

Christ the King Catholic School

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Newsletter 2010

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Term 1 Week 8 – 25 March 2010

COMING EVENTS:

Tues 30 Mar – School Photos

Wed 31 Mar – Stations of the Cross

Thurs 1 April – Holy Thursday – Last day of Term 1

Mon 19 April – 1st Day Term 2

20-23 April Wellington Camp Room 9

26-29 April Wellington Camp Room 10

27-30 April Wellington Camp Room 8

Fri 2 July – Last day Term 2

Mon 19 July – 1st day Term 3

Fri 24 Sept – Last day Term 3

Sun 31 Oct – CTK School Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends of the School,

The children's attitude to their lunch of rice or bread yesterday was a wonderful example of reflection and appreciation of what they normally have in their daily life. Their manners were impeccable and there was real recognition that this was a school community display of sacrifice for lent. The morning programme included a whole school liturgy and then students had the opportunity to attend reconciliation to prepare for Easter.

When we undertake activities such as these, it makes our special character so much more relevant to our students. Thank you to the parents who provided, cooked and served the rice; your contribution was the major factor in making the day such a success.

Teachers have been carrying out a good deal of testing of late, the vast majority of it done one on one. A child needn't feel that they are the only one participating in this process, as all students in the school are experiencing their turn. Our teachers also like it to keep it as stress free and enjoyable as possible. This testing will not only enable teachers to assess exactly where children are in their development, but also provide learning pathways for future knowledge.

Our triathlon and swimming teams have been at the Central Sports this week and performed with real credit. We will give you their results as soon as they come to hand. Congratulations to all those students who made these two competitions; it is a wonderful achievement to reach this level of competition.

Thanks for your attendance at the Middle School Mass last week. Our numbers were extremely high and our children made a wonderful contribution in many areas. Getting up and undertaking a role in front of such a large congregation is not an easy task by any means, but these children do it brilliantly.

Mike Bonisch
Principal



Our Christ the King School team at the Centrals Triathlon on Tuesday.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: James Van Voorst, Bryn Parish, Eva Grbavac, Marina Zhen, Claudia McNulty, Amy Preddy, William Furness, Jeffrey Grober, Maisie Gallagher, Christine Reodica, Sarah Balchin, Hannah Ferris, Gemma Doocey.



SWIMMING AND TRIATHLON TROPHIES: These will be presented at assembly tomorrow, Friday.

TOWEL ROSTER: Justine Coltman and Tiffany Parish

GYMNASTICS COACH URGENTLY REQUIRED: Our gymnastics team urgently needs a coach for Term 2. Any level of experience would help.

UMBRELLAS: Any donations of umbrellas would be gratefully accepted.

GROCERY BAGS: Could we please have any grocery bags that you might be able to spare?

THE NOMINATION FORM you received enables you to put your name forward as a candidate in the forthcoming board of trustees elections, or to nominate someone else as a candidate.

For further information, contact the Board Chairperson, Rebecca Methven on 342-6299 or the Principal, Mike Bonisch.

LOST PROPERTY: We still have a pink scooter that was left at school a couple of weeks ago.

CARITAS DONATION: Our collection on Solidarity Day (Rice Day) raised a magnificent \$501.00.

Thank you!

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

2010 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
 Strong leaders make strong schools

Raffle Tickets are due back tomorrow (Friday 26 March). All books must be returned before the raffle can be drawn.

SCHOOL FAIR 2010 Our biennial school fair is scheduled for **Sunday 31 October 2010**. This year each classroom (or, more precisely, the parents from that classroom) will be allocated a particular stall to help organise and run on the day. A stall co-ordinator will be appointed for each class. The co-ordinator will attend regular fair meetings and liaise with the classroom parents.

Proceeds from the fair will help fund the **new library/learning centre**, which will be a very tangible asset for all our children to enjoy.

There will be more information about the fair next term but, in the meantime, don't throw out your quality used goods, plan ahead for planting, and start thinking of some fresh ideas! If you have any immediate queries please contact Melanie de Roo on 360 3937, or leave a message at the school office. Thanks.

(P.S. The Metservice forecast for 31 October is "a fine, still day with a high of 24 degrees".....perfect!!)

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:

Villa Maria College Tuesday 4 May 9am-3.30pm. Address to parents by the principal, Mrs Mary Lynch, in the College auditorium at 9.15am, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm. Applications for enrolment are available from the college office: phone 348-4165, email villa@villa.school.nz, or download and application from www.villa.school.nz.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Next Tuesday, 30th March. Please note that children are asked to wear **CORRECT SUMMER UNIFORM.**

Boys: Grey summer shorts and shirts; Regulation brown or black school shoes; Grey ankle socks

Girls: White short-sleeved blouse underneath their pinafore (or skirt for seniors); Regulation brown or black school shoes; Plain white ankle socks; Maroon or navy hair ties; One plain stud per ear if wearing earrings.

Hair longer than collar length is to be tied back

No jewellery, make up or nail polish

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FAMILY PHOTO BOOKING:

I wish to have a family photo of my children

FAMILY NAME:

NAME: ROOM:

NAME: ROOM:

NAME: ROOM:

NAME: ROOM:

SIGNED _____

PARISH NEWS:

Rite II Reconciliation will take place at CTK Church on **Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm**. Up to ten priests will be in attendance. Mark your diaries now!

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Update

IMPORTANT DATES:

20 April: Children's lessons 1,2,3 are due for marking today at the latest, please place in the yellow box in the school office, or post in the office slot in the church foyer.

25 April: Children will be presented with the "Ten Commandments" at any mass - Sat 24 April at 6pm or Sun 25 April at either 9am or 11am.

27 April: Parent Meeting Two - either 1.15-2.45pm or 7.30-9.00pm. Please bring your Parent Lesson Folder (Green clearfile) and, if you haven't already done so, your child's Baptismal Certificate.

We trust all is going well as you work through the first three lessons in preparation for First Reconciliation. Should you require any help or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Geraldine 351-5800.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Pilates Classes: Bishopdale Community Centre Meeting Room 2. Tuesday 9.30am and/or Fridays 1pm. \$10 per person. Start date 30 March. Contact Mel Bryant melbryantpilates@gmail.com or phone 352-2128.

Barnardos KidStart Home Based Care and Learning can help your family. We are currently offering Professional, Quality Home-Based Care for children from birth to 5yrs old, with Work and Income subsidies and 20hrs ECE available. There is also an opportunity to work from home with an income caring for children from your own home working full time or part time hours. Phone Moira 0800 543 782 or 353 6449.

ACES... About Children Experiencing Separation, is a 7 week support programme designed to help children 8-10 years old understand and cope with their feelings and experiences around the separation of their parents. For more information please contact Sarah Rawson on 366 8839, ext 845

Wise-Up is an 8-week course for children aged 6-12 years, teaching skills for everyday life We look at how to recognise feelings & emotions and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. Wise-Up aims to teach children to maintain self-care, self-confidence, self-respect and self-control. For information & enrolments contact Sarah Rawson @ Methodist Mission. Phone 366 8839 ext. 845 or Email sarahR@mmsi.org.nz.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:

Christchurch School of Gymnastics 12-16 April at QE11. Phone 3886616.

Burnside Park Tennis Club Phone 3583-272 and leave a message with your child's name, age and a contact phone number to register.

Avon United Football Club Holiday Programme, and/or Term 2/3 Football Academy. Phone 980 7082021 or 021 202 1082.