

From Teresa

Dear Whanau/Families

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

WHOOPS!!!

There is only one place to cross from one side of Albert Street to the other outside our school during peak times, and that is via the pedestrian crossing. We are noticing a number of our parents jay walking across the road in front of our children. Please use the pedestrian crossing.

Thank You

A huge thank you to the team of parents who worked from 9-12pm last Saturday to give our school grounds a bit of a tickle up. Your service is greatly appreciated. Thank you: Linden, Tony, Leonel, Tina, Mark, Diane, Dom, Kate, Daryll, and Mark. We are looking for 5 strong men to help dig out the dirt at the front gate to get ready for that area to be concreted. We plan to do this next Saturday 27 February. Please contact Daryll Edwards on 3532908.



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'. I can be contacted by phone and email stjamesprincipal@xtra.co.nz or you are welcome to make an appointment to see me through Lori. 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.

As always if it is a classroom matter your child's teacher is the first person to make an appointment with.

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.



National Standards

A pamphlet has come home today from our teacher union, NZEI about National Standards. We have also placed a Ministry of Education link on our website in Parents Space- Useful Links-National Standards for your information. We will be using the National Standards to report your child's current achievement levels at our Student Led Celeb in Week 7. You will still receive information about their writing level, numeracy knowledge and strategy stages and reading level which correlates directly with the standards. A

next step will also be recorded on the learning journey update. Children will continue to use the Student Led Celebration sharing sheets to celebrate their Term 1 learning with you.

School Fees

Your school fees have been set this year at \$145.00. They are made up as follows.

Donation	\$35,
ICT	\$20,
Stationery	\$35,
Trips / Activities	\$35
RE Resource	\$16
Tissues	\$4.



Accounts will be posted out shortly. If you would like to pay by automatic payment or instalments, please call into the School Office and see Lori for a new automatic payment form. Please do not use last years bank numbers as we have changed banks.

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

Dean McKerras

We are very excited to have Dean working with our SUPER Achievers this year.

Because of the overwhelming positive feedback and persuasive letter writing from our children and the success of our 2009 Term Three Dancestravaganza, Dean McKerras is back. Dean will be working with each class for a total of about 20 dance sessions this year. The nature of his work is quite different to what he has done previously. The children are learning dance vocabulary and dance movements, the tools for creating (choreographing) pieces of dance, dance techniques to improve their dance, and dance performance skills to enable them to produce a high standard dance performance. Later in the year there will be an opportunity for you to view their work.

Our Term One Inquiry-Get a Move On

AS A TUNING IN ACTIVITY ROOM 2 VISITED CITY GYM.

My Gym Reflection by Anna Room 2

On Wednesday the 10th of February Room Two went to City Fitness gym to have a fitness session. Firstly we were introduced to Byron, Kyle and Lee. Byron and Kyle took us for a session with stretching, which puffed me out. Miss Gray was panting like an elephant! We did shuttle runs with burpies and push-ups. Then we sat against the wall, our backs were to the wall and we had a weight to hold with our hands folded. I managed to hold it for a while which was great. Then on to lunges, yeah! I was good at these, but with weights? Oh yes, their half hour was up and it was Lee's turn. We were now going to do aerobics with music which is all about Muscle exercises. Finally it was a simple warm-up, well it wasn't that simple. Only at half time could we wallop down water! We ran and jumped until we all wanted to stop, lie down and have water squirted all over us. Finally after ONE WHOLE HOUR of workouts we could pop into the car and go back to school and relax! "That would have freshened up your brains. Brace yourself for a knowledge test!" said Miss Gray. "Miss Gray!" we all moaned.



The Junior Team Visited Mrs Pedley's Family Farm



Here is some writing from the Junior Team's trip.

I saw a cow and they had cups on the pink things and there was heaps of milk coming out from the cow. *By William*
We went to the farm. I like the cowshed. *By Brigid*
We went to the farm. I like the dog. *By Brianna.*
We went to the farm. I liked the trailer ride. *By Michelle*

From the Library

The Information Hub

The library has seen many developments over the last few years, the latest of which has been the installation of non-fiction books bins. The front facing of this area was trialled last year and was so successful that appropriate book bins were purchased via a grant and installed over the holidays. You will have noticed how your children are now regularly bringing Non Fiction books home and how much knowledge they are gaining from them.



We are also pleased to have a new group of superb student librarians undergoing training to look after all aspects of the library during lunchtime open sessions. This training will see them gain Achievement Awards. Your children are very lucky to be looked after by these committed SUPER Achievers and are encouraged to visit the Library during lunchtimes any day except Tuesdays.

Teresa Gillbanks, Librarian

Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Listening = Love

It's often said that men can be more solution-focused than women. Sometimes all that's required is to hear a complaint and sympathise, rather than offer a 10-point plan of action to resolve the issue!

Dads, remember it can be the same way with your kids. Taking the time to listen, and making the effort to hold back from suggestions is a sure-fire way to show a child that you care about them and value the way they see the world. Rather than saying what you think, try asking simple questions to get them to share more, for eg: "Tell me more, I'm interested", or "How did you feel about that?". Everybody feels loved when they are allowed to be heard.

Congratulations SUPER Achievers

Cricket Achievement

Congratulations to Joshua who was chosen to play for the Palmerston North River team in the U12 Super-League. They were to play the Bush Team in Dannevirke but unfortunately it

was rained out and they could not play. It was quite an achievement for Joshua as most of the U12 squad are boys in Years 7 and 8.

Healthy Food Guide

Congratulations to Juliette and Austin who appeared in the latest Healthy Food Guide, making the HFG chocolate Weet-Bix slice. What a lovely photo of the two of you working together in unity. That slice sounds delicious.

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, but you can receive our newsletter via email by signing up to enews. To do this visit our website, at the top of the webpage click Enews and follow the instructions. Once that's done any Newsletters and Reminders will appear in your inbox. Even 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

Response to Haiti

Caritas is our preferred organisation to donate \$\$ to for relief efforts around the globe. You will be aware of the huge devastation caused by an earthquake to the Haitian people. You are personally able to make donations by phoning 0800221022 or donate online at www.caritas.org.nz. We will let you know shortly what our school community response will be. Watch this space.

Ash Wednesday

This week we have celebrated two beautiful ceremonies to mark the beginning of Lent. The first was on Monday when we burnt the palms each class saved from our Palm Sunday liturgy in 2009. Some of the ashes from these palms were then taken to the Cathedral to be combined with the Parish ashes for Ash Wednesday. The ceremony was very visual for our students and some parents have expressed interest in keeping their own palms from Palm Sunday 2010 and bringing these to school as a family to burn them at our next burning of the ashes liturgy in 2011. Watch this space for more information.



Yesterday we began Lent by participating in the Ash Wednesday Mass where all students received the ashes on their foreheads. This is a reminder for everyone to turn away from sin and follow Jesus more closely.

Lent is a forty day journey when the whole Christian family sets out to prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. We teach the students that it is a time to change an area of their life that

they want to improve and which will show that they are following Jesus more closely. As teachers we talk to our students about little personal goals we have in our lives. Ask your child to share with you their learning about Lent and changes they have thought of making, and maybe discuss some family changes that you could make together.

Live Simply Day

On 5 March the Young Vinnies, who are our SUPER Achiever service group, are organising a poverty banquet in the School Hall. They will provide lunch, for those students and families who wish to participate, of rice and bread for a cost of \$2. The money raised will go to CARITAS to distribute to Haiti. More information about this lunch will follow.



Family Mass

Room 1 and 2 Family Mass will be on 21 March at 10:30. This will be followed by a Parish picnic. See you all there.

FROM THE PTFA

Pancake Lunch Friday 26 February

Next Friday 26 February the PTFA will be offering Pancakes as a fundraiser lunch. Orders for Pancakes can be made on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February. Cost \$3.00 for 2 Pancakes with choice of fillings. Orders will be taken either outside of the staffroom or at the back of the Hall.



Comment /Ideas Box

Come Monday you will find a PTFA comment box in the School Office. The PTFA appreciate suggestions and comments you as parents may have and understand it is not always convenient to come along to a committee meeting. Please use this box to comment on PTFA fundraisers, socials, and offer ideas and suggestions about what you would like to see the PTFA do at St James'. Our PTFA Secretary will empty the box the Friday before each monthly meeting and present your comments/ideas to the committee. We look forward to hearing from you..

A reminder our AGM and next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 8 March 6.30pm in the Staffroom.

Easter Raffle

Coming home today is a separate newsletter explaining our Easter Fundraiser. We anticipate an enthusiastic response to this annual event as all funds raised benefit our children. Please read it as each class has been asked to donate something different.



"Serving our SUPER Achievers with faith and enthusiasm"

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. On



the 5th March 2010 we will call for nominations which will close by noon on the 15th March 2010. You will need to collect nomination forms from the School Office. 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 20 February

Team	Playing	Pitch	Time
St James	Russell St Angles (U5)	T3	9:00am

Cricket Draw for Saturday 20 February

All games start at 8:45 – please ensure you are by 8:30

Team	V's	Field
St James A	CSNS A	Ongley Park J13
St James B	Winchester	Ongley Park J14
St James C	OLOL	Papaioea Park

Bike Wise month

WHEELS Day

Don't forget to bring your 'wheels' and safety gear on Monday 22 February. Our sports coordinators will be running this event with areas sectioned off for certain wheels.



Mayoral Cycle Challenge - Wednesday February 24

Mayoral Jono Naylor will lead the charge from the Victoria Esplanade. There are three rides to choose from 4km, 8km with the opportunity to extend it further to 16km. Come and enjoy a free BBQ tea, live band, every family that attends go in the draw to win a weekend in Hawke's Bay, lots of competitions and spot prizes. Register from 5pm, ride starts 6pm.

Scavenger Hunt Sunday February 21 10am-12pm

This family friendly scavenger hunt will take you to some great spots around Palmerston North. Pick up the clues from Sport Manawatu between 10am-12pm from Sport Manawatu (50 Queen Street). You must be on your bike to collect the clues.

Cycle to the Cinema | Sunday March 7

'Wonderland' starring Johnny Depp for FREE on March 7. LIMITED TICKETS - to reserve your ticket contact Sport Manawatu (06) 357 5349.

Help Wanted

Mums, Dads, Caregivers, Aunties, Uncles etc - do you have sporting skills that you are willing to share with the SUPER Achievers at St James'? We would love to have you come and run a session or more with us during Monday lunchtimes. If this sounds like you, please contact Tracey Warrington at t.warrington@stjamescatholic.school.nz

Kids Tri Series

This series is just around the corner. It is a great way to get young people out Pushing Play! Also ties in nicely with Bike Wise Month which is all of February. Receive your free T Shirt when you pre enter all 5 events by 6th February. See Miss Warrington in Room 7 if you would like more information and a registration form.

Soccer

Hokowhitu Junior Football Club is now taking registrations for the 2010 Football Season via email hokosoccer@hotmail.com and is also holding a Registration Day on 28th February at the Hokowhitu School Hall from 1 - 3pm. Any queries, please phone Bronwyn 3530226 or 027 413 1143.

GOLF

For those Year 2-6 students who may be interested in lunchtime golf, there is the opportunity to be involved in 2 x 45 minute sessions focussing on an introduction to golf through big shots, small shots and games. These lessons come at a small cost of \$2 per student. If you are interested in your SUPER Achiever participating in these sessions, contact Tracey Warrington- Rm 7.

IMOVE

IMOVE is back! This is the opportunity for you to move to school any way you like on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. Our IMove days are March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, so write them in your diary now! Remember you will be issued a card to be in to win spot prizes. We need a couple of adults to help the sports co-ordinators do the stamping at the gate. If this sounds like you, please come and see Tracey Warrington in Room 7.

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

This year this stunning event is on Wednesday 24 March 12pm. Please organise your child's entry. 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.

Football Registrations

Ruahine Junior Football Club will be registering players for the 2010 Season on March 1st at the Ruahine Club Rooms on the corner of Jickell and Te Awe Awe St from 4-6 PM. All Welcome! See our website www.ruahineafc.co.nz for more details.

HoopStarz Camp for basketballers

HoopStarz Camp will give all basketballers, regardless of skill level, the opportunity to develop fundamental skills. Saturday 6 and 13 March 2010 10-2pm. Cost \$40 for 1 day or \$60 for both days. For more information visit pnba@inspire.net.nz or pick up a registration form from the School Office.

Marist Junior Football Registration Evening

Come along and join a friendly family orientated club for ages nursery through to 17.

Registration night will be held on 4th March at the Marist Clubrooms, Pascal St, between 5pm and 7:30. Cost \$50 per player, for more information contact Belinda Warrington 356 7399 or 0273550861

FROM THE COMMUNITY

St Patrick's College Wellington - 125th Jubilee 2010

The College will be celebrating this significant Jubilee Queen's Birthday weekend 4-6th June 2010 and all Old Boys and families are warmly invited. Please visit the Jubilee website for registrations and information www.stpats125.org.nz or contact the Development Manager at P O Box 14022, Wellington 6022, development@stpats.school.nz, ph 04 939 5416.

St. Joseph's School, Dannevirke Centennial

We are celebrating our Centennial this year and invite you to join us on Saturday 20 March 2010

A one day event held at the School, Church and Town Hall from 9 am until late. To register your interest email dvkestjo100@windowslive.com. Written enquiry to c/- St. Joseph's School, McPhee Street, Dannevirke 4930 or go to our school website

<http://www.schoolground.co.nz/stjoesdannevirke> and click on Centennial Celebrations.

Missing

Brown camouflage Quicksilver boardies from the School swimming pool last week. If you have taken these by mistake please return to the School Office or Flynn in Room 5.

Baby Equipment Needed

A request has come through from a community member who has recently had a baby, for a baby monitor and a double buggy. These items will be well cared for and returned to you. Please contact Teresa. stjamesprincipal@xtra.co.nz or phone the School Office.

Dates to Remember

Date	
Week 3	
18 Feb	Newsletter home
	BoT meeting 6:30pm
19 Feb	Student Led Celebrations forms returned by today
21 Feb	First Sunday in Lent
Week 4	
22 Feb	Wheels Day
24 Feb	SJS Get in behind the Mayoral Cycle challenge
26 Feb	PTFA Pancake Lunch
27 Feb	Working Bee
Week 5	
3 March	Junior Team Swimming Demos
3 March	Imove
4 March	PP Junior Swimming Demo
5 March	Live Simple Day Lunch \$2

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

May God protect and care for you all.

TM Edwards
Teresa