

From Teresa

This prayer is from the Year 1 God Strand lessons:

Morning Prayer:
God

My loving Creator this new day is for you.

Bless everything

I think,

I say,

I do.

Dear Whanau/Family

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

Whew, where has the term gone? We are almost near the end of our inquiry about Planet Earth and Beyond. As you will be aware each team has been exploring a different Big Question:

Year 0-2: How does the solar system affect us?

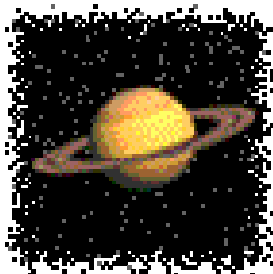
Year 3-4: How does water affect our world?

Year 5-6: How do planetary systems affect life?

Our SUPER Achievers are excited about the learning they have been engaged in and want to share it with you between 5:30pm – 7:30pm on Wednesday 30th June. You don't have to book in a time - just come along and be prepared to be wowed by your child's quality work. Please diary this now! You won't be disappointed. Watch out next week for the posters around the school.

STAR LAB

As part of our Big Question learning the Years 0-2 and Years 5-6 will be visiting the STAR LAB located at St Peters College on Thursday 24th June. They will be discovering the night sky in Te Manawa's inflatable and portable planetarium and see constellations, planets and other observable features of the night sky. They will also learn about Matariki- the Maori New Year. The children will be bussed to St Peters and we will be asking for parent help. Please look out for your child's notices which will be sent out shortly.



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Emma and Holly, who have both recently started at our school.



St Peters Parent Evening

St Peters will be holding a parent evening for St James parents on 23rd June 2010 in the St James' School Staffroom at 6.30pm. I strongly recommend all Year 6 parents attend even if you are leaning towards another intermediate option for your children for 2011.

FROM THE DRS TEAM

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:

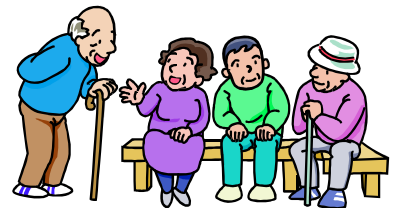
- Father Brian,
- Special Character Representatives from the School Board of Trustees
- Families involved in the programme last year.



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.

"Service before self" Our Young Vinnies Love in Action

Once a month, the St James' Young Vinnies visit Brightwater Rest Home to entertain the residents there.



The residents are buddied up for us to colour in pictures, read stories, generally chat, share brief stories, perform piano pieces and finish with a group song.

An example for me, of a treasured moment that shows how much the residents enjoy and look forward to being visited, is when I was reading my prepared story, and my resident had quietly dozed off, or was she awake with her eyes closed? Despite what others had claimed to be asleep, I somehow knew that she wasn't. As the book got further on, I grew rather weary and decided to stop as I thought she had fallen asleep. Without a single word she pointed to the book and again closed her eyes for the book to carry on!

The Holy Spirit works within the residents by welcoming us with their warm smiles and delightful laughing eyes at the sight of us. As with all the young Vinnie's, I enjoy the lunch time visits with the residents and cannot wait till the next one.

By Bethany

ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL

Hip 2b² Parent Evening

On Wednesday 26 May, parents braved the cold weather to join the staff for a hands on Maths Evening.

Parents spent time learning lots of fun and interactive maths games and activities that they can use with their children at home. They had the opportunity to interact with the staff and ask questions. Here is what parents had to say about the evening.....

"I really enjoyed learning fun ways to learn maths."
"Nice to actually take time out to sit, reflect, and take note of the website and what our kids are learning."
"Meeting parents and teachers in a relaxed setting."
"Resources to take away."

A great time was had by all. A big thank you to all our dedicated staff, who without their help and enthusiasm, the night would not have been such a success. Also, a big thank you to Tracey-Lee Crowe and her dedicated team for putting on such a yummy supper.

Madison, Hadley, Sophie, Bethany, Ben, Theo, Rebecca, Jaqueline.



I have spoken to all of these children this morning. Most need to bring their costumes except certain dancers and they know who they are. Year 0-3 performances must be no shorter than 1 minute. Year 4-6 performances must be no shorter than 2 minutes and no longer than 3 minutes. Children chosen from this round will perform in the finals on Tuesday 22 June at 11.20am in the Hall. It will also be an opportunity for our verse speaking group who are performing at the Manawatu Performing Arts competition to show their work. We are working on the choir giving us a short performance too. You are most welcome to join us. Placings for 2010 will be announced at this term's final Gathering on Monday 28 June.

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 support and encourage our SUPER Achievers while they perform with other schools.

Student Writing

Room 5 writers have been working on elaborating ideas in their writing.



By reporter Alexander

Business was slow at the Civic Video Hiring Centre, for only the Petronelli family was lining up to hire brand new, Skate 3. Alexander Petronelli was so excited he was about to explode! When the Petronelli family got home, Alexander ripped through the house like a twister and inserted the game.

By reporter Phillip

Who knows that an underdog could win a tournament? The fans of Vikings Silver know. On Sunday 16th May Vikings Silver played a three game tournament in Hastings.

Vikings Silver is a mens canoe polo team from Palmerston North.

Lots of teams from places like Wanganui, Palmerston North and Hastings came to compete at the tournament. Vikings won all three games. The hardest game was against Hastings Boys High School because the Vikings won by only one point.



From the Maths Curriculum Team: Miss Gray, Mrs Wills, Mrs Pedley, Miss Hehir, Mrs Cosgrove and Miss Paynter

Book Look

Your children's books will be coming home on Friday 25th June. Please take the time to sit with your child and talk about the learning and progress that has been made this term. Please also take the time to fill the feed back form in the Connected Curriculum Book telling them what you like about their work and how they can improve. Books are due back on Monday 28th June.



St James' Got Talent Show

What an amazing privilege it has been to audition our courageous, talented SUPER Achievers. Well done to you all for developing and extending your gifts and talents in imaginative ways. There is one more round of auditions on Monday 14 June at 12.45 in our Hall for the following children:



Year 0-3

Olivia, Grayson, Jemma, Lucas d, Tira, Jordan, Jack, Amelia, Georgia, Bidy, Brianna

Year 4-6

Caitlyn, Porscha, Jessie, Anna, Leo, Finn, Flynn, Tim, Madi, Miriam, Hagan, Cameron, Callum, Isabelle, Sophie, Imo,

From the Information Hub

Kids Lit Quiz Success



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Didn't our Kids Lit Quiz Team do well to become the top Year 6 Team in the region! Well done to Theo, Isabelle, Madison and Sophie and to the reserves Holly, Krista and Trey. Over all thirty teams took part with around twelve of these being Year 6's.

Supporting these children on the day were a group of Year 5's who are keen readers and hopefuls for next year's St James' team.

Isabelle reports on the Kids Lit Quiz 2010

The Year 6 Kid's Lit Team came back to school from Feilding with an exciting result! On Friday 28th May the team won the Year 6 category!

There were lots of categories full of questions. The win was an unexpected surprise to the team as some questions were quite tricky! "We were SO excited!" quotes the team; Theo, Madi, Sophie and Izzy. The categories were sections of 10 questions, some were; Aesop, Babies, Shakespeare, Food and Witches. There were 10 categories altogether. The atmosphere was exciting, especially when the answers were called out. Sometimes the team found it hard to write down the answers in time!

A score board and graph was projected onto the wall so they could check out how they were doing. At the break time the team was ecstatic at how high their score was. Their final score was 55 out of 100, no school reached 100 though!

When the St James' team won they received some fantastic prizes! A 3D dolphin bookmark and special book each. It turned out to be a great day!

The team hope that the 2011 team will do just as well and have the same amount of fun!!!

Mantar ICT PD Cluster Update

You should have received a Blog Learning Update by now. Spare copies are available from the School Office. Are you following your child's blog and telling them what they are doing well and how they can improve? Our learners look forward to you regularly leaving comments about their learning.

To View your Child's blog and leave comments

1. go onto school website stjamescatholic.school.nz/
2. click on Kids Space and then your child's room number.
3. click onto your child's / or class blog.

4. have a look at some of the learning your child/child's class have engaged in.
5. click onto 'Comments' and follow the steps to create a Google account (Gmail account). If you already have a Gmail account you can just leave your comment.
6. your comment will be published when it has been moderated.

Your Fortnightly Parenting Tip

Holding the Reins

When children are experiencing trauma through the illness or loss of an important person, or the separation of their parents, we feel their pain and would probably do anything we could to take it away from them.

In times of stress remember that kids feel safe when we hold the reins, not tighter or looser than before, but just the same, providing some consistency while everything else is upside-down. When kids are suddenly given power they didn't previously own, despite our best intentions, it can leave them feeling insecure, and also prove very difficult for the parent who decides to firm up again at a later date.

FROM THE PTFA

CLOTHING ORDERS.

A reminder that the final day for optional clothing orders this term is **Friday 25 June**. Please make sure your order and payment reaches the School Office on or before this date. Orders will then be placed with the wholesaler and be available at the beginning of Term 3. We do offer Lay-by. Feel free to take advantage of this no-interest payment option. All you have to do is place your order with a 20% deposit, and you can pay as you go. For those who placed their orders last week we hope to have them available soon

Tracey-Lee Crowe – Chairperson PTFA

FROM THE BOT

Staff Appointment

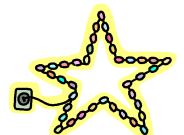
We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Anna Stone to the position of Teacher Aide in the Room 7. Welcome to our team Anna.

Our New Board Meeting Dates

The Board has decided to change their meeting day to a Monday. They will now meet at 6pm on 28 June, 26 July, 30 August, 26 October, 29 November and 13 December.

Grant Success

We have been advised by Central Energy Trust our grant application was successful. A grant of \$47125 has been approved for St James' School for the installation of 10 heat pumps. All credit needs to go to Bernie Brokenshire who works so hard on our grant applications. Bernie you are a star.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Lost Property

The Lost property box, situated outside the staffroom door has been overflowing. Mrs Edwards has returned named items to students and unnamed items have been washed and will be given to Kate Bell. There are three very good quality winter jackets. If they are not claimed by the end of the week they will be given to St Vincent de Paul. There are a brand new pair of Size 12 Scouts by Bata, black lace up shoes, and a pair of Dunlop black slip-ons size 1. Please take the time to have a look through this when you pick up or drop off your children at school.



School Tracksuits

There are a number of pieces of school tracksuits missing. Please search wardrobes and drawers and return any you may find to the School Office. They have the size and number written in black marker on them. Thank you.

GET A MOVE ON-SPORTS

Wheels Lunchtime

We haven't had a wheels lunchtime for a while so to celebrate a successful term we've decided to have one on Friday 25 June. Bring along bikes, scooters, skate boards, unicycles etc.



Netball Draw Saturday 12 June

Team	Playing	Time	Court
St James Magic	Carncot School Red	10:00	Ct 7
St James Flyers	Riverdale Super Stars	9:30	Ct 5
St James Pulse	CSN Green		Ct 15

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

Hockey Draw Saturday 12 June

Team	Playing	Time	Turf
St James Gold	RSS Dragflicks	10am	9B
St James 'Green	Parkland B	9 am	5B

From the Community

St Peters College Celebration of Performing Arts 2010

Held at the Regent on Broadway on Thursday 17 June. Doors open at 7pm with curtain up at 7:30pm. Entry by gold coin donation.

Over 300 Performers including solo and small groups, chapel choir, Pacifica, Kapa haka and the regional winners of the Stage Challenge Dance competition. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Diary this now!!!



St. Joseph's High School/St. Peter's College Reunion

Class of 1971 - 1975

Did your mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunty or uncle attend these schools during this time? If they are interested in a Reunion please ask them to contact:

Rose Wright (Rose Anne Saywell)

rosewright58@gmail.com

Patricia Fitzgerald (Robinson)

barkleybpuppy@hotmail.com

Gillian Craven g.craven@massey.ac.nz

Tall Poppies Drama School Holiday Programme

We have a fantastic holiday programme opportunity for students aged 8 years and over in the July holidays. "FILM MAKING", participants get to work in a production crew to make a movie. They will use top of the line technology and methods. This is not just for actors but directors and technical crew too.

☉Join us for the week and be part of a production team

☉Learn all the tricks of the trade and make a movie

☉Have loads of fun

12-16th July 2010 8.30-4pm.

Visit www.tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz for the enrolment brochure or phone 3542733

Dates to Remember



	Term 2
Week 8	
13 June	Family/Whanau Mass Rooms 6 and 10
Week 9	
14 June	PTFA Meeting
16 June	Baptism Evening at St James'
17 June	St Peters College performance – Regent 7:30pm
18 June	Whanau Fundraiser 7pm gold coin raffle
Week 10	
22 June	ICAS Spelling /Writing
22 June	Finals of SJS has got Talent
23 June	St Peters Parent Evening 6.30pm SJS Staffroom
24 June	Mass in Slow Motion 5:30-9pm
25 June	Book Look home
25 June	PTFA Lunch - Hamburgers
25 June	Book Look Home
Week 11	
28 June	Book Look Returned
28 June	BoT Meeting
29 June`	PNCSSC Winter Tournament
30 June	5:30-7pm Big Question Sharing Evening
2 July	Term 2 Ends
	Term 3
Week 1	
19 July	Term 3 Begins

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

May God protect and care for you all.

Teresa