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ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHAKARURU HAU
(A Sheltering Place)

11 FEBRUARY 2010

Reminders

Beginning and End of The School Day

8.30am is the time we are available to supervise your children. If they arrive earlier they must wait quietly outside the Front Office for Mrs Hessel to open the Office doors at 8.30am. School starts at 8.50am. School finishes at 2.50pm.



Primary Teachers Paid Union Meeting

Monday 22 March 2010. 1.30-3.30. I am giving you the heads up about this meeting in March so you can organise alternative arrangements for your child/children for the afternoon. School will finish at 12.45pm on this day. Thank you for working with us around this.

Appointments

Keeping communication open and honest is something we really value at St James'. You are welcome to make an appointment to see me through Lori and I ask that you let her know in general terms what you would like to chat about. Please don't be offended by this. Like most people I don't like surprises and prefer to be prepared. I am always contactable via email at stjamesprincipal@xtra.co.nz As always if it is a classroom matter your child's teacher is the first person to make an appointment with.

Plastic Recycle Bin

Situated behind the School Hall we now have a plastics recycle bin. Not only is it helping our environment by recycling it is an easy fundraiser for our school. We encourage our parents to drop washed and squashed plastic bottles into this bin.

Sharing Sheet

A sharing sheet went home with every child last week. These need to be completed for **every** child. Due date for returning sharing sheets is today. If you have not returned them, please do so immediately.

Drop Off and Pick Up Zone

A reminder that the four car parks between the signs at the front of the school are strictly a drop off and pick up area. NO PARKING please. Please don't be offended if you are asked to move and park somewhere else.

Car Park

If you choose to park in the carpark, which includes the parks near the Hall, while the patrols are out, you may not leave the area until the patrollers lift the barrier.



Absolutely no backing out of the carpark. Again, please do not be offended if you are spoken to about this.

Swimming

Mark these dates in your diary now!
Junior Team and Year 3 Swimming Demos Wednesday 3 March. PP 4 March
Year 4-6 swimming Sports 9 March at Freyberg Pool.1pm start.

Web Site

We have a fresh, new look website which is currently under construction. Check it out at www.stjamescatholic.school.nz

A huge thank you to Zane Yates at People Media and Andrew Spears at E-Theory for providing the technology. There are aspects still under construction so please bare with us as we make available the information that helps make communication easier. The newsletter will not be emailed to families who have requested this service previously from our School Office. You will be able to sign up to Enews. At the top of the web page click Enews and follow the instructions. Once that's done any Newsletters and Reminders will appear in your inbox. If you choose not to sign up for Enews you will be able to access the Newsletters and Reminders from the Newsletter Archive. A hard copy will continue to come home with the eldest child in each family, unless otherwise requested.



FROM THE DRS TEAM

First Eucharist Programme 2010

The Parish First Eucharist programme will commence on Sunday 21st March at 4 pm in the Parish lounge. All children who received First Reconciliation here last year will be sent a letter and enrolment form. If your child has received First Reconciliation in another parish and wishes to take part in the First Eucharist programme here, please contact Jenny at the Parish Office for an enrolment form. Children must be enrolled prior to the commencement of the programme on 21st March.

St Vincent de Paul

Garage Sale this Saturday, 13 February. Good re-useable items are required. No rubbish please. Tell your friends. Help the Society to assist the needy in our community.

Goods can be delivered to 280G Albert St. Phone Harry 3577 409 or Terry 021 314 350 for goods to be uplifted.

Celebration of Marriage

All couples are invited to a Mass to celebrate marriage at the Cathedral this Saturday 13th February 7pm. A Mass reflecting on the gift of our love for one another in marriage, followed by a glass of bubbly. See you there.

School Liturgies

Our first school liturgy is the Burning of the Ashes on Monday 15 February at 12.15pm in the Hall. These ashes are then used for the Ash Wednesday Mass on 17 February at 9.30am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Other liturgies are the Palm Sunday liturgy on 29 March and the Holy Thursday liturgy on 1 April.



FROM THE PTFA

PTFA Lunch

Our first PTFA lunch for the year is tomorrow. PIZZA! Orders will be taken in the morning outside the library or at the back of the hall if it is wet. Cost \$2.00 per slice. Correct change is helpful. Enjoy!

FROM THE BOT

2010 School Board of Trustees Elections

In 2010 one of the largest and most significant democratic processes in NZ occurs. School communities around the country select a group of people to govern their school. The programme for the election of board members at St James' has commenced with the appointment of Mr Michael O'Connor as our Returning Officer. Before the 15th of March 2010 we will call for nominations which will close by noon on the 23rd of April 2010. Voting will take place on the 7th of May 2010 and the new Board takes office on the 14th of May 2010

Trustees are active leaders in our schools and we need people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of our students and to support our Principal and staff.

Trustees have an important role supporting strong professional leadership and effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. It is important that boards represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for our children. The elections also give parents of children at our school the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a difference for their school. It is an important responsibility and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

Robert Sinclair

St James Board of Trustees Chairperson

GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

TBall Draw for Saturday 13 February

Team	Plays	Pitch	Time
Unavailable – your coach will be in touch.			



Cricket

The Draw was unavailable when publishing this newsletter. Please check the draw later today on mca.org.nz under Junior Cricket. The B Grade team is short a Manager to assist Colin Valentine. If you are able to help with this please call Peter 3553809 – thank you.

Bike Wise month

The first 200 children who cycle to the Lido in Palmerston North on February 13 will swim for free. Don't forget to bring a bike lock!

Mayoral Cycle Challenge

Starting at 5:30pm Wednesday 17 February, this coincides with National Go by Bike day. Mayoral Jono Naylor will lead the charge from The Esplanade. The ride will be approx 8km with the opportunity to extend it further. Come and enjoy a free BBQ tea, entertainment by Urban Ersha, competitions and spot prizes.

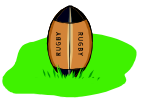
Kids Tri Series

A record 418 kids turned out for the first Pedal Pushers I tri'd the tri' kids triathlon at Freyberg Pool last night. The 2nd event of the series is next Monday, 15 February, registration from 4.30, first race at 5.30

All kids aged 3-12 welcome, make sure they don't miss out on the fun! For more details see www.triclub.co.nz

Touch Rugby

The touch rugby season commences again on Friday 12 February with games on 12th, 19th and 26th February. Please contact your coach or go the website for game details.



Weet-Bix Tryathlon

This year this stunning event is on Wednesday 24 March 12pm. Please organise your own child's entry and I know many of you have done so already. Just to let you know that once 25 students are registered from St James' our school receives a \$2.00 rebate for every child entered. This year the event is open to 7 year olds too! Enter online at weetbix.co.nz. or see Miss Warrington Room 7.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Week 2	
11 Feb	Sharing Sheet returned by today
12 Feb	PTFA Lunch
Week 3	
15 Feb	Homework Issued
	12:15 Burning of the Ashes @ SJS Hall
	Student Led Celebrations forms home
17 Feb	9:30am Ash Wednesday Mass @ Cathedral
	SJS Get in behind the Mayoral Cycle challenge
18 Feb	Newsletter home
	BoT meeting 6:30pm
19 Feb	Student Led Celebrations forms returned by today
21 Feb	First Sunday in Lent