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## ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHAKARURU HAU  
(A Sheltering Place)

25 FEBRUARY 2010

### Reminders

#### 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.

#### Year 1 - Year 3 Swimming Demonstrations

These will happen next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. (Postponement Thursday 4th March) at these times

Room 4 and 6 (Yr3's)	11.50am
Room 1 (Yr 2 and 3's)	12.20pm
Room 10 (Yr 1 and 2's)	1.45pm
Room 9 (Yr2's)	2.05pm
Room 7 and 8 (Yr 1's)	2.25pm



Please join your child's class at the school pool.

#### 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.

#### Web Site

We have a fresh, new look website which is currently under construction. Check it out at [www.stjamescatholic.school.nz](http://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.

#### Swimming Pool Users

Can all pool key holders please ensure that the gate by the hall is locked when they leave school after their swim. There has been an incident when the gate was left unlocked and damage was done to school property. Thank you for your help in this matter.

#### FROM THE DRS TEAM

#### Young Vinnie's 2010!!!

On Friday 5th March 2010, the Young Vinnie's will be holding a Live simply day. Live simply day is for us to have a chance at living like those in the poor countries. Each student will be able to order a small bowl of rice and a piece of bread for \$2.00.



The orders for the lunch will be taken on Thursday 4th March.. Children who have ordered will pick up your lunch from the hall at 12:45pm on Friday

Young Vinnie's will be donating all of the money raised to Caritas for the families in need.

#### So come along and help us raise money for Caritas!

By Masina Ford and Paige Lush

Young Vinnie's

#### 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

Please collect your Pancake orders from the Hall kitchen. Enjoy!

#### 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.

**What's new?**

Have you noticed our nice new trestle tables? Through working together in Unity, supporting our fundraising, and your generosity, the PTFA have purchased 10 new tables for the school hall. We have also purchased a push pull trolley for Discovery Time in the Junior School.

“Serving our SUPER Achievers with faith and enthusiasm”

**FROM THE BOT**

**2010 School Board of Trustees Elections Time Frame**

Nominations will be called for on 15 March  
 Nominations Close 23 April  
 Voting will take place 7 May  
 New Board takes Office 14 May  
 Please note a slight change in the dates from previous newsletters.  
 Our Returning Officer is Michael O'Connor.  
 Any enquires please contact the School Office.

**GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS**

**Touch Rugby**

Last week of Touch Rugby this week.

TBall Draw for Saturday 27 February			
Team	Playing	Pitch	Time
St James'	Phoenix	T4	9.00am

Cricket Draw for Saturday 27 February		
All games start at 8:45 – please ensure you are by 8:30		
Team	V's	Field
St James' A	bye	
St James' B	Whakarongo Wizards	Ongley Park J11
St James' C	Cloverlea Swifts	Papaioea Park J2

**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, Grandparents, Parishioners etc

- 1) Do you have an interest in gardening you could share with our junior students at Discovery Time on Mondays 9:30 – 10:45? Please contact Gabrielle Barnette Room 8 or email g.barnett@stjamescatholic.school.nz
- 2) 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

**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. by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**IMOVE**

Our IMove days are March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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**

**LOLO Gala Day – coming soon**

Sunday 21 March after 10am Mass between 11am and 2pm.

A fun day for all, with clothing stalls, spin-the-wheel, raffles, crafts & mystery bottle stalls. Not to mention all that yummy food & cakes.

We would love to see all the other Catholic school children within Palmerston North on the day. Help to support our school & make this an event to remember.



**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.

**Drivers for Meals on Wheels - Urgently needed**

Can you help once every five weeks? For more information please phone Elly she would be grateful to hear from you 354 6644..

**Dates to Remember**

Date	
<b>Week 4</b>	
26 Feb	PTFA Pancake Lunch
27 Feb	Working Bee
<b>Week 5</b>	
3 March	Yr 1-3 Swimming Demos
3 March	Imove
4 March	PP Yr 1-3 Swimming Demo
5 March	Live Simple Day Lunch \$2