

25<sup>th</sup> March 2010



Newsletter No 8

Quality + Support + Values



Dear Parents  
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

### Thank You

*Term 1 has been busy with lots of great learning. Thank you for your great support with the class trips, sports teams, class time, the beginning of year Mass, PTA lunches, swimming, interviews, the Paschal Meal to be held next week and in many other ways.*

### Assembly

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

### Holy Week

- **Passover Meal** – As part of Holy Week observances, the children will participate in a Passover Meal next Wednesday. The meal will be at lunch time. ***Children can wear a tea towel as a head dress and are asked to bring along a piece of fruit and \$3.00 for the meal.***  
NOTE: No PTA lunch next Wednesday.
- **Easter Liturgy** – Next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April there will be an Easter Liturgy in the Church at 2.15pm. Each class will present a part of the Easter story in a liturgy involving prayers, songs, readings and drama. Please join us if you can.
- **Holy Week/Easter Ceremony Times**
  - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Francis Xavier
  - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Mass of the Last Supper at St Mary's, Kaikorai -7.30pm
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Celebration of the Lords Passion at St Josephs, Brockville 3.00pm
  - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Vigil Mass at St Francis Xavier - 8.00pm
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Mass at St Mary's Kaikorai – 9.30am



### Rooms 4 and 5 Aquatics Programme

Children in Rooms 4 and 5 will have swimming lessons and aquatic activities at Moana Pool beginning on the first Tuesday on next term. Please refer to the separate notice for full information.

### Policy Review

The following Policies are currently being reviewed as part of our Self Review programme:-

- \* Property Management
- \* Shady School
- \* Financial Management
- \* Headlice, and
- \* Staff Appointments

Copies are available from Lorraine at the office. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

## School Uniform

We switch to winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3. Please ensure your children wear the correct uniform as listed below. If for some reason your child cannot wear the correct uniform for a particular day, please send along a note or contact their teacher. We take great pride in the appearance of our pupils. All items can be purchased at Postie Plus and please mention our school name so that we receive 10% cash back. This is an easy way for our school to receive extra funds.

| <u>Girls</u>   | <u>Boys</u>                                     |
|--|---|
| White long-sleeved blouse  | Grey long-sleeved shirt                         |
| Tartan pinafore or navy blue trackpants <small>see below *</small> | Blue jersey                                     |
| Blue jersey  | Navy blue trackpants <small>see below *</small> |
| Blue tights or white socks   | Grey socks                                      |
| Black school shoes   | Black school shoes                              |

Polar Fleece Jackets with the school logo on them, are available from the office (cost \$50). They are an additional layer and not a replacement for the uniform jersey.

### NOTES:

- \* *Postie Plus. - Colour – Navy Styles – 708948 & 13159 (straight leg) or 708949 & 13161 (elasticised ankle).*
- \* *All parents are reminded that labelled trackpants (Asics, Canterbury, etc) are not acceptable as part of the uniform.*

## Elgregore

The children were entertained with an amazing show of magic and fun in the Cool Kids Care presentation by Elgregore yesterday. During the show the children were challenged to think of how they can make a positive contribution to our school community.



## Anti-Social Behaviour during Weekend

Some anti-social behaviour by some youths occurred during the weekend. Due to the diligent observation and actions of some parents, the culprits were apprehended. Thank you very much for your attention to this. Well done.

As a general comment, please contact the Police if at any time you notice any wrong-doings in the school grounds. Thank you.

## National Standards

Two opportunities to find out more on the National Standards:-

1. On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, there is a public meeting at the Regent Theatre. Dave Cull will compare the evening with Lester Flockton giving his presentation, *National Standards: The Inconvenient Truth*. The government has been invited to respond.
2. Another opportunity for parents and teachers to hear about National Standards is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Port Chalmers Lounge at the Edgar Centre. Michael Woodhouse is hosting the Minister of Education.

## Sports Draws

- T Ball – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Prize Giving at Southern Rugby Rooms at Bathgate Park
  - SFX Giants Prize Giving at 9.00am
  - SFX Strikers Prize Giving at 9.30am
  - SFX Youngs ) Prize Giving at 10.15am
  - SFX Minis ) “ “
  - SFX Midgets Prize Giving at 11.00am

- Flipperball – Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 4.00pm vs. St Clair Green – MAIN Pool.

**Come along and support our flipperball team who are playing in the FINAL of their section. Well done team!!**

- Touch – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - SFX Hotshots (Year 3 & 4) vs. Concord on Field 5 at 3.30pm
  - SFX (Year 5 & 6) vs. Balaclava on Field No 9 at 3.30pm

NOTE: There are games next Thursday (last day of term). Please let Teenaka or Lorraine know as soon as possible if you are unable to play.

*Thank you to all the coaches and supporters. Your enthusiasm and support is greatly appreciated by all players and parents. A summer sports lunch will be held early next term – details will follow and coaches will be contacted.*

## Fijian Cyclone Victims

You may have heard this week about the cyclone that caused devastation in Fiji and read in the ODT that Joeli from Dunedin has a container that is being filled with goods to be send over to help the victims. If you have any clean children's or adults clothing/footwear, toys, videos or books that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office or phone Robyn Garnett (453-3159) who will collect them.

Thank you.

## Trustee Elections 2010

Nomination Forms have been posted out to all those parents and caregivers on the Parent Roll for the 2010 Elections. If you do not receive this mail by the end of this week, please let Lorraine – our Election Returning Officer know. Nominations close at non on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

If anyone has any questions about the Elections, there are brochures on the table in the foyer which are very informative. Current Board members are happy to be approached also – there is a list on the notice board in the office.



## **PTA News**

- **Jack n Jill Photos** – Thanks for your great response. The photo sitting times were sent home yesterday with the children, so if you have not received yours, please ring Andrea on 4535078. We have 42 families booked in so please endeavour to be on time for your sitting to keep things flowing on the day. Thanks.
- **Entertainment Books** – Your child should have brought a book home on Tuesday. Please look through this book as there are some great offers in it. If you would like to purchase it, please keep the book and return your \$50 in the envelope the book came in. If you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it to the school as soon as possible so that we can re-distribute it. If you know of friends, family or work mates who might be keen to purchase a book, we have spare ones at the office. Thank you.

## **Earth Hour – 8.30pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

See the world in a whole new light!! Switch your lights off for an hour!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **Room 1 Parents - Sounds Alive**

A meeting will be held for Room 1 parents to discuss this school wide spelling programme and spelling homework next Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.00pm in Room 1. I hope you can come along –  
*Katie Galt*

## **Term Dates**

- Term 1 ends next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Term 2 commences Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## **Altar Servers –**

- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Rebekah Lynch and Iona Stewart

## **Holiday Programmes**

We continue to get information on various holiday programmes/camps/sports coaching, etc that may be suitable for you to use during the coming holiday break. Please look in the blue folder in the office foyer for more information.

## **Save2Learn**

Save2learn is a product which allows parents or guardians to put aside funds per month to save for their child's education. It is simple and affordable and is New Zealand based. If you would like to know more about us please feel free to visit the website at [www.save2learn.co.nz](http://www.save2learn.co.nz) or pick up a brochure from the office foyer.

## **Kiwi Kids Learn**

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. This resource is full of useful information to use with school age or pre-school children. Visit [www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com](http://www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com)

Ma te Atua Koe e tiaki  
God be with you -  
Craig Ward

