass to celebrate the beginning of the
School Year will be held on**

**Sunday 21st February
9.30a.m.**

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mass

- Mass is held every Sunday at 9.30am
- Altar Servers – 14th February – Rebecca Lynch and Iona Stewart

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thursday 25th February - make a note of this now!!

Sports Draws

Please remember that all St Francis Xavier players and parents MUST conduct themselves by our Fair Play Policy that they have signed.

- **T Ball** – Saturday 13th February
 - SFX Giants vs. SPC Strikers 11.00a.m Ground 1
 - SFX Strikers vs Maori Hill Yellow 9.00am Ground 7
 - SFX Youngs vs. Cardinals Eagles 11.00am Ground 8
 - SFX Minis vs St Marys Mini 9.00am Ground 12
 - SFX Midgets vs. St Clair Sprites 10.00am Ground 16

- **Flipperball** – Sunday 14th
 - 1.30p.m. vs. Kaikorai – Main Pool. Please be there 15minutes before start time.

- **Touch**
 - Games start next week

School Stationery/Activity Account/Receipts

Children have been supplied with their stationery requirements and accounts have been sent home to all children today. Included with the Stationery Account is a charge for activities such as museum visits, visiting performers and bus trips.

Receipts will be issued on payment of this account for tax purposes. All receipts issued during the year are kept at the office for collection by parents or sent out at the end of each year. This saves them being lost and copies being requested when it comes to tax return time.

If you have any difficulties with these accounts, please see Lorraine or Craig.

Publication of Children's Photographs and Work

At times we produce Newsletters, Articles for newspapers and school pamphlets that contain work and pictures of children. Please let Lorraine or Craig know if you do not want your child's work or picture used in these publications and we will arrange for this to happen.

Permission for Excursions

A notice and consent form for school excursions accompanies this newsletter. Please return this green form promptly. Thank you.

Smart Lunches – Monday lunch orders

Smart lunch prices have gone up to - \$2.50 – 2 sandwiches, fruit, pudding and cookie, or
- \$3.50 – 3 sandwiches, fruit, pudding and cookie.

PTA LUNCH
Wednesday 17th February

- **Volcano - \$2.00**
(bread case filled with spaghetti topped with cheese)
- **Moosie - \$1.00**

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00a.m.

Key Competencies

The 'Key Competency' that we are emphasising this term is *Positive Attitude*. Children are working towards getting a recognition certificate for their positive attitude.

Meetings

- Board of Trustees – Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm in Room 4 – all welcome.
- PTA – Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the staffroom. *It would be great to see some new parents come along to our short, friendly meetings.*

Fundraising for Jamboree

Josh Hook and Jack Kubala are fundraising for the Scout Jamboree they are going to in January 2011. They are selling chocolate bars and toilet paper (45 rolls for \$20). If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Jayne Hook on 453-5231 or Jane Kubala on 476-6555. Thank you.

McDonalds Receipts

Any time you visit McDonald's please ask for and keep your receipt. The PTA receives a percentage of sales back in vouchers which they can then use for prizes in their fundraising events. There is a container in the office for these receipts. Thank you.

Wanted Please

- Supermarket plastic bags
- Any junk that would be ideal for Discovery Time – cardboard boxes/rolls, magazines, material, wool, electronic things to pull apart, building and gardening tools, safety glasses/goggles, almost anything!!!!!!! Bring to Room 1 please.
- 2 litre ice cream containers

Board of Trustees Elections

This year is once again time for the triennial School Trustee elections. The election date has been set for 7th May. Becoming a member of the Board of Trustees is a very interesting and rewarding experience. If anyone would like more information on what is involved, please contact one of our current members – list on the office notice board. Lorraine is the Returning Office for the elections and will have the electoral roll available for viewing and calling for nominations in the next few weeks. Please don't hesitate to ask her or any other Board members questions.

Second Hand Clothing

There are a number grey polo shirts, boys shorts and fleece trackpants in good condition that are for sale at the office. We also have other items that you are most welcome to come and look through. Please see Lorraine if you are interested.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Registrations are now open for this year's event which is to be held on the 7th March. You can enter online at www.weetbix.co.nz Entries are open to all children aged 8 and over, and children can enter as an individual or as a team.

2010 Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships – Saturday 27th March

Entries close on 12th March. If you would like your child to compete in this event, please see Craig for qualifying times.

Lost

Hannah Larson's named size 6 polar fleece has been missing since the end of last year. It is named and also has a green ribbon sewn in to it to hang it up. Please check that your child has not worn it home by mistake. Thank you.

Thought for the Week

"Don't be afraid to go out on a limb for that is where the fruit is." *Janet Maggeridge*

God Bless
Craig Ward