

4th March 2010



Newsletter No 5

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

Shared Prayer

Room 2 will lead our Shared Prayer tomorrow, Friday. Join us in the Church at 2.30pm.

Welcome

Last week we welcomed Xavier Bird to Room 1. He has his sister Xanthe in Room 3. Happy school days Xavier.

Thank you

Thank you for your fantastic help with swimming and Art Gallery transport.

Walk and Wheels Week

Congratulations on your efforts to walk or wheel at least some of the way to school this week. Remember to hand in your progress cards for awesome prizes.

Board of Trustee Elections

Another reminder that our Board of Trustee Triennial Election coming up, with the actual election day being Friday 7th May. These are postal elections so nomination forms and voting papers will be mailed to all eligible voters.

The Electoral Roll for Parents is now available during school hours for you to check that you name and correct address is listed on it. Please see Lorraine or Craig if you wish to see the Electoral Roll. Nomination Forms will be sent out to all those on this roll during the last week of this term, with nominations closing on Friday 23rd April (Term 2).

Please do not hesitate to talk to Lorraine, our Returning Officer, in the office if you have any questions.

Skateboards, Scooters, Skates

We have "Wheels Day" each Thursday and the children who bring their wheels are very good about wearing helmets. However, when children are leaving school they then often do not wear helmets. We ask you to help with this and to require your children to wear helmets at the very least when skating in the school grounds. Thank you.

Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are to be held on Wednesday 17th March (2.15pm – 5.00pm and 7.00pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday 18th March (3.15pm – 5.00pm). School will finish for all children at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17th March. After School Care is available for children who usually use this service from 2.00pm on Wednesday.

Booking forms are attached to this newsletter. Please return these to the school office as soon as possible, preferably tomorrow.

Otago Anniversary Day

School will be closed on Monday March 22nd for Otago Anniversary Day.

Sports Draw/Winter Sports

- *Please remember the Number One rule for all children in sport is to have fun!*
- *Positive parent comments on the sideline do encourage them to play and try harder.*

- T Ball – Saturday 6th March
 - SFX Giants vs. Bradford Bears 11.00a.m Ground 1
 - SFX Strikers vs Musselburgh Bears 9.00am Ground 7
 - SFX Youngs vs. Tainui Blue 11.00am Ground 8
 - SFX Minis vs Maori Hill Blue Sox 9.00am Ground 12
 - SFX Midgets vs. Grants Braes Tigers 11.00am Ground 16

- Flipperball – Sunday March 7th
 - 1.55p.m. vs. Mornington Minnows – Learners Pool.

- Touch – Thursday 5th March
 - SFX Hotshots (Year 3 & 4) vs. Balaclava on Field 2 at 3.30pm
 - SFX (Year 5 & 6) vs. George Street on Field No 7 at 3.30pm

Winter Sports

Registrations are being taken for winter sports. Children have been asked to indicate their interest in the following sports this week, and then forms will be sent home for parents to sign:

- Ministicks (Year 1-3) Hockey on a Saturday.
- Miniball (Year 3-6)
- Hockey (Year 3-6)
- Netball (Year 4-6)

If you have any questions please ask Teenaka or Lorraine.

PTA LUNCH

Wednesday 10th March

- **Saveloy in bread - \$1.50**
- **Calci Yum Chocolate Milk - \$1.00**

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



Riley tries out the new Religious Education interactive resource.

Cross Country

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have the West Zone Cross Country races on next Tuesday 9th March.

Children need their school sports uniform, suitable running shoes, a drink bottle and a jersey or jacket. The timetable is:

- Year 5 girls – 1.00pm
- Year 5 boys – 1.15pm
- Year 6 girls – 1.30pm
- Year 6 boys – 1.45pm.

Transport will be by cars leaving school at 12.30pm. Please let Pauline or Lorraine know if you can help out.

Lenten Prayers

We gather together as a school for Lenten Prayers on Friday mornings during Lent. Donations for Gonzaga and Caritas are collected during these prayers.

Sunday Mass

Mass is held in the Church at 9.30a.m. every Sunday. Children can go out for the Children's Liturgy during Mass.

Altar Servers – 7th March are Rebekah Lynch and Iona Stewart

A Blessing

*Let everything within you that can dance be danced;
Let everything within you that can sing be sung;
Let everything within you that can heal be healed;
Everything that can love be loved in return
So may it be for you
So may it be for me
So may it be for all of us
AMEN*

PTA News

• **Jack n Jill Photographs**

With today's newsletter is a booking form for Jack n Jill Photos. We have booked Sunday 28th March for this. It costs \$10 and this entitles you to a 10 x 13 print in either colour or black and white, with the option of purchasing more photos. The \$10 sitting cost and a percentage of the photos sales is donated to our school.

These are great photos! We have used Jack n Jill Photos before and in 2008, people were thrilled with their photos. The photo packages will be here in time for Mother's Day, so they would make great pressies.

Please return the Booking Forms to the office, along with the \$10 fee which must be paid at this time. If there is particular time you would like, please indicate this on the booking form and we will do our best to accommodate you. We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to family and friends. Contact Andrea if you require more information.

- **“Dunedin Entertainment” Book**

We will also be running another fundraiser shortly – the sales of the ‘Dunedin Entertainment’ Book. These books have been running in other parts of the country for several years and are great value. The purchase of the book entitles the bearer to great discounts in Dunedin, Invercargill and Central Otago on such things as 2 for one meals, 25% off meals, free Big Macs with certain purchases, free Hells Pizzas, Highlanders admissions, cheap movie passes and heaps more.

Some of the Dunedin businesses featured in the new book are: Alibi, No 7 Balmac, Craft Bar, Tandoori Palace, Starfish, Capers, Hoyts, Rialto, Velvet Burger, Moana Pool, Chipmunks, Burger King, McDonalds, The Dessert Room and many many more!!!

So keep you eyes out for this book – they are great value! Please purchase them through our school rather than any other organisation that may approach you.

Family Groups



Our Family Groups had face painting last Friday.

The children enjoyed painting faces and wearing their designs for all to see.

Notices

There are several notices about Registration Days from various winter sports clubs for rugby and soccer. These have all been put in the blue folder on the office notice board. There is also information from Kids Bike Jam, Choirs, After School Activities, Holiday programmes, etc.

Thought for the Week

Can it be a mistake that ‘STRESSED’ is ‘DESSERTS’ spelled backwards?

God Bless
Craig Ward