

13<sup>th</sup> May 2010



Newsletter No 12

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents  
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

### **No Shared Prayer or Assembly**

There is no Assembly or Shared Prayer tomorrow, Friday.

### **Wok and Wal**

Wok and Wal are two funny puppet characters from David Poulton's Theatre of Puppets, who will be performing at school tomorrow afternoon. The cost of this performance is paid from the activities donation collected with your stationery account. St Peter Chanel School will be joining us for this performance.

### **Family and School Mass**

Thank you for your great participation at Mass on Sunday. It was a lovely celebration and a great get together.

### **Board of Trustees Results**

The results of 2010 Board of Trustee Elections are: (\* elected)

- Sharon Campbell 39
- Bruce Carey 39
- Jarod Chisholm 18
- Peter Christophers 59 \*
- Paul Kubala 31
- Paul Larson 55 \*
- Rachel Mortimer 46
- Brenton Rooney 60 \*
- Jacque Schuck-Dohig 45
- Kerry Trewern 50 \*
- Niko Young 52 \*

The elected trustees for St Francis Xavier School are: - **Brenton Rooney, Peter Christophers, Paul Larson, Niko Young and Kerry Trewern.**

The staff representative is: **Teenaka Kennedy.**

Congratulations to the successful candidates and a big thank-you to all who put their names forward for these elections. It is fantastic to have so much interest from our school community.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Room 4. At this meeting there will be a handover from the current Board to the new Board.

This will be a short meeting over coffee, when the positions of Chairperson, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer will be considered.

## Activ8

A team of eight Year 6 children are participating in the Activ8 competition tomorrow Friday. The contests are a combination of physical and thinking challenges.

## Sports Draws

*A reminder that subs need to be paid to the office as soon as possible. They are Netball \$25, Miniball \$38, Hockey \$30 and Ministicks \$35. Thank you.*

*Thank you to all who are helping and supporting our children in sports teams over the winter terms.*

- Netball – Draw for Tuesday 18th May (not yet received)
- Hockey – Draw for Wednesday 19th May
  - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - The Saints vs Green Sticks 1 at 3.45pm on Far 2
  - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – The Saints vs. Raven at 3.45pm on Far 1
- Ministicks – Games from 1-2pm on Saturdays. Children need to have shin-pads, mouth guard and a stick. The hockey shop at the turf will be open for you to purchase gear. Parents are asked not to go onto the turf during coaching and games but to stay outside the wooden fence or watch from the upstairs pavilion.
- Miniball – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May (today)
  - SFX Bullets (seniors) vs. GSNS Gold Court 1 at 5.15pm
  - SFX Nuggets (juniors) vs. St Joes Jazz Court 4 at 3.30pm

## Amnesty

At any time, we are very happy for you to return sports bibs and tops, reading books, library books and anything else that belongs to our school that you have at home. We know things get misplaced sometimes so don't be shy in returning them – we will put them to good use!!!!

**PTA LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sausage Roll - \$1.50**  
**Moosie - \$1.00**

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00am

## Ski Weekends

Our winter school ski weekends have been booked at Cardrona for the following weekends –

- 31st July/1<sup>st</sup> August
- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September

We are able to go as a group and get very reasonable lift, lesson and ski hire packages. You need to arrange your own transport and accommodation. If you are interested in knowing more about these ski weekends, please see Lorraine in the office.

### **Children's Casual Clothing and School Uniform**

We have numerous items of clothing, both uniform and non-uniform, here at school that we are keen to offer to families. Sizes range from pre-school to size 14. Next Friday from 2.30pm onwards, there will be boxes of clothing outside Rooms 1 and 2 that you are most welcome to help yourself from. A donation to the school would be appreciated but is not necessary.

### **Sacramental Programme**

We now have dates for children who are participating in the Sacramental programme.

- Reconciliation (Year 3 children) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.00pm. Parents meeting to be held on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm
- Confirmation (Year 4 children) – Either 21<sup>st</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> September. Parents meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm
- Communion – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am. Parents meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **DISCO – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 5-7pm at the Dunedin Rugby Clubrooms.**

Keep this date free. We will also be selling plates featuring your child's art work on the night. More details closer to the time.

### **Entertaining the Senior Parishioners**

Groups of children will perform song, dance, and music at the Senior Parishioners meeting to be held this afternoon.

### **Old McDonald (versus the Bionic Bouncing Bunny)**

The NZ Playhouse is performing Old McDonald for our school next Monday morning. This is a special show of drama, dance and song. The cost of this presentation is paid from the Activities Donation collected with your child's stationery account.

### **Science Achievement**

As part of the Board's Self Review Programme, they looked at the children's achievement in Science at their last meeting.

Assessments of the Learning Intentions for the recent Dinosaur study show that the pupils at St Francis Xavier School are achieving very well. 97% of our pupils are achieving at or above the expected level. This was a very exciting study and the visits to the Museum and the Art Gallery complemented the learning very well. A full copy of the Science Achievement Report is available from the office.

### **Spelling Achievement**

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children were given the NZ Council for Educational Research Spelling Assessment in March. The results show St Francis Xavier School pupils are achieving well compared to NZ Norms and have improved from the same test last year. In the 2010 test 21% of the children were stanine 7 (11% in 2009), 2% were stanine 8 (0% in 2009), and 4% were stanine 9 (2% in 2009). It is good to have improved achievement in these upper stanines. The full report on Spelling Achievement is available from the office.

### **Sunday Mass**

Mass on Sunday is at 9.30am. Altar Servers for 16<sup>th</sup> May are Andrew Cromb and Jacob Larson.

### College Students

Over the last fortnight University of Otago College of Education students Jessica Burton and Anna Cottrell have been posted in Rooms 1 and 2. We thank them for their fine contribution to St Francis Xavier and wish them well.



*Action from Netball on Tuesday. Thank you to all who are helping with and supporting our netball girls.*

### Thought for the Week

“Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That’s why it’s a comfort to go hand in hand.”

..... *Emily Kinnbrough*

Ma te Mtua Koe e tiaki  
God be with you  
Craig Ward.

**Blackstone Café - Mosgiel**  
*(under new management)*

*Open from 8.30am incl. Saturday and Sunday*