



# ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

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## *NEWSLETTER*

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### THE BIG NIGHT IN AT STC



**Telethon went off well last weekend raising money for KidsCan and St Thomas' was in action with a year 9 and 10 Blue Light Disco. STC invited Villa Maria and Riccarton High to the school's hall to party with the Police and over 300 students. Pictured here are a number of Police Officers in super hero disguise and in uniform Constable Bruce Ward in his costume!**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai. Talofa lafa. Malo le lei.

Last Friday in assembly Br. Damian Price spoke to the boys about invitation to involvement and not being a spectator in their own lives. He had some very positive messages which he reinforced with our Year 12s in their Leadership Retreat day on Friday also.

Our students have worked very hard and made significant progress in the pursuit of excellence in service, in the sports arena and in the cultural activities. We excel at provincial and national level in many areas.

At the moment staff are working really hard to prepare for the implementation of a new curriculum next year. This includes a shift in thinking about teaching practice and the way we engage students in the classroom. Learning, however, is a partnership. Every day our students step over the threshold they are invited into involvement in a learning relationship, or they can choose to drift off and be spectators in their own lives.

Our academic results are good and the engagement of our students during class time is good, but we believe we can be better. We congratulate those boys who seek to achieve merit or excellence and those who might not get to those grades, but achieve at their personal best. We would like to see all our students fully engaged in the learning process and not settling for mediocrity in academic results.

Over the last couple of years we have had a very explicit drive to introduce restorative justice and to seek excellence in the way we carry out pastoral care of our students in this College. Next year we intend, as an annual target in our strategic planning, to begin a very explicit focus on the learning culture of our students, along with staff working on a collaborative teaching culture. That is not to say these things are not happening now, but we want the whole school behind the pursuit of excellence in the classroom.

Your support in this is absolutely critical. We manage a difficult tension. We want our boys to be well rounded and to have a holistic education. They play sport, they are involved in culture, they give of their time to service, as they grow older they have a social life, they have responsibilities at home, and many are learning skills in the working world in part time employment. However, this is the one time in their lives to build a strong foundation in their learning and particularly at senior level, success without the completion of homework is impossible. Parents have a really important role to play in talking to your sons about their school work and in showing an interest in their homework.

When we work in partnership, school, parents and students, we can achieve great things.

Warm regards



Christine O'Brien  
Principal

**PPTA PAID UNION MEETING**

Next **Friday, 21 August 2009**, there will be a **PPTA Paid Union Meeting** for staff. The school will close at 12.55pm.

## EXAMINATIONS

The NCEA preliminary examinations will be held in the College Hall during week 6 of this term, **24 – 28 August 2009**. The timetable is printed on page 16

## NCEA FEES

Payment for all NCEA candidates is now due. Accounts for all NCEA fees will be sent out via your son(s) next week. If payment is not made to the school by **Friday 28 August 2009**, you will have to pay NZQA directly and incur a **\$50 late fee**.

Please note: This transaction is not automatically entered on your school account.

- The fee for domestic students is **\$75.00**
- The fee for foreign fee paying students is **\$375.00**

There is a discounted fee for families who receive Family Benefit or have a Community Service card.

If you require any further information, please contact **Mr Oorschot**.

## HANGI FUNDRAISER

A Hangi fundraiser will be held at the **Brother Dowling Centre** (far field) at **5.00pm, Monday 31 August 2009**. Cost: **\$10.00** (best meal ever). A performance evening will follow in the **Hall** at **6.00pm**. Donation to enter.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TERTIARY STUDY

The cost of tertiary education can be a significant burden on families. There are many possible scholarships that can help with this. There is a website called [www.fis.org.nz](http://www.fis.org.nz) that is a comprehensive database of information. If it is accessed at a public library it is free to use the site. The 'Breakout' tab has the information you need. You can download application forms from the same site.

Many tertiary providers are keen to attract our students and so offer scholarships. Recently we heard of some valuable first year scholarships at Auckland University, Lincoln and Canterbury. Universities also offer many scholarships. They are not all based on academic excellence or low income. There are many criteria for selection. The closing date for some of the scholarships can be as early as the first week of September, so please check what is available. The school will not be approaching individual students to

suggest they apply for certain scholarships. It is the student's responsibility to research what they could be eligible for.

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## **LEARNING SUPPORT – CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?**

### **READER/WRITERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SENIOR, NCEA AND JUNIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.**

**15 senior students are eligible for assistance.**

**10 junior students are eligible for assistance.**

1. **Senior Examinations** will be held during **Week 6, 24 – 28 August 2009** This assistance would be voluntary.

**It is highly preferable for students to have the same person act as a reader and/or writer for both school and NCEA sets of examinations.**

2. **NCEA Examinations for students** requiring special assistance are being held:

**Monday, 16 November (a.m.)**

**Tuesday, 17 November (a.m. and p.m.)**

**Wednesday, 18 November (a.m.)**

**Thursday, 19 November (a.m.)**

**Friday, 20 November (a.m.)**

**Monday, 23 November (a.m. and p.m.)**

**Tuesday, 24 November (a.m.)**

**It is highly preferable for students to have the same person act as a reader and/or writer for both school and NCEA sets of examinations.**

This assistance would be paid and requires a training session (also paid for) facilitated by the school's NCEA supervisor.

If you think you may be able to assist our senior students during this time, I would love to learn from you . *Please complete the return slip.*

3. **Junior Examinations** will be held **Monday 16 - Thursday 19 November**. This assistance would be voluntary.

If you can assist at any time please complete the slip and return it to the College office as soon as possible.

**REPLY SLIP: READER / WRITER ASSISTANCE**

Please ? when you are available.

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**1. Senior Examinations**

			<b>number required</b>		<b>number required</b>
Monday	24 August	am		pm	
Tuesday	25 August	am	<b>3</b>	pm	<b>1</b>
Wednesday	26 August	am	<b>3</b>	pm	<b>2</b>
Thursday	27 August	am	<b>2</b>	pm	<b>1</b>
Friday	28 August	am	<b>2</b>		

**2. NCEA Examinations**

Monday	16 November	am			
Tuesday	17 November	am		pm	
Wednesday	18 November	am			
Thursday	19 November	am			
Friday	20 November	am			
Monday	23 November	am		pm	
Tuesday	24 November	am			

**3. Junior Examinations**

Please ? when you are available.

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Monday	16 November	am			
Tuesday	17 November	am			
Wednesday	18 November	am			
Thursday	19 November	am			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Any extended family or members of the wider community would be most welcome to assist.

Please note that you do not need to know the answers – you only act as a reader and/or writer! Instructions will be provided on how to provide this assistance. I will be in touch during the next two weeks.

Please ring if you would like to find out more about being a reader/writer before committing yourself.

Thank you!

**Stephanie Coster**  
Learning Support Leader  
**Phone 348 7010 ext 730**

## **ESSAY COMPETITION**

The Christchurch Diocese Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace warmly invites entries for its 2009 Social Justice Week Essay Competition.

### **2009 Essay Topic “A Justice that Reconciles”**

*The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has recently stated that a wider understanding and awareness of the human and financial cost of our current ways of responding to crime is needed.*

*Discuss: What does Catholic Social Teaching have to offer on this issue? If you wish, you may frame your discussion in light of:*

- (a) recent public discussion on the New Zealand justice system, and / or*
- (b) a practical concept of justice and reconciliation, which has worked, or could work at St Thomas’.*

Word limit: 1100 words.

Entries will be limited to students in Years 11-13.

\$500 prize for the winning entry for the student and a copy of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, for the school’s library.

Please submit entries to **Mr Gerry Kelly** by **25 September 2009**.

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

- **Ladies Night Out –**  
Learn to be an expert shopper – India trip fundraising initiative.  
**Wednesday 9 September 2009**  
**Hornby Workingmens’ Club – 7.00pm**  
**Tickets: \$30** (available from the College office)
  
- **Quiz Night**  
**Friday 18 September 2009**  
**College Hall – 7.00pm** (doors open)  
**Start time – 7.30pm sharp**  
**\$50 – Table of 4 – 6**  
**Prizes –** If you are able to donate a prize please leave them at the **College office.**



## **ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS** **St Thomas of Canterbury College** *The Business NZ Planning Experience*

This programme will be conducted at St Thomas of Canterbury College in week 6 from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. All year 10 students will participate in the programme. Course tutors will be travelling from Auckland to present the program.

- Students will need to bring pens, pencils and a calculator.
- Year 10 students will wear mufti on the above three days
- There is no cost other than their time, energy and enthusiasm
- Parents be prepared for energised young men coming home each night!

### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

#### **DAY 1      Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

- Team building exercises
- Personality type exercises
- Creativity workshop and discussion of what is “Innovation”
- Challenges are given to created companies
- Business Planning Seminars happen to explain the roles of CEO, Sales/Marketing, Brand Development, Finance, Production and Strategic Planning positions

#### **Day 2      Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

- A speaker on personal business experiences.
- Warm-up and more team building exercises
- Continue working on Business Plan/Challenge
- Follow up Finance Workshop
- Presentation Seminar and Judging process discussed
- Presentation skills and Dress Standards

#### **Day 3      Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

- Teams set up stalls, practise presentations and fine tune business plans
- Teams final preparations – much like “Dragon’s Den” on television
- Judges deliberate and present the following awards: Technology/ Production, Innovation, Marketing, Finance, Team Work and Best Business Plan Overall

## **SPORT**

### **(1) STC Old Boys Drinks and Networking Night**

Catch up with the lads from your year.... and others!

Start Time: Friday, August 21, 2009 at 7:00pm  
End Time: Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 12:00am  
Location: The Twisted Hop Function Room  
Street: 6 Poplar Street Lichfield Lanes

#### **Description**

- No entry charge- Cash Bar in operation.
- Our 'own' function room has been booked
- Food will be provided
- 50th Jubilee information will be released
- Business Card Draw
- Partners welcome
- Meet the current teaching staff

Guys please support this event and let's get a heap of lads along. Stories will be told of the past and the planning to make the 50th Jubilee a success in 2011 has started.

Contact Chris O'Connell if you have any queries.  
<http://www.thetwistedhop.co.nz>

## **SPORTS AWARDS DINNER, WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2009 - Hornby Workingmens' Club**

Yes, it's that time of year again when we are seeking nominations for the annual Sports Awards Dinner. So students, coaches, managers and parents please complete a nomination form and return to Mrs Sue Riley so that all those warranting rewards are not omitted from this annual event.

Categories are as follows:

- Individual recognition of students who have been a regional or national representative.
- Junior (Yr 7,8,9,10) Rugby, Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Rowing Sportsman of the Year
- Senior (Yr 11,12,13) Rugby, Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Rowing Sportsman of the Year
- Student Coach of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year

### **Nominations close on Friday 11 September.**

Don't forget to put **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** in your diary.

Nomination form is printed on *page 14* – please complete and return to **Mrs Sue Riley** at the College.

## **CANTERBURY MINOR ICE HOCKEY**

Please join the Canterbury Minor Ice Hockey Association for an evening of inspiration and motivation with one of New Zealand's great sporting legends, **Ruben Wiki**. Rueben Wiki has played 18 tests as Captain of the Kiwis. He has the world record of 55 test caps. He is the first New Zealander to reach 300 first grade NRL games and has been awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM).

**Date:** Tuesday 18 August 2009  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Elevate Bar, 2 Colombo St, Cashmere (top end of Colombo St, before the start of Dyers Pass Rd)  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation  
**Contact:** Jake Lane, ph 337 0413,  
email: [lanequeenstown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lanequeenstown@xtra.co.nz)

## **WINE CASKS**

Mrs McCarthy still welcomes any used wine casks for storing journals. It would be appreciated if the boxes are complete without having had the sides removed. Please deliver them to the office.

## **CATERING**

Our Canteen operators, **Sam** and **Jane Corry**, are very willing to cater for functions outside of College. If parents are hosting an event and would like to discuss this further, please phone the College, **ph 348 7010** and we will pass on your message to them.

Sam and Jane have catered for College events several times and we highly recommended their services.

## **SEWING ALTERATIONS / REPAIR SERVICE**

If your son's uniform is in need of repair (hems, pockets, cuffs, zips, braiding etc.) please phone **Mrs Jeannette Harper, ph 348-3362, fax 348-3398**.

## **USED CLOTHING**

The secondhand shop will be open from **3.15 – 3.45pm** on **Monday 24 August 2009**

# Fundraising for the Australian *'Brotherhood'* Trip

**Scrap Metal** = we are willing to take scrap metal from anyone who has batteries, farm machinery or anything of that sort of nature

**Time Out - Time Zone** = we are holding a funding night at Time Out n Rotherham Street. The boys will be selling tickets at school within the next week. All details will be on tickets and confirmed dates in the next newsletter.

**Quiz Night** = We will be holding a quiz night at the beginning of next term and would like as much support as possible. There will be lots of chances to win with the *raffles* and *Mystery Bottle Auction*

**Friday 30 October 2009**

**School hall**

**Individual Fundraising** = if there are any jobs you would like a group of boys to do for you or just one or two boys and gift some money towards their trip, it would be much appreciated.

Any opportunity is a good opportunity please let me know if you have any possibilities to raise money. Nothing is out of reach!

Contact: **Paddy Dowling** [pdowling@stc.school.nz](mailto:pdowling@stc.school.nz)

Thank You for your support!

# Rowing Sponsors - 2009

## Lincoln University



## Asmuss South Island Ltd



Both firms have sponsored the school a Quad/Four convertible boat. This has been made possible with the continued support and sponsorship of Geoff Robinson at **Huntsman Rowing (division of CSB Huntsman Boats)** who has supplied both boats. Thank you also to the continued support from

### Lyttelton Engineering

Long time supporters of rowing at the College.

If you are interested in sponsoring rowing at St Thomas' or would like some information about sponsoring rowing please feel free to contact Paddy Dowling [pdowling@stc.school.nz](mailto:pdowling@stc.school.nz) or phone (03) 348 7010.

Paddy Dowling  
Master in Charge of Rowing

# ST THOMAS PFA FUNDRAISER

## *Drink Bottles* with School Logo

800 ml blue plastic drink bottle with black screw top and non drip valve nozzle.

School logo in yellow print

*Price \$8.00 each*

## *Umbrellas* with School Logo.

Royal blue golf umbrella with coloured school logo

Great for the side lines to keep dry while supporting your son's team.

*Price \$25.00 each*

## *Thermal Mugs* with school logo

Brushed metal insulated mugs

With school logo

*Price \$15.00 each*

Name:			
Class :			
	Quantity:		Amount
Drink Bottles at \$8.00 each			
Umbrellas at \$25.00 each			
Thermal mugs at \$15.00 each			
Lapel Pins @ \$10.00 each			
		<b>Total:</b>	

Payment by cash or cheque only. **Cannot** be charged to school account.

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## *2009 Sports Awards Nomination Form*

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Sporting Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination:

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Representative Details:

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Full Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Arabian Night**

**Come join us for dessert and a show**

**SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2009**

**7.30PM**

**B.Y.O.**

**ST THOMAS' COLLEGE HALL**

**69 MIDDLEPARK ROAD**

**UPPER RICCARTON**

**Tickets: \$15 each (includes dessert)  
Tickets on sale from College office  
Bookings of tables of 10 available.**

**Examination Timetable 2009**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>No.</b>	
<b>AM</b>	<b>English</b>	3	3	47	English	1	3	76	Geography	1	3	57	
	<b>History</b>	1	3	25	Economics	3	3	14	Geography	2	2.5	21	
	<b>Media</b>	2	3	8	Drama	2	3	11	Stats	3	3	18	
	<b>Te Reo</b>	2	2	5					Accounting	2	3	6	
<b>Gr.Rm</b>	<b>Graphics</b>	2	3	Gr.Rm									
				<b>85</b>				<b>101</b>				<b>102</b>	
<b>PM</b>	<b>English</b>	2	3	<b>49</b>	PE	1	1.5	<b>45</b>	Math	1	3	<b>64</b>	
	<b>Geography</b>	3	3	<b>38</b>	Physics	2	2	<b>26</b>	Biology	2	2	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Japanese</b>	1	3.0	<b>1</b>	Biology	3	2	<b>13</b>	History	2	3	<b>6</b>	
	<b>Drama</b>	1	3	<b>13</b>	Calc	3	3	<b>13</b>	Classics	3	2	<b>7</b>	
									Accounting	3	3	<b>3</b>	
				<b>101</b>				<b>97</b>				<b>97</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>No.</b>					
<b>AM</b>	<b>Science</b>	1	2	<b>87</b>	Media st	3	3	<b>27</b>					
	<b>Economics</b>	2	3	<b>8</b>	Physics	3	2.5	<b>14</b>					
	<b>Sports Lead</b>	2	All day		Maths	2	3	<b>38</b>					
	<b>Biology</b>	3	LINC	<b>13</b>	Te Reo	1	2	<b>11</b>					
					Ag Hort	2	3	<b>1</b>					
				<b>95</b>				<b>91</b>					
<b>PM</b>	<b>Economics</b>	1	3	25	Technology	1			Workroom				
	<b>Chemistry</b>	3	2.5	8	Art	1	2	13	Art Rm				
	<b>Chemistry</b>	2	2	15	Art	2	2	11	Art Rm				
	<b>Music</b>	2	2	6	Art	3	2	2	Art Rm				
	<b>Classics</b>	2	2	12									
	<b>Technology</b>	1	Workshop										
				<b>66</b>									
	<b>PE</b>	3	Whole afternoon										



