

**From Teresa**

**Prayer of Thanks**

We thank you, o God, for the people who enrich our lives:

for those who are always willing to be a sounding board, for friends who accept us for what we are; for competitors who bring out the best in us;

for critics who, while irritating us, challenge us to prove them wrong;

for counsellors, teachers and priest who share good advice;

for all those who love us and care for us;

for those who set an example worthy to be followed;

for those whose moral sensitivity pricks our conscience and challenges our self indulgence.

Amen



**Dear Whanau/Family**

**Nga Mihi o te wa ki a koutou (Greetings to you all)**

It has taken a wee while for me to get back on my feet after Dad passed away unexpectedly during the holidays and I just wanted you to know how grateful my mum, sisters, Daryll, Adelaide and I have been for your prayers, cards, kind words and thoughts. A special thanks to my wonderful staff. The light of Christ burns strongly in all your hearts. Thank you.

**Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to Gihara who has recently started her learning and faith journey at our school.



**Staff-Congratulations**

We congratulate Miss Jannelle Gray on her recent appointment as Team Leader of the Year 5/6 team.

Hamish Taverner our teacher aide in Room 8 also has good news. Hamish has been selected to go to Christchurch for the Special Olympics World Games Camp. His specialty sport is Ten Pin Bowling. If he is selected he will represent New Zealand next June in Athens. Go Hamish!



**Staff Farewell**

We sadly farewell Don Tietjens our caretaker on Friday 13th August at the Junior assembly. We wish Don all the best and thank him for his contribution to making our school the great place it is.

**Teresa's Award**

Just before the 2nd term ended I was fortunate to be contacted by the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association about being awarded the Jan Pratt Memorial Award. The award of \$1500 will go towards a professional development opportunity of my choice. I will keep you posted. A huge thank you to the NZCPPA for their generosity.

**Fr Brian**

Were you aware that Fr Brian is moving to Paihiatua at the end of the term? Our new Parish Priest will be Fr Peter Fahy. We will farewell Fr Brian on the last Friday of this term, Friday 24 September. There will also be a Parish luncheon on Sunday 26 September in our School Hall, which you are all invited to attend. More details to come.

**Thank you**

Thank you if you attended the Generation Game in Term 1. The sound system which we purchased with the money you raised is installed and operational. We now have two new powered speakers, a commercial microphone to add to our cable and wireless microphones and a mixer. We already had a DVD which we play CDs /DVDs through.

Thank you to Audio Progress for assisting us with this purchase.

You can't help but notice the work that took place over the weekend re the first stage of the Discovery Time area. A big thank you to Daryll Edwards, Scott Fitchett, Clint Evans and James Shepherd for their expertise. Very soon there will be plenty of seating space at the front of our school so you can enjoy fellowship and watch your children play. This project is being funded by last year's Gala money.

**Toys Lunchtime**

As part of an opportunity our SUPER Achievers had to share their ideas with us about how we could improve our school, lots of children made the suggestion of being able to bring toys to play with at



lunchtime. So we are willing to trial this and there are a few guidelines if your child wants to take advantage of this opportunity this Monday 9 August.

1 toy per child. Please label. Nothing too valuable, so this includes electronic toys. Nothing with little pieces. The children are responsible for their toys. Teachers will have a place in the classroom where toys can be placed between breaks. Lets see how it goes.

#### FROM THE DRS TEAM

Classes are learning about the Sacrament Strand.

This Strand focuses on the sacraments using symbols and rituals. A symbol is a physical sign used during the sacrament, such as oil or water during the Sacrament of Baptism. A ritual is part of a ceremony that is repeated. We often help the children understand rituals and symbols by describing a birthday party.



In **Year 1** the students are learning about the Holiness of God through places, times, objects and rituals. Ideas for ways to support this learning as a family are on page 19 of the Family/Whanau book.

The students learn about Baptism in **Year 2** and how through the rituals and symbols people are welcomed into the life of the Trinity. Ideas for ways to support this learning as a family are on page 22 of the Family/Whanau book.

**Year 3 and 4** students will be learning about how the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our relationship with God. Ideas for ways to support this learning as a family are on page 25 of the Family Whanau book.

In **Year 5 and 6** the children are learning about healing and how the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick bring people grace and peace. Information about this strand is in the Family/Whanau book on page 31.

#### Baptism

Blessings on Daniel who is choosing to be baptised in Feilding on Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Daniel.

#### ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

##### SUPER PERFORMERS!

Congratulations to all the St James' students who participated in, and gained places and awards at the recent Palmerston North and Wanganui Performing Arts Competitions. These SUPER Achievers demonstrated perseverance, focus and talent. We are so proud of you all.

The Choral Speaking Group put on a special performance of "One More Sheep" and won a voucher for the school library.

#### Kapa Haka wananga – noho

Tomorrow, Friday 6th August to Saturday 7th August. We bless Mrs Grant and the Whanau as they lead this important learning experience with our tamariki.

#### MATHEX

MATHEX 2010 takes place next Friday 13th. Our Year 5 and 6 team will be up against some strong competition and have been well prepared by Jennifer Hudson. Thank you Jen for coming in on Mondays to develop our learners mathematical problem solving skills.

Blessings upon the following children as they prepare to represent Hato Hemi.

Year 5: Finn M, Sumak P, Hadley H, Craig L 1st reserve Jessie A. 2nd reserve Anna D.

Year 6: Hagan H, Sophie C, Theo d'A, Sophie A. Reserve Holly Mc M

#### Michael Mangan

We are thrilled to be hosting a visit from Australian Christian musician Michael Mangan on Wednesday 18 August from 9.15-10.25. We sing a great deal of Michael's music and look forward to his concert.

#### St Peters Open Night

St Peters Open Night for families is Wednesday, August 11th at 7pm. Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by. Diary this date NOW!

#### Junior Team Assembly

Come and join us on Friday 13th August at 2pm to celebrate the learning the Junior Team have been participating in.

#### Mantar ICT PD Cluster 2010-2012

#### ICT Survey

Your voice is a very important part of our ICT development and ensuring we are working in partnership towards the same goals for children's learning is crucial. This afternoon an ICT survey-one per family is coming home. Please make every effort to complete it promptly before Friday 13 August. The class who returns the most surveys will be in for a surprise-a Mrs Edwards Special!



Looking for a kiwiana treasure? Traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs are ageless and it is exciting that these stories are now being rewritten within a kiwi context under a series name 'Kiwi Corkers'. Kiwi contexts such as three little lambs making their houses out of fern, paua shell and hangi stones...Cindy who loses her jandal at the barbie...Trev who cuts down the kauri tree after the taniwha chases him... the Mayor of Waikikumukau in an outfit supposedly made out of wool, flax and kakapo feathers are just some of the awesome tales redone to date. Encourage your children to get them issued once they come off display next week and make them a bedtime family read as they really are a treat!



### Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

#### Helping Kids Cope with Strong Feelings

If your child struggles more than most with strong emotions like fear, frustration, or anger, then you can be a powerful model of how to cope when these feelings threaten to take over. A child in a furious rage is hard to help with rational suggestions. When emotions are spilling over, show them what self control looks like. Let them see you gather yourself, calm down and even take a walk outside. A child loves to find ways of managing their own anger – and you will be their first and most important teacher.

### FROM THE PTFA

#### Dead Tragic, Centrepoint Theatre Thursday 19 August

We have reserved a block booking to this musical evening, and it's to die for! The cult musical of the 90's returns to Centrepoint Theatre with more than 20 hits (and misses) from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Tickets are \$35.00 each of which \$10.00 will go towards the purchase of another computer terminal for the children to use in our the Library. Tickets can be purchased through the School Office, cash or cheque (made payable to Centrepoint Theatre), or directly through Centrepoint Theatre corner Church and Pitt Streets. Just mention St James' Catholic School. Seats are limited so get in quick. If you are booking through the School Office all money must be received by Friday 30 July. Don't miss this great show!

### FROM THE Gala Committee

**Please find the separate Gala newsletter and baking products newsletter that came out with today's Newsletter.**

"If your Business kindly indicated that you will drop items into the school, could you start to do so over the next couple of weeks. We would greatly appreciate it. We thank you again for you generous support."

#### Mufti Day

Friday 20 August.

Please bring a Mystery Bottle, not fizzy please.

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

#### Found

A Toyota Car Key has been found and handed into the School Office. If it is yours please come and see Lesley or Lori.



#### Sickness

With a large number of sicknesses this week we would like to thank the many parents who have made contact with the School Office and explained their children's absences.

#### How to help prevented the spread of coughs, colds and flu.

The most important thing we can do to protect ourselves is regular and effective hand washing. When coughing or sneezing cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.



Afterwards promptly dispose of the tissue and wash your hands. Keep your hands away from your mouth, nose, ears and eyes as mucous membranes can let the virus into your body through your airways or eyes.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME. THANK YOU**

#### Kapa Haka Piu Pius

We require lots of old clean stockings to care for our new Puiplus. Please donate to the School Office as soon as you can. Thank you.

#### Eat Yummy Apples and Support St James'

Continue to crunch on apples this term and collect 'Yummy' sports money for our school. Yummy apples are available from New World and Pak'n Save stores. Every sticker equates to points. The more points we collect the more money we can spend on sports gear! If you need another sheet please come and see Tracey Warrington in Room 7. The sticker sheets need to be handed back to the School Office by the end of term. Thanks for your continued support around this.



## GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

### Netball Draw Saturday 7 August

Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	Parkland C	10.30	Ct 4
St James Flyers	St Marys Magic	10.00	Ct 4
St James Pulse	Whakarongo Steel	12.00	Ct 12

Please be at the court at least 20 min before the game starts.

### Hockey Draw Saturday 7 August

Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	CSNS A	10.00	10A
St James 'Green	CSNS Girls	9.00	6A

### Jump Rope

SJS is participating in the Heart Foundations 'Jump Rope for Heart Jump off'. Since the Heart Foundations establishment as a charity in 1968, coronary heart disease deaths have been reduced by more than half. However, cardiovascular disease (heart, stroke and blood vessels disease) remains the number one killer of New Zealanders, accounting for 11,000 deaths (40% of deaths annually).

The children have brought home a sponsorship form. They have been asked to collect money to help raise money for the Heart Foundation. Our school will receive 25% rebate of the total funds raised.

Our Jump Off is on Tuesday 17th August (pp Friday 20th August). Please support the Heart Foundation and help your child to gain sponsorship – even two would be great.

## From the Community

### Starship Foundation - Cell Phone Recycling

One way to raise money for the Starship Foundation is to recycle old phones. Starship can raise anything between \$2 and \$20 per phone. You can support this by bringing your old cell phones into the School Office,



### Labrador Puppies for Sale

Beautiful purebred chocolate Labrador puppies for sale. 9 weeks old, with vaccinations, vet checks and worming up to date. Proof of ownership of the mother and puppies is available on request.

4 females and 1 male. For more information please call Monique 027 2402770.

### Children's Portraits

Gael Gamble is available to paint childrens portraits. She is a Fielding Artist and well known to members of our Parish Community. She is happy to donate a % of

any work she gets back to our school. You can contact Gael on 323 0667 email: allengael@xtra.co.nz

## Dates to Remember

	Term 3
<b>Week 3</b>	
6 Aug	Kapa Haka Wananga
<b>Week 4</b>	
9 Aug	Toys Lunchtime
	PTFA Meeting 6:30 in the Staffroom
11 Aug	St Peters Open Night 7pm
13 Aug	Mathex Competition
13 Aug	Junior Assembly
14 Aug	BOT Retreat morning
<b>Week 5</b>	
16 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Competition
18 Aug	Musician Michael Mangan performing
19 Aug	Centrepoin community social evening
20 Aug	Mufti – Mystery Bottle
20 Aug	PTFA Lunch
<b>Week 6</b>	
23 Aug	Wheels Lunchtime
23 Aug	BoT Sub Committee meetings
25 Aug	Gala Meeting
26 Aug	Ripper Rugby/Netball at St Josephes
26 Aug	SLC appointments sent home
27 Aug	PP Ripper Rugby/Netball
27 Aug	PTFA Movie Night
<b>Week 7</b>	
30 Aug	6:30 BoT meeting
1 Sept	Whanau meeting
5 Sept	Family/Whanau Mass Room 4 and 7

**Ma te tangata ano te tangata puta noa I te ao e manaaki.**

**May God protect and care for you all.**

*JM Edwards*

Teresa