

From Teresa

Prayer



Jesus said "I call you my friends now, because I have told you everything that God has told me. You did not choose me, no I chose you, to be part of the family of God."

John 15:15-17 –from Lesson 2 Year 2 Church Strand.

Dear Whanau/Family

Kiaora Koutou

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Lucas Lardy and Joshua Maoate who have recently started their learning and faith journey at our school. We also extend a warm welcome to their families.

Rest In Peace

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Madigan family as they come to terms with the death of Virginia. Her Requiem Mass will be at 1.30pm this Friday at the Cathedral.

Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers

You may or may not be aware that we have a number of army families who are members of our community serving overseas at the moment. We ask that God protect their work and return them safely to their families and our community. Amen

Congratulations

Well done Hamish Taverner one of our wonderful teacher aides who has completed the NZQA National Certificate for Human Sciences Level 4.

Congratulations to all of our SUPER Achievers who sat their New Zealand Speech and Drama exams this week. The examiner made special mention to Del Costello that she had never met a more caring and kind group of children from a school ever.

Student Led Celebrations

Please remember that you need to pick your child/ren up from school at 12.45 on Tuesday 21 September because of Student Led Celebrations. Thank you.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

One of our main professional development focuses this year is development in writing. Your child's teacher is working hard to ensure that their teaching impacts positively on your child's achievement and there are some things you can do at home to support this learning area.

- ❖ Play strategy games and do word puzzles like wordfinds and crosswords

- ❖ Make the weekly shopping list using supermarket flyers and finding all the bargains and savings to fit the budget
- ❖ Write some descriptions for items you may wish to sell using the internet
- ❖ Find out about some of your family (whakapapa) and/or family stories (pakiwaitara) and record these stories to share with other family/whanau members.

FROM THE DRS TEAM

Classes have begun learning about the Church Strand during Religious Education lessons. St Paul reminds us that the Church is like the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12-14: The Body of Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of many different parts. St Teresa also said the same in her beautiful prayer:

Christ has no body on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.

In the Family/Whanau book you will see activities at home to compliment the learning your child is focusing on at their year level.

At **year 1** the focus is belonging. We belong to our families and the Church is a family of Christ's followers.

The **year 2** focus is gathering, celebrating, and living God's presence in our local parish.

Year 3 and 4's learning focus is called to be like Jesus through the sacraments.

Year 5 and 6 are learning that the Church celebrates through the sacraments and central to this is the weekly celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day.

This Sunday for Father's Day we have a family/whanau Mass at 9am Mass. Please consider bringing your children to this celebration of Church and give them the opportunity to fully participate in the Eucharistic celebration if they have made their First communion.

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 this Sunday 5 September. Rooms 4 and 7 will be leading our Eucharistic celebration. See you there for fellowship and hospitality.

Social Justice Week

The New Zealand Catholic Church from 12-19 September celebrates Social Justice Week. The theme is Creating Inclusive and Connected Communities. If you are a family from another ethnic group we would love you to wear your national costume to Mass on Sunday 12 September. There will be hospitality afterwards.

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

Chess

On Tuesday 24 August six chess teams from Manawatu schools tried their best to get first and go to the nationals. St James' was the only school with three teams. It was pretty hard to concentrate because we played chess all day long. It was interesting watching other people's games when we finished ours. Someone showed me how to do the two-move checkmate.

Challenging Awapuni A team was the most exciting because they were last year's winners. The St James' A team got two wins and two losses against that team and we were pretty happy because we thought we had a chance of winning but sadly, in the end Awapuni A team won again.

What I learned is to never use the same strategy all the time. Playing chess teaches you to concentrate more and you have to think about skills and strategies.

By Tim, Room 5.

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. Diary this NOW!!!!

Student Led Celebrations

Our students will celebrate their learning journey with you on Tuesday 21 September and Wednesday 22 September.

These should have been returned to your child's classroom teacher by today. If you have misplaced your form please contact the School Office.

Dance NZmade Interschool Competition

A group of very keen SUPER dancers have risen to the challenge of independently choreographing a dance to enter in the above national competition held at the Regent on Broadway on Wednesday 8 September. They

have worked together in UNITY, PERSEVERED to work through challenges and to polish their performance, and committed to practices to create an original item. Thanks to their parents for their support in making costumes and getting them to weekend practices. Well done team. Ka mau te wehi Madi, Kate, Ben, Britney, Emily, Sophie, Masina, Jessie and Madi.

Senior Assembly

Join Rooms 2, 3, and 5 as they celebrate their learning journey with us on Friday 10 September at 2pm in our School Hall.

From the Information Hub

In the last week our wonderful librarians have been making the library brighter and more inviting with some author displays on the walls. On the feature display over the next two weeks we are looking at the New Zealand author, Fleur Beale. Fleur's books in our school library are held in the middle and senior reads sections and one such title 'Walking Lightly' was a 2005 NZ Post Book Award Finalist. It is a lovely story that tells us that excessive material things are not necessarily the 'be all and end all' in life. Rather, knowledge and understanding about things around us can be pretty important in unexpected situations. It aims to help us learn how to use our own resourcefulness. This is a suitable story for all our children.

Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Sometimes we have so much going on that communication between parents and kids becomes focused on the functional – Have you seen my keys? Time for homework! Dinner's ready!

We believe that family is everything, and that it's worth the effort to nurture relationships by communicating in fun and inventive ways.

Try leaving a note if you're struggling to find the time for sit-down chats with your kids this week. It's a quick and fun way to pass on a message of love or encouragement; leave it somewhere unexpected for maximum impact! Their lunch box is a great place. On the flip-side, when you're dealing with a sticky situation a humorous note can remove the element of confrontation.

FROM THE PTFA

PTFA Pizza Lunch Friday 10 September.

FROM THE Gala Committee

Gala newsletter home today.

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 SCHOOL OFFICE

ST Peters Enrolment Packs

There are extra St Peters enrolment packs available from our School Office. Please see Lesley or Lori if you require one.

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

Hockey Draw Saturday 21 August

Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	Winchester Blue Sticks	10am	10A
St James 'Green	Parkland B	9am	6A

Missing School Tracksuit Jackets

We are missing two numbered school tracksuit jackets. If you have these at home, please return them to the School Office. Thank you.

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby starts again for 2010/2011 in Term 4. If your child is interested in playing, please complete the form below and return it to the School Office by Friday 10 September. Games are played on a Friday afternoon at Monrad Park. If you have any queries please contact our parent organiser Paula Andersen via email at kaspor@xtra.co.nz

Catholic Schools Tournament-Netball Results

It was a fantastic day with wonderful spring-like weather. Our first game was against St Mary's where we had a solid victory - a great start! The second game was against St Josephs and things didn't quite click in the game and we suffered a narrow loss to the team who's shooters were on fire. It was all set up for a tense last game, against the hot favourites - Our Lady of Lourdes. We were incredibly determined to play well in our last ever game together and, with the help of some very vocal support from the rugby boys and many parents, had by far our best game of the season. We were all very proud of how well we had played, and we ended up having a convincing win! We were now first equal on the points ladder! Unfortunately, due to a count of goal differential we did not pick up the trophy which went to Our Lady of Lourdes. We were delighted in knowing that we had



beaten the winners of the trophy. It was a great day and we did the school proud.

We are thrilled however to let you all know that we retained the Rippa Rugby Trophy. *Madi Taylor and Penny Taylor (Coach)*

Thank you to Miss Gray and all parents who were involved in either coaching or supervising our children on the day. We couldn't attend these events without your support.

T-Ball

The season begins on October 16 and finishes on March 26. Any 5, 6 or 7 year olds wishing to play T-ball, please return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter to Mrs Barnett or Miss Warrington by Monday 6 September. We will then contact you about teams. If there are any parents willing to act as a coach please contact Tracey or Gabrielle. Thank you.

Jump Rope

If you have not returned your child's jump rope sponsorship money and forms to the School Office yet please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



Netball Uniforms

All girls please keep your netball uniforms until next Friday 10th September when Sports Photos will be taken. Miss Gray will collect your clean Netball uniforms after you have your photo taken. And please remember to bring your sneakers along to the photo shoot - thank you.

Sports Photos

Your child should have received an order form for their School Sports photos; this includes Basketball, Rippa Rugby, Netball and Hockey. If you have not received a form please pick one up from the School Office. Photos will be taken at school on Friday 10th at 10.30am in the School Hall.

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.

Bubble Dome

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Toy Story are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these school holidays. For students

aged 6 to 16 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) or
 Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit:
www.bubbledome.co.nz

Palmerston North City Library provides free Get Well bags for children who are unwell.

If you have a sick child who needs some cheering up, give us a call or visit our website to book a fun Get Well Bag. We will select a variety of books, audiobooks, posters, DVD's, puzzles, games and customise a bag to suit your child's interests and age. To receive a Get Well bag just fill in our online form at the web address below www.citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz/get-well-bags Or phone 351 4100 Extn 7378

French classes available

For ages 3 years and upwards. Different levels and age groups. Holiday programmes also available. For more information, call 021 207 0114 or email office@alliancefrancaise-palmerston.org or visit www.alliancefrancaise-palmerstonnorth.org

Wot to Wear and Not to Wear

Fundraiser for Tiritea School. Held at Lutheran Hall, Church Street on Thursday 16 September at 7:30pm Cost \$25. For more information contact Karen 0274435924

Shiny Truck 4x4 Ashhurst School PTA Fundraiser

Sunday 10 October. Cost \$50 per vehicle contact Greg 326 7357 or email megan.greg@xtra.co.nz.

Father's Day at Te Manawa Art Gallery (Free event)

Looking for something to do with the children on Father's Day? Come to Te Manawa Art Gallery between 11am – 2pm and enjoy a range of activities with some of the Turbo's rugby team. Activities include Manawatu Mustang Car Club display, test your golf swing and rugby skills, story telling, card making and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

Dates to Remember

Term 3	
Week 7	
5 Sept	Family/Whanau Fathers Day MaSS Room 4 and 7
Week 8	
6 Sept	T Ball Notices due back
8 Sept	Gala Meeting
9 Sept	Ice-cream containers for sweets home today
10 Sept	A4 lid for baking home today
10 Sept	PTFA Lunch - Pizza
10 Sept	Touch Rugby Forms Due back
10 Sept	Sports photos/Coaches morning tea
Week 9	Social Justice Week
13 Sept	PTFA Meeting
15 Sept	Gala Meeting
17 Sept	Bring baking and sweets to the Hall
17 Sept	School Finishes 12:45 for Gala Preparation
18 Sept	Bring baking and sweets to the Hall
19 Sept	GALA
Week 10	
20 Sept	School starts 10am
22 Sept	2pm Music Performance
21 Sept	SLC School Finishes at 12:45
22 Sept	Student Led Celebrations 3:15 – 6:30pm
22 Sept	2pm Music Performance
24 Sept	Farewell Liturgy for Fr Brian
Term 4	
11 Oct	Term starts

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

May God protect and care for you all.

M Edwards

Teresa

✂----- Please return to the School Office by Friday 10 September -----

Touch Rugby

My Child _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Played Touch before: _____ yes / no

Phone _____ Email: _____

Parent able to help with coaching/managing team: _____ Yes / No

✂----- Please return to Room 7 or 8 by Monday 6 September -----

T Ball

My Child _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

Parent able to help with coaching/managing team: _____ Yes / No