

From Teresa

Peace Prayer of St Francis

Attributed to St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me bring love;
where there is injury, bring forgiveness;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

This prayer is currently being used in the Year 3 Holy Spirit Strand and connects with the learning about the FRUITS of the Spirit.

Dear Whanau/Families

First Eucharist



It was a real privilege for many members of our school and Parish community to share in the First Eucharist celebration on Sunday 16 May. Congratulations to Bennette, India, Xavier Bowe, Ella, Joshua, Sian, Andrea, Adam, Andrew, Miller, Eli, Oliver, Danielle, Charlie, George, Alissandra, Meghan, Alexander, and Madeline. The celebration of this sacrament is very important, as the Eucharist is the central focus of our Catholic faith. Each of these children received a prayer book for their personal use from their school family at Hato Hemi.

Catholic Schools Day



What a deeply moving Eucharist we participated in last Wednesday 19 May at Arena 3 with all of our sister and brother Catholic schools in the Manawatu. On return to

school the children spoke about how much they enjoyed the music, the re enactment of St Marks Gospel about the mustard seed, and the powerful and prayerful waiata from the young men at Hato Paora. Catholic Schools Day gave us the opportunity to feel connected to the 1.2 billion individuals globally, who call themselves Catholic. It also gave us the opportunity to showcase who we are to our community and to the nation. A huge thank you to Del Costello who worked with our students to present the Gospel, to Mrs Soper who taught us the music, and to Miss Hehir for creating our BE THE HANDS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD poster. In the not too distant future the poster will be on display in our Office foyer.

Room 10 reflections on Catholic Schools Day

Yesterday it was Catholic Schools Day. We had to sit down on the ground and we looked up at the stage. My Dads friend was up on the stage. He was leading the songs. He had a guitar. We had fun singing songs.
By Erin.

Yesterday was Catholic Schools Day, we went to Mass. I had a big buddy. I had fun watching the liturgical dancing. I was amazed when I heard people reading the Bible. I thought I could have sung louder! If we are going next year I will! I was squashed but I didn't moan. Some bits were loud.
By Gabriella.

Opportunity for Baptism

The St James' Special Character Committee warmly invites parents

TO A BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

To be held at

**St James' Catholic School Staffroom
On Wednesday June 16th from 7pm-8pm**

Speakers include:

- Father Brian,
- Special Character Representatives from the School Board of Trustees
- Families involved in the programme last year.



Come with an open heart, to hear what Baptism can offer your child in our Catholic Faith Community. There will be time for questions and answers and we would love to see you there.

Principals Postcards

We congratulate our most recent SUPER Achievers who have persevered in their learning and achieved a Principals Postcard by demonstrating ENTHUSIASM and PURPOSEFULNESS in Reading, Writing, Maths, Working Together and Thinking Outside the Square.
Ka mau te wehi !!!!

Reading

Amelia
Charlie
Rico
Alex
Anneleiese

Writing

Bethany
Sophie
Cain
Elayna
Ajae
Michelle
Matthew

Maths

Alissandra
Ella
Jordan
Logan
Sophie

Working Together

Thomas

Thinking Outside the Square

Jude
Hayes
Gabi

If for some reason the postcard did not reach your letter box please let Lesley or Lori know.

St Peters Parent Evening

St Peters will be holding a parent evening on 23rd June 2010 in the St James' School Staffroom.

Hair

A gentle reminder about your child's hair.

Hair dyes, extremes of style, which includes Mohawks, designs into hair etc or the use of hair products is not appropriate at our school. If you are unsure about a style being appropriate please have a conversation with either Lori, Teresa or your child's classroom teacher. Thank you

FROM THE DRS TEAM**Prayer for the Beginning of the God Strand.**

God to guide me, God to teach me.

God to protect me by night and by day.

God, Holy Trinity, in love unending,

Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

Classes begin the God strand next week. The Family/Whanau book has the focus areas for each year level for the God strand. This will help you to share in your child's learning and understand the concepts we are covering within the programme.

- Year 1 focus is God is Creator on page 17.
- Year 2 focus is Our Gracious God on page 20.
- Year 2(Room 1), 3 and 4 focus is God is present in the World on page 23
- Year 5 and 6 focus is God is Faithful on page 29.

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL**Numeracy Parent Evening**

It certainly was Hip 2B square last night at our Numeracy evening. A wonderful group of parents and children joined us to learn how to build numeracy knowledge through games that can be played with every day household items. Parents left with a pack full of maths

games and ideas. A huge thank you to our numeracy committee lead by Miss Gray for their planning, organisation, enthusiasm and vision. Thank you to Tracey Lee Crowe and her catering team from the PTFA for providing the delicious supper.

**Maths games on our website**

Did you know that on our school website, www.stjamescatholic.school.nz we have some wonderful educational and fun games. Under Kids Space you will find both maths and literacy games. There are several games to look at and all a lot of fun.

St James' Got Talent Show

The second round of Year 0-3 auditions will be held on Monday 31 May at lunchtime. Year 4-6 Thursday 3 June. Any queries please email me at stjamesprincipal@xtra.co.nz

**Young Vinnies "Service before self"**

Thank you all for supporting our Caritas baking sale. We raised \$173.70.

Kahurangi Māori Dance Company

He mahana mihi nui ki a koutou. Warmest greetings to you all.

Please feel welcome to attend the Kahurangi Māori Dance Company held next Wednesday morning, 2nd June, from 10.30am – 11.30am in our School Hall, with their performance People of the Pacific.

The People of the Pacific performance describes the voyage of the Takitimu Canoe from Hawaiki through the South Pacific Islands to the landing in Aotearoa.

Kahurangi brings to life the heritage of Māori people through its vivid repertoire of tribal music and dance, wearing handcrafted regalia and brandishing taiaha (Maori weaponry), the young men perform fierce war dancers and the Maori women gracefully twirl poi in intricate patterns. In addition to māori dances, the presentation features the dances and songs of other Polynesian islands including Tahiti, Hawaii, Samoa and Cook Islands.

Kapa Haka Whanaungatanga Performance

7pm Friday 18 June - School Hall

Hato Hemi has invited other schools to share their Kapa Haka talents with each other.

It's a chance for Kapa Haka groups to perform in front of an audience.

You are all invited to attend and cheer for our students while they perform with other schools.

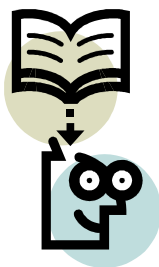
Big Question Learning Celebration

To celebrate our Big Question learning there will be a Big Question sharing evening from 5:30pm - 7:30pm on Wednesday 30th June. Please diary this now. More details to come.

From the Information Hub

Kids Lit Quiz

Tomorrow is the day Isabelle, Theo, Sophie and Madison, along with their reserves Holly, Krista and Trey, have been waiting for - The Kids Lit Quiz! They will travel to Feilding to participate in the sport of reading with up to 30 plus teams of Year 6, 7 and 8 students. We look forward to hearing how their morning of testing their reading knowledge went.



Scholastic Book Club Orders

Book club orders are due back on Friday 4 June. Don't miss out on ordering some great books at great prices.



Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Parents – a child's first teacher

Even if you don't know much about curriculums, national standards, or current teaching methods, you still have a huge influence on your child's educational experience.

All through the preschool years you're helping them to develop skills in number and letter recognition. Counting the number of jumps to the end of the hallway, grouping together animals whose names start with the same sound, or asking them to explain their artistic creations to relatives are just some of the ways that parents are laying the foundation for success at school. Asking them lots of questions is great for encouraging critical thinking skills, and of course, you can never read too many stories together! You are doing a wonderful job!

FROM THE PTFA

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 tomorrow 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 etc. Some refreshments and treats will be available to purchase on the night. This is a relaxed way to get to know other families in our community. See you there!

PIZZA LUNCH – THURSDAY 3 JUNE

Our PTFA lunch next Thursday is Pizza. Please order on Thursday morning at the back of the Hall. \$2.00 per slice, Hawaiian and Meat Lovers.



GALA 2010

Mark your diaries and calendars now!

Our Annual World Famous School Gala is set for **Sunday 19 September**. Comments or suggestions can be forwarded to the School Office or our Gala Chairperson Richard Mikkelsen on richard@partyup.co.nz / 3573139. Watch out for your 1st 2010 GALA Newsletter coming home soon!

HELP! If you have access or know of someone who can get hold of large canopies for the food stall, please contact Richard directly, thank you.

"Serving our SUPER Achievers with faith and enthusiasm"

Tracey-Lee Crowe – Chairperson PTFA

FROM THE BOT

Meeting Tonight

The 2007-2010 Board meet for the final time this evening to welcome in the new Board who will elect roles and responsibilities. We look forward to working and moving forward together.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Lost Property

The Lost property box, situated outside the staffroom door, is overflowing. Please take the time to have a look through this when you pick up or drop off your children at school.



Tayla Perenara has lost her long sleeve school shirt. If found please return to Tayla in Room 5.

A child's watch has been handed into the School Office. It was found outside the School gates

GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

Netball Draw Saturday 29 May

Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	No Future Ferns games for 29th May and 5th June		
St James Flyers			
St James Pulse	Bye		
Please be at the court at least 20 min before the game starts.			

Hockey Draw Saturday 29 May

Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	Hokowhitu Spitfires	9:00	11A
St James 'Green	CSNS Girls	9:00	5A

Cross Country

Thank you to Mrs Barnett for her fantastic organisation of our school cross country last Tuesday. Congratulations to our athletes who succeeded in gaining a place in the teams to represent St James.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 5 boys	Flyn	Jaeden	Adam
Year 5 girls	Jessie	Hadley	Sophie
Year 6 boys	Cameron	Hagan	Theo s
Year 6 girls	Bethany	Courtney	Sophie

Unfortunately due to inclement weather the Interschool cross country had to be cancelled this year.

Room 10 Cross Country Writing

I went to do cross country at Hokowhitu Park. We had to run one lap. I had to persevere. I couldn't give up and I didn't get first or second or third, but I finished.

I got puffed and tired and hot, but I was proud.

By Olivia C

Today I went to cross country. I watched it for a while, I finally got my turn and I came first in year 1 girls! I was so, so puffed and proud.

I tried my best and we didn't give up. But we only ran one lap.

I hope I can be as good next year.

By Lily M

Meridian Kids' Bike Jam - Sunday

It was fantastic to hear of so many of our families attending the Bike Jam on Sunday. Well done to our budding SUPER Bikers for persevering in difficult weather conditions and being totally committed to finishing the course.



From the Community

Lido Holiday Programme

5th - 16th July 2010

Fun activities in and around Palmerston North done in two age groups of 5-8 and 9-13 years of age We Operate from 7:30am till 6pm every day, Roll call at 9am

For More Information please come in and see us or call us at 357 2684

Childcare / Babysitting:

Hi, my name is Hannah. I am 14 ½ and I am available for childcare or babysitting. I love children and I am very responsible.

Experience:

- I've looked after my two sisters, Charlotte (12) and Elizabeth (7).
- I was an ambassador visiting St James' last year where I set up games and activities for the children.
- I have taken a supporting role with the leadership of the junior liturgy at our church.
- I have organised birthday parties for children.
- I can also cook and do house work.

Phone: 3571 901 or Email - tichbonfamily@inspire.net.nz

TREASURE HUNT

Come on kids bring your family and have some fun! Sunday June 13 2010, Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North,

Come dressed up as something beginning with T and be in to win a wonderful treasure chest full of goodies.

Design a Tribune mascot and be in to win a \$500 voucher from Crank it Cycles. Plus lots more...

Register for FREE online at sportmanawatu.org.nz before the event or on the day between 9-10am by Café Esplanade. Prize giving will be at 12.15 pm.

Dates to Remember

Term 2	
Week 6	
28 May	PTFA movie night
28 May	Kids Lit Quiz-Fielding
Week 7	
31 May	SJS Got Talent – Year 0-3 round two auditions
1 June	Whanau Meeting
2 June	Whanaungatanga Dance Theatre
3 June	PTFA Pizza Lunch
3 June	SJS Got Talent – 4-6 round 2 auditions
3 June	Mass in slow motion 5:30-9pm
4 June	Teacher Only Day
Week 8	
7 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
13 June	Family/Whanau Mass Rooms 6 and 10
16 June	Baptism Evening at St James'

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

May God protect and care for you all.

Teresa