

6<sup>th</sup> May 2010



Newsletter No 11

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.

**Family and School Mass**

Each term we have a school Mass that involves the children. It is expected that children and their family will attend this Mass.

Our year 5 and 6 Young Vinnies are going to be commissioned at Mass this Sunday. Please make a special effort to have them attend. Thank you.

**Family and School Mass**  
9.30am  
this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
(Mothers Day)  
  
*Children, please sit with your class at the front of the Church*  
  
We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30p.m in Room 4. – At this meeting there will be the ‘hand over’ from the current Board to the new Board. This will be a short meeting including coffee, when the positions of Chairperson, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer will be considered.

**Wok and Wal**

Wok and Wal are two funny puppet characters from David Poulton’s Theatre of Puppets, who will be performing at school next Friday 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.

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**ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES- 2010 ELECTIONS**

**VOTING CLOSES AT NOON TOMORROW**  
**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

*Voting papers can be placed in the box at the office or posted before noon tomorrow.*

### Activ8

A team of eight Year 6 children are participating in the Activ8 competition next 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.

- Netball – Draw for Tuesday 11th May
  - SFX Youngs vs St Brigids Angels 3.30pm on Court 11
  - SFX Shooters vs. St Bern B 3.30pm on Court 16
  
- Hockey – Draw for Wednesday 12th May
  - The Saints vs Strath Taieri at 4.35pm on Pavilion No 3
  
- Ministicks – Games from 1-2pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. 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 6<sup>th</sup> May (today)
  - SFX Bullets (seniors) vs. Rotary Park Shooters Courts 1 at 3.30pm
  - SFX Nuggets (juniors) vs. St Brigids 2 Court 6 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 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saveloy in bread - \$1.50**  
**Juicie - \$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.

### **Discovery Time**

Discovery Time continues to be an enjoyable and interesting time for our Room 1, 2 and 3 pupils. They enjoy a wide range of activities. As a trial within Discovery Time, we have groups of children doing extension learning on topics. The current topic is about the brain.



### **PTA News**

- **Jack n Jill Photos** – After a few hiccups, Jack n Jill increased our profit margin and we received \$1000 for this fundraiser. Thank you all for your support. We have re-booked for 2012 and have been assured there will be a different photographer.
- **Room 1 Dinner** – Paasha 7.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Could you please let Katie or Andrea know by tomorrow if you are coming as we need to confirm numbers. Thank you.
- **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.

### **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.

### Entertaining the Senior Parishioners

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

### Notices

- Disco – St Marys Kaikorai - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30-9.00pm. Year 4-6 children. Admission \$2 and drinks and snacks 50cents.
- We are looking for a loving home for a large labrador/huntaway cross dog. Cody is 5 years old, neutered, loyal and very affectionate. He needs a large section and lots of exercise. Phone Wendy on 476-4269 or 0277113501.

### Thought for the Day

Apparently the human brain has around 70,000 thoughts on an average day. Probably slightly fewer on a Friday, but what an incredible organ!

Arohanui  
Craig Ward



### **Family Group “Tallest Tower”**

*Last week Family Groups had the task of building towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti noodles. Everyone had a great time with Dylan’s Group declared the winner with the tallest tower.*