

**From Teresa**

**Prayer**

This prayer is the first verse of a Michael Mangan song. Michael shared some of his wonderful music with us yesterday and talked about the meaning of Jesus in our lives.

Christ has no body now but mine,  
No hands, no feet on earth but mine.  
Christ has no body now but mine.  
Let me be Christ, let me shine.



**Dear Whanau/Family**

Kiaora Koutou

I'm not sure where the weeks have gone however one thing I do know is that there is a real learning buzz in our classrooms as our teachers work with their learners around their individual next learning steps. A huge thank you to Katy Grant and the whanau for their contribution to our students learning and skill development at the recent wananga here at school then at the marae on Centennial Drive. Thank you to the wonderful parent group who supported the learning and prepared the meals. Also to Tracey Warrington and her team for their wonderful organisation of Jump Rope For Heart. We had an awesome afternoon on Tuesday of skipping, laughter and fun. We have all certainly improved our skipping skills.

**Staff Appointments**

Congratulations to Robert Portch who has been appointed to the position of caretaker in our school. Robert starts next week. We welcome Robert and his family to our community and look forward to Robert sharing his wonderful gifts and talents with us.



**Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to Isabella and Van their families who have recently started their learning and faith journey at our school.

**FROM THE DRS TEAM**

On Monday the senior school had an inspirational talk from Thomas Nash. Thomas is Miriam, James and Biddy's Carr's uncle. He works for the United Nations and has won awards for his efforts to ban cluster bombs. Thomas talked to the children about how he grew up just like them in Palmerston North and wanted to make a difference in the world. He persevered with his education and now is in a position to actively campaign with world governments to make the world a safer place. Thomas assured us that it



is never too early to make a difference and there are opportunities for our students to write and talk about how they feel. Service and social justice is an important value in our Catholic schools' philosophy and our children are learning about the differences they can make in the world by praying, writing persuasive letters to local Members of Parliament, and fundraising to raise awareness.

**Father Brian's Farewell**

Join us for liturgy on Friday 24th September at 2:15 to farewell Father Brian. We would like to be able to present him with a gift from the St James' community to express our gratefulness for his service, leadership and kindness over these past 8 years. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, please leave your donation in the labelled box at the School Office before September 10th. Thank you.

**Fathers Day Mass-Room 4 and 7 Family/Whanau Mass**

Fathers Day is fast approaching and we are celebrating our Dads and the important men in our lives at 9am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 5 September. Rooms 4 and 7 will be leading our Eucharistic celebration. See you there for fellowship and hospitality.

**Attendance Dues For Your Urgent Consideration**

The number of families with outstanding Attendance Dues (these are the fees paid to the Catholic Schools Board to pay off loans raised to fund new works, and to pay some building related costs such as the insurance of school buildings) is becoming a matter of concern. At 4th August families at St James' Catholic School had \$16,663 Dues outstanding for Terms 1,2 and 3 plus \$4,759 from last year. This is a 55% increase from the same period last year. **Payment of Attendance Dues is not a donation. It is a moral and legal obligation undertaken when YOU enrol children at a Catholic School.**

If you have Outstanding Dues, please address this matter urgently to avoid action being taken to recover any amounts outstanding. If you wish to commence an Automatic Payment to start paying dues or you wish to discuss your situation please contact either Dan Lynch on 354 0451 or Fr Brian on 357 2891. Lori also has automatic payment forms at the School Office. Thank you to those families who have already met this obligation this year.

Dan Lynch.

**Junior Liturgy Catechists:**

Are you interested in being a Junior Liturgy Catechist? The Junior Liturgy Catechists organises a junior liturgy session at St Patrick's Cathedral about once every 6 weeks. We will give you guidance with this important role. Please contact: Stephanie and Bruce Tichbon (Junior Liturgy Co-ordinators) [tichbonfamily@inspire.net.nz](mailto:tichbonfamily@inspire.net.nz) , phone 357 1901 or 027 8487853

## ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

### Mathex

On Friday 13th August the St James' Year 5 and 6 Mathex teams competed at the annual Mathex competition against 40+ schools from around the Manawatu Region. Both teams had to work in unity and persevere to solve tricky problems. The St James' Year 6 Team (Hagan, Sophie, Sophie C and Theo) came 8th in their year group. The St James' Year 5 team (Hadley, Sumak, Finn and Craig) came 2nd equal in their year group. We all had lots of fun working together and being challenged, and are extremely proud of our results. We would all like to thank Mrs Jennifer Hudson for the help and support that she gave us in preparing us for this competition. We couldn't have done it without you. You are a true SUPER Achiever!!!

*Written by Hadley and Sophie*



### Michael Mangan

Yesterday we had the privilege of meeting and working with Australian Catholic Christian musician Michael Mangan. He had never visited our school before and was impressed by our enthusiastic participation and our fantastic singing. We were able to ask questions and found out that Michael has written 150 songs. Of the 14 he shared with us yesterday we knew 13! Thank you Mrs Soper for providing us with such a rich and varied music selection. This learning opportunity was made possible from the money you pay for your child's school fees. Thank you.



### Chess

We have a very enthusiastic group of chess players who meet in Room 7 in Terms 2 and 3 to learn the craft of playing Chess. Valerie Margrain kindly coaches and develops our players' skills with the intention that they will participate in the Manawatu Primary Schools Chess Competition, which is being held at Awapunui School this year. The teams are:

A Team: Finn, Matthew, Tim, Trey

B Team: Corban, Eli, Daniel, Bennette

C Team: Matthew, Taylah, Alex, Suede and James

They have persevered to improve their playing skills this year. We ask God's blessing on them all on Tuesday 24 August. Coming home tonight with the above children will be information about this event.

### Junior Jackson Dance Performance

You will not want to miss this!!! Come along and be blown away by the choreography. Rooms 1,7,8,9 and 10 have created during the last two terms as they have developed their dance skills in partnership with Dean Mc Kerras. Working with Dean has given our SUPER Achievers the confidence to create 4 individual dance items to share with you. 2pm 13 September. School Hall. Diary this NOW!!!!

### An Afternoon of Musical Entertainment

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 22 September 2pm at St James' School Hall for an afternoon of musical entertainment by our Year 3-6 children which will include class ukulele items, choir, orchestra and guitar groups.

### Student Led Celebrations

Our students will celebrate their learning journey with you on Tuesday 21 September and Wednesday 23 September. Appointment slips will be coming home next Thursday 26 August.

## SUPER Achiever Success

### Piano Exams

My brother and I took a piano exam on Wednesday 4th of August. I was doing grade 3 and Josh was doing grade 2. Joshua got an A, which is a distinction, and I got an A+ which is high distinction! I was really excited when I got the results.

*From Isabelle and Joshua.*

## From the Board of Trustees

### Board Retreat Morning

We have recently completed a Walk Around our school looking at teaching and learning in action, property etc as part of our new governance role.

Last Saturday we met with members of the Leadership Team to get up to speed on how student achievement is reported and how the current Charter works. We also participated in an environmental scan considering issues currently affecting education. With these in mind we began a needs analysis looking at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our school. This continues the thinking we did as a community last year at an evening at the end of Term 2 where you told us what you thought our strengths and weaknesses were and what you wanted for your child by attending our school. We are currently in the process of having a new school brochure published that brings all of that thinking together. The needs analysis will contribute to our new school Charter 2011-2013. Our Charter sets the direction of the school.

At the Board meeting next week we will be discussing how we ensure all our school community stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute their ideas to our 2011-2013 School Charter. Watch this space. We value your input.



## Mantar ICT PD Cluster 2010-2012

### ICT Survey

Thank you to the 46% of you who have so kindly returned your ICT survey. I know it hasn't been easy with illness etc. Last week was particularly challenging. Please continue to drop these into the School Office. Well done to Room 2 and Room 8 for returning the highest percentage. I will now enter into reward negotiations with each of these classes.



### Tekids

What's happening in our Mantar I.C.T PD cluster this term?

Five of our Year 4 and 5 SUPER Achievers have been meeting with other students from the Mantar Cluster schools every fortnight this term. We've called the group Tekids. The purpose of these meetings is to support our learners to continue to develop high levels of information literacy skills as a foundation for learning by ...



- Building their confidence to use a range of Web 2.0 tools, Movie making, Stop Motion Animation and podcasting
- Sharing their knowledge with their peers
- Reflecting on their new learning
- Giving them the confidence to make decisions about the best tools to use when learning using I.C.T.
- Being able to justify the choices they are using in researching and presenting their learning

So what do our Tekids have to say so far about the learning they have been participating in?

*Liam from Room 3:*

"It is really fun because we did lots of interesting learning on the internet. Also we are meeting new people from other schools".

*Leonardo from Room 6:*

"I found it really interesting about the internet, for example the safety. Also you could learn how to use new things on the internet eg hyperlinks don't have to be just words, but they can also be pictures".

*India from Room 4:*

"It was really fun and interesting when you had to find the answers to the questions about how to use the internet safely. It was quite hard working with people that I didn't know. I think I persevered".

### From the Information Hub

This week is National Library Week and the focus New Zealand wide is the reading of the book Mr Muggs the

Library Cat as well as encouraging children to ask questions. Mr Muggs is a very clever thinking and adventurous cat and so we are encouraging the children to go beyond the story of Mr Muggs by asking inquisitive questions and to make predictions about the story. Children are also encouraged to come into the library and search for answers to questions they may have been wondering about.



Thanks go out to our great librarians who have been busy organising lunchtime games and making bookmarks for our readers to enjoy. They really are a great team!

### Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

#### Investing in Mum and Dad

When Mum and Dad are prioritising each other and their relationship, the kids can see that there is a united team that can't be side-tracked or blind-sided. They're also learning by example that love is as much about what we do, as it is about how we feel.

Parents who make regular time to spend alone together and express their love and appreciation in ways that the other values, tend to have a close and supportive partner in their parenting and this benefits the whole family.

### FROM THE PTFA

#### PTFA Pizza Lunch

Our second pizza lunch this Term is

**Tomorrow**

tomorrow on Friday 20 August. Same price, same flavour, \$2.00 per slice for Hawaiian or Meat Lovers. Orders taken in the morning before school. Thank you to all the parent helpers who lend a hand.



#### Movie Night

Coming to our School Hall Friday 27 August from 5.45pm is MOVIE NIGHT! Wrap up warm, bring your blankets, bean bags and dinner. Sweet treats available for sale on the night including icecream sundaes for \$2.50, and coffee and cake for \$3.00.

Join our school community for another great family night out. The movie is free.

### FROM THE Gala Committee

Gala Newsletter home today.

#### Mufti Day for Mystery Bottle

**Tomorrow**

Sorry for the confusion. Mufti Day for Mystery Bottle is tomorrow **Friday 20 August**. Children can wear Mufti in exchange for a mystery bottle. **No FIZZ please**. See this week's Gala newsletter for further details.

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

All sheets due back to Miss Warrington in Room 7 by the end of the term.

## GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

### Touch Rugby

The 2010/11 Touch Rugby Season starts in Term 3. To be able to enter teams in the competition we need support from parents to be coaches and managers. The number of teams we can enter will depend on the number of coaches and managers we have.

For those who are new to touch, it is run on a Friday afternoon from 4.30-6.30 at Monrad Park. Each team is required to play 2 games every week. There are 4 age groups; Under 7's, Under 9's, Under 11's and Under 13's.

Anyone interested in being a Coach or Manager please contact Paula Andersen at kaspur@xtra.co.nz or call 0274 408 393.

Player registrations will be in the September newsletters, so please keep an eye out for these.

Future Ferns End of Season Tournament Draw Saturday 21 August			
Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	St Mary's Mystics	9:30	Ct 4
	Milson D	10.15	Ct 7
	Parkland C	11.15	Ct 5
	Linton Camp School Tangaroa	12:15	Ct 3
Prizegiving to follow at 12:35			
St James Flyers	Bye		
	Hokowhitu Kereru	10.00	Ct 6
	St Mary's Magic	11.00	Ct 4
	Milson C	12.00	Ct 2
Prizegiving to follow at 12:35			
Primary Yr 6 Finals - 21 August 2010			
St James Pulse	Whakarongo Steel		Ct 11
Please be at the court at least 20 min before the game starts.			

Hockey Draw Saturday 21 August			
Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	Cornerstone Critters	10am	10A
St James 'Green	CSNS C	9am	6A

### Jump Rope

Was your child away on Tuesday **Tomorrow** for our Jump off? Miss Warrington is running a 'catch up' for those children during lunchtime tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE Gear. Thank you

Thank you for your support with Jump Rope. Our jump off was a great success and a great opportunity for our SUPER Achievers to showcase their new skills.

Please collect your sponsorship money and return to the School Office with your child's name and room number in an envelope /bag by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.

## From the Community

### Highland Home Christian Camp

School holiday programme for 9 – 11 year olds. Sunday 3 October to Friday 8 October

Registration forms available from [www.highlandhome.co.nz](http://www.highlandhome.co.nz)

### St John's Primary School Mairangi Bay 50th Jubilee.

For past and present families, students, parents, staff and friends of St John's. Celebrations take place over the weekend of 18-20th March 2011. Register now. Visit [www.stjohnsjubilee.org.nz](http://www.stjohnsjubilee.org.nz) for details."

## Dates to Remember

	Term 3
<b>Week 5</b>	
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
24 Aug	Chess Competition Awapuni School
25 Aug	Middle Team trip to Foxton
25 Aug	Gala Meeting
26 Aug	Ripper Rugby/Netball at St Josephs Fielding
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 Fathers Day Mass Room 4 and 7
<b>Week 8</b>	
8-11 Sept	Gala Meeting
10 Sept	PTFA Lunch
<b>Week 9</b>	
13 Sept	PTFA Meeting
15 Sept	Gala Meeting
17 Sept	<b>School Finishes 12:45 for Gala Preparation</b>
19 Sept	<b>GALA</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	
<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>School starts 10am</b>
<b>22 Sept</b>	<b>2pm Music Performance</b>

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

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

*JM Edwards*

Teresa