

From Teresa

Be The Change

Your love is constant in our world of change
Be our light as we seek new paths for Catholic education
Draw us closer to you and to one another as we work
To be the change that will lift our world in joy and hope.
Help us embrace the differences we will encounter as we
Take on the challenge of daily living your Gospel.
We give thanks for all who support Catholic education
And we ask your blessing on our schools and our
communities. Amen



Dear Whanau/Families

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

Catholic schools in Aotearoa New Zealand are nationally celebrating Catholic Education using the theme “Be The Change” on Wednesday 19th May. Our schools in the Manawatu extended the theme to “BE THE HANDS THAT MAKE THE CHANGE”. We are called upon to be institutions of hope for our students and you their families, but particularly for the poor and marginalised, as well as those from broken families and those who are on the edges of society.

Our schools echo the statement of St Irenaeus in the second century AD who stated that “the glory of God is the human person fully alive.” Our foundational understanding in dealing with students and others in our community is that they are other Christ’s.

In our schools we work to convey to students a sense of mission, hope and inspiration in order to bring our human and Christian values to the fore, and so contribute to the uplifting of the world, helping to make it a better place. Society needs us and what we stand for. (Thoughts from various speakers at Catholic Education Convention 2009)

Our Catholic schools in the Manawatu will come together to celebrate Mass at the Arena. Our SUPER Achievers will be bussed to the Arena at 9.20am. The Mass begins at 10am. We will be returning to school at approximately 11.15-11.30am. There will be over 1500 of us there. Seating will be limited however if you would like to join your child’s class as a parent help we would love to see you. A conversation, phone call or email to your child’s teacher will be essential. On returning to school and after having lunch, we will spend the afternoon participating in whole school tabloids. Can you help out? Please contact Miss Warrington in Room 7. We are all looking forward to Wednesday. Please look out for our Catholic Schools feature in the Manawatu Standard late this week, early next week.

“BE THE HANDS THAT MAKE THE CHANGE.” –

Wednesday 19 May

This is the theme of Catholic Schools Day and to show we know about making a change we will support the St Vinnie’s Food Bank and help them stock their shelves for the winter months ahead. On Wednesday 19 May we ask that our

SUPER Achievers bring to school an essential food item. We have spoken to Harry Lampen-Smith and they need flour, **rice**, sugar, **tea**, coffee, jam, honey, peanut butter and other spreads. These donations can be taken to your child’s classroom and we will collect and deliver them to St Vincent de Paul. **Together we are Jesus example of LOVE in the world.**

Mothers Day Mass

It was wonderful to have so many of us at Mass on Sunday to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives. If you were unable to join us but would like one of the very popular book marks we gave out with the message, “Mothers are like buttons they hold things together” please come and collect one from the Office.



Congratulations SUPER Achievers

Caitlyn and Dani will be representing Manawatu Gymsports Club this weekend, competing in Hastings – in the Hawke’s Bay Junior Gymnastics Competition on Sunday. Show your SUPER values girls!! Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. God bless.

Staff Professional Development

I am aware, that there is some concern about the amount of time our teachers are out of their rooms. Teachers are released for the following reasons: Classroom Release Time – a legal obligation for principals to provide release for their staff two days a term; professional development, which supports our school wide focuses on Literacy, Numeracy and e-learning; personal leave; sickness; curriculum unit holder release; National Standards; meetings with outside agencies; and leadership development. Reasons for release are considered very carefully because continuity for our learners in learning centred classrooms is our priority. I would like to assure you that I am very careful about who I employ to relieve in your children’s rooms. If you have any queries or would like to discuss this further with me my email is stjamesprincipal@xtra.co.nz



Generation Game

If you were fortunate enough to be able to book a table at this event you would agree what a wonderful night was had by all. Thank you to the team who organised this amazing event and congratulations on the amount raised. We will let you know when the new hall sound system is up and running.

Multi Coloured Mufti Day

Tomorrow our SUPER Achievers are being given the opportunity to BE THE HANDS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD by wearing rainbow mufti in exchange for a gold coin donation to Autism New Zealand. At 2.15 tomorrow in our School Hall, Jacinta Robertson and Danna Challies will be speaking to us about how autism affects their boys Dylan and Marcus, and what we can do to help. You are most welcome to join us.



Winter Uniform

Your children are most welcome to change to winter uniform now that it is much cooler. A reminder that if children wear thermal undergarments it is recommended that these be V neck and be white, grey, navy blue or black. We request all students be in full winter uniform after Queens Birthday Weekend.

GIRLS Regulation tartan tunic
White blouse short/long sleeved
Regulation bottle green v-neck jersey
Either white ankle socks or bottle green tights
Black school shoes (winter) no boots or running shoes

NB: Girls may wear their green PE shorts underneath their tunics.

BOYS Grey wool mix/polyester viscose shorts
Grey shirt short/long sleeved
Regulation bottle green v-neck jersey
Grey knee length socks
Black school shoes (no boots or running shoes)

Optional Extra – Bottle green track pants, school polo fleece, school jacket, school track suit pants

NB: The standard uniform must be worn to and from school each day. The new polar fleece, school track pants and school jackets may also be worn to and from school. See below for the appropriate times to wear these.

If for some reason your child is not able to wear the correct uniform items please let your classroom teacher or the office know. Any other enquiries about school uniform please contact me. Thank you.

Teacher Only Day Friday 4 June

Our Mantar ICT PD Cluster is meeting for a day of professional development on Friday 4 June. The school will be closed. Enjoy your long weekend.

St James' School Cross Country 2009



Hokowhitu Park. Tuesday 18 May (Postponement Thurs 20)
Postponement notice will be on our school whiteboard. Green

notices went home on Tuesday. Spares are available from the Office. We would love you to join us.

FROM THE DRS TEAM

The story of Easter doesn't end on Easter Sunday. Two other important parts of the story are told and celebrated several weeks later. Ascension Day is celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter- May 16. On that day people remember how Jesus turned to his Father in heaven. A week later the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. In the Acts of the Apostles St Luke says that, as Jesus was lifted up, a cloud hid him from sight.. Writers of the Bible sometimes used the idea of a cloud to show that God was present. In his story of the Ascension, St Luke



wanted to show that Jesus was going from this world into the presence of God his Father.

First Eucharist

An invitation is extended to our school families to attend the 9am Mass this Sunday 16th May, when a number of St James' students and other children from our Parish will receive Eucharist for the first time.

We have 20 SUPER Achievers entering into this wonderful sacrament. Please come along and support them and their families.



Note from the Parish Office

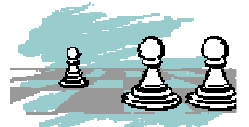
Have you generously cooked for the St Pat's Café but not collected your dishes? These dishes are mounting up. Please phone the Parish Office 357 2891 9am to 3pm or leave a message after hours to arrange collection. Many thanks

Lorraine Walker - Parish Secretary

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

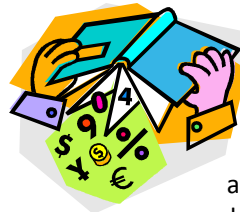
Chess

Thank you to Valerie Margrain who has organised a group of our keen chess players to meet in Room 7 on Wednesday from 3-4pm. Eventually teams will be chosen from this group to represent SJS at the Manawatu Primary Schools Chess Competition next term.



Numeracy Parent Evening

You received flyers inviting you to attend our Hip 2b square Numeracy parent evening on 26 May from 7-8pm in our School Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to access new ways and ideas to support your child's numeracy learning. Get a group together and come along. You will leave the evening with a bag of games and ideas, coffee and cake, and lots of spot prizes. To help us plan the evening, please complete the tear off section of the flyer you received last week and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday 19 May. We look forward to seeing you there.



What a great senior team assembly we had last week. We really enjoyed sharing our learning with you.

St James' Got Talent Show

Year 4 - 6 auditions will be held on Thursday 20th May at lunchtime. Please note the new date. Items to be no longer than 2 minutes please.

Supporting equipment like CD's and instruments to be ready. No costumes are required at this stage.



Young Vinnies "Service before self"

Hi everyone. We are having a baking sale after school next Tuesday outside Room 4 to fundraise for Caritas. We are selling cookies, cakes and muffins. Cookies 3 for \$2, cakes \$2 a piece, muffins \$1.50 each. We look forward to your support. Look out for our flyers which are posted on windows and doors around the school.

Mantar ICT PD Cluster

We are all learning new and exciting ways- (and making lots of mistakes along the way), to use e-learning opportunities to engage and extend our own and our SUPER Achievers thinking, creativity and ability to innovate. Mrs Edwards has just learnt how to follow a blog and has been busy giving feedback and feedforward to our learners on their class blogs. Mrs Cosgroves class are getting ready to use skype to communicate and collaborate with a class at the only other St James Catholic School in New Zealand-St James Aranui in Christchurch. Have you been following your child's individual or class blog???? Coming home next week will be an information flyer about blogs. Hopefully all your questions will be answered or it may raise more. Look out for this in your child's bag.



From the Information Hub

Kids Lit Quiz

We have had two people, one a parent and the other a Grandmother, volunteer to work with our Kids Lit Teams helping them to extend their reading base as they work towards the annual National Kids Lit Competition. Thank you very much for volunteering your help!

The 2010 Quiz is being held in Feilding on 28th May and we wish our team of Isabelle, Theo , Sophie and Maddison, along with their reserves Holly, Krista and Trey, every success. They are true model readers for the rest of us.



Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Don't Let Technology Take Over!

At what age should children carry a phone? When should phones be switched off? How do we share computer time and keep usage at a healthy level? What steps do we take to make sure that our kids are using electronic devices in a way that's safe and age-appropriate? As the big people in your family, decide what's appropriate for you, and then put some plans in place. Discussing the boundaries around using technology can be a great family exercise in negotiation, team-work, and responsibility, so it's well worth the effort to

make some family agreements and resist taking the easy road of letting kids decide what's OK.

FROM THE PTFA

GENERATION GAME

What a fantastic night! Thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes, especially David Brokenshire, Jamie Madigan, Scott Fitchett and members of the PTFA for their enthusiasm in presenting the evening. A big thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket, donated a prize or bid on the auction items. The evening made a very handsome profit of just over \$8000.00. This money is tagged to purchase a new sound system for the School Hall.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY

To celebrate being a Catholic School and part of a Catholic Community the PTFA are providing a free sausage sizzle for lunch next Wednesday 19 May. Yes it is free for our students and staff! If you can help please meet in the Hall kitchen at 11.30 and Jacinta will assign you a job. There will be some gluten free sausages available, just ask when you go up to be served. Enjoy!



CLOTHING ORDERS

We are aware that it is getting colder and you may want to get your vests and jackets sooner rather than later. If we get ten or more orders we can send them away earlier than the close off date advertised. So if you would like to order optional clothing please drop your order into the School Office by **Friday 28 May** and if there are sufficient orders we will get them processed. Remember you can lay-by your clothing order. Please note there is a delay on the arrival of size 6 vests. These are on back order and are not expected to arrive now until the end of June. Thank you for your co-operation. Last orders for this term are Friday 25 June.

MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 28 May 5.40pm School Hall

The posters are up. This is a popular night out for families. The movie is free, and you are encouraged to bring your own tea, rugs, blankets, drinks etc. Some refreshments and treats will be available to purchase on the night. This is a relaxed way to get to know others in our community. See you there!



"Serving our SUPER Achievers with faith and enthusiasm"
Tracey-Lee Crowe – Chairperson PTFA

FROM THE BOT

BoT Election Results

Congratulations to the following candidates who have been successfully elected as Parent Reps on our School Board of Trustees. Nicholas Ang, Margaret Leamy, Glen Maskill, David Pacheco and Lisa Te Paiho. Christine Cosgove was elected as the Staff Rep. Thank you to all parents who stood for election, and to all who exercised their right to vote.

Letter sent from our BoT to Anne Tolley regarding National Standards Implementation

Dear Minister

There has been much written and discussed by all schools in New Zealand regarding the implementation of national standards.

Our Board of Trustees has had its position with regard to delivering policy made very clear and we understand that it is not for us to debate or hinder the implementation of policy. From our own schools perspective we have been developing and implementing assessment and reporting on our students' progress measured against National measures for some years now.

Our experience has been positive with regard to the reporting that The Board has received enabling us to clearly understand our students progress against various measurement criteria and we have greatly admired the dedication of our staff as that process continues to evolve.

There has been much time, effort and money spent on professional development to enable our team to implement this reporting process, understand it and report effectively on it together with ultimately very careful consideration as to the targeting of resources for students identified as being most at need.

It is in this respect we wish to strongly encourage you to support the recent policy changes with appropriate resourcing.

To not resource the major policy change would be to potentially set up schools to fail. We are sure that is not The Minister's intention so we would encourage and in fact implore The Minister and The Ministry to ensure good resourcing for this initiative to ensure that it succeeds.

School Boards of Trustees already work with limited resources and if the costs of professional development required to implement policy are not sufficiently resourced we fear that either the policy aims will not be fully achieved or other areas of school life will suffer.

Robert Sinclair
Chairperson St James Catholic School
Board of Trustees



Hockey Draw Saturday 15 May			
Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	Terrace End School	9 am	11 B
St James 'Green	Tiritea Thundersticks	9 am	5 A

Meridian Kids Bike Jam – May 23rd

The Jams are the only national mountain bike series for kids aged 5 – 13 years.

Have bike, can do - Courses are all off-road, on flat or rolling terrain, flash mountain bikes are not needed, kids just need a two wheeler with good brakes, and a helmet.

Final closing date is Mon 17 May.



From the Community

Is bedwetting messing up your life?

A free new programme from MidCentral Health is now available to help solve bedwetting. For children 8 years of age or older. Contact Robbie or Lynley, Community Paediatric Team 350 9164. or contact your GP Directly.

Woodworkers Open Day

Sunday 16 May from 9 until 3pm at Arena 5 Barber Hall, Waldergrave St. Free entry, all welcome.

Dates to Remember

Term 2	
Week 4	
14 May	Multi coloured mufti day – Autism New Zealand
16 May	9:00am First Eucharist Mass
Week 5	
18 May	SJS Cross Country
19 May	Catholic Schools Day
19 May	BE THE HANDS THAT MAKE THE CHANGE - essential food donations to classrooms
19 May	PTFA free sausage sizzle lunch
20 May	PP date for X Country
20 May	Yr 4-6 Talent show auditions
Week 6	
25 May	Interschool X Country
26 May	Hip 2B ² Night
26 May	PP Interschool X Country
28 May	PTFA Movie night
Week 7	
4 June	Teacher Only Day

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

May God protect and care for you all.

JM Edwards

Teresa

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Lost

Xavier has lost a Navy Blue Baby G watch. If found please return to Xavier or the School Office.

GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

Netball Draw Saturday 15 May			
Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	Awapuni Juniors	10:30	Ct 4
St James Flyers	Whakarongo Magic	10:00	Ct 3
St James Pulse	Roslyn Blue	12:00	Ct 14

Please be at the court at least 20 min before the game starts.

If you have not yet paid your netball fees, please do this as soon as possible