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ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHAKARURU HAU
(A Sheltering Place)

26 AUGUST 2010

Reminders

Gala Art

For those parents new to our community and new to Gala, the children's gala art you are encouraged to purchase for \$6.00 is motivated by the children having a sense that they make a contribution to this annual effort too, by using their creative gifts and talents. This year our theme was inspired by Maori Language week. The children have created some stunning pieces, examples are displayed in the School Office foyer. If you choose not to buy your child's piece of art it will become an item to be purchased in the Craft Stall.

From the DRS Team

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.

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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.

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

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 22 September. Appointment slips have come home today.

Please return these to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday 2 September.



FROM THE PTFA

Movie Night

Coming to our School Hall tomorrow night at 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.

Tomorrow



FROM THE Gala Committee

Gala Newsletter home today.

Coming home with the Gala newsletter is a colour A4 poster. Please ask to have this hung up in a Shop or Office so our community know all about our famous Gala. They are no good left in your school bag. Thank you Mrs Aylward for redesigning them for us. They look lovely.

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

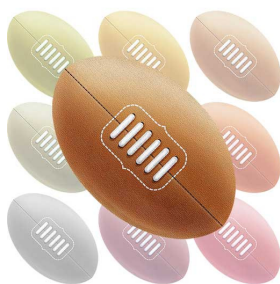
Touch Rugby

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 and Under 11'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.



Jump Rope

Please collect your sponsorship money and return to the School Office (in an envelope) with your child's name and room number by tomorrow, Friday 27th August. Thank you.



Hockey Draw Saturday 28 August

Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	Cornerstone Critters	10am	10A
St James 'Green	CSNS C	9am	6A

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

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 for details."

Dates to Remember

	Term 3
Week 5	
26Aug	SLC appointments sent home
27 Aug	PTFA Movie Night
Week 7	
30 Aug	6:30 BoT meeting
1 Sept	Whanau meeting Gala Meeting
2 Sept	SLC forms due back to Classroom Teachers
5 Sept	Family/Whanau Fathers Day Mass Room 4 and 7
Week 8	
8 Sept	Gala Meeting
10 Sept	PTFA Lunch
Week 9	
13 Sept	PTFA Meeting
13 Sept	Junior Jackson Dance Performance
15 Sept	Gala Meeting
17 Sept	This terms optional clothing orders closes
17 Sept	School Finishes 12:45 for Gala Preparation
19 Sept	GALA
Week 10	
20 Sept	School starts 10am
21 Sept	SLC School Finishes at 12:45
22 Sept	SLC 3:15 – 6:30pm
22 Sept	2pm Music Performance
24 Sept	Farewell Liturgy for Fr Brian