



ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Nau mai hoki mai



A huge welcome back to **Keri Campbell** from his year at Canterbury University. He has been studying Maori in a total immersion course looking at language and culture - Hoaka Pounamu. Another welcome to **Wira Viliamu** who will be our Maori co-ordinator and kapa-haka tutor. Our boys are so privileged to have these two gentlemen working with them.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai Talofa lava

I would like to thank the many parents who attended our meeting last night on Years 11 – 13 achievement. At this meeting parents received a very clear explanation of the complexities of NCEA and details of our new fortnightly reporting and once a term, Years 11 – 13 achievement mentoring system.

In last week's newsletter, and again last night, our drive for achievement was set within a wider context of holistic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. In other words, our students are here to gain an education, not just a qualification. It is equally important that they are well socialised young men of character and of fundamental importance, that we produce, along with you, young men of compassion and justice.

As a highlight to this, I include here Br. Philip Pinto's challenge to the Christian Brothers and to those who work in Christian Brothers organisations and schools:

We need the poor to evangelise us, to show us this new face of Christ

To get back into the whole idea of going out to people rather than staying in and protecting what always has been ours, that is what I hope for, a much more missionary spirit. The whole focus and future of religious life, not just for us Christian Brothers, but right across the board, has been to reclaim that missionary zeal, that apostolic spirit and this is part of it. I believe it is once again finding out who we are supposed to be, and not just being a product of our history and not just doing things that we always did but trying to go back to the roots of who we are. 40 years back, this whole movement began and it has reached this point of our history today. 40 years back was the Vatican II Council, and this is reclaiming who we are, our roots, our charism, the spirit of our founder, (Edmund Rice) going back to the discipleship of Jesus of Nazareth, and what Jesus was all about and that is what we are trying to do again. If I take that charism statement that we have of Edmund, opening his whole heart to Christ present and appealing to him and the poor, I would see that as the touchstone for Christian Brothers. And for that I have to be with the poor, and when I speak of the poor, I really mean the materially poor. There are lots of different types of poverty in our world, but the materially poor have all the types of poverty. One only has to scratch the surface, to see their own disillusionment, their lack of faith and everything else that's there.

So, we need the poor, we need the poor to evangelise us, to show us this new face of Christ. The other thing that we need is what do we have to do to open up our whole heart, it is just not a part of my heart that I give, but it is my whole heart total and complete, and not keep any part for myself. That is a very hard thing to do and we grow into that through life.

What are the sorts of things that open my heart to the poor? One of them is being there with them. I cannot do it from a distance. I have to be like the woman at the foot of the cross. I have to be at the foot of the cross to see the dying Christ. And I have to be with the poor to see their being and feel their being and if I don't feel that, my heart will not be open.

And so, around the world we have encouraged Brothers to move out, not only Brothers, but we have encouraged heads of our institutions, we have encouraged young boys and girls who work with us to move out and immerse themselves or a time with the lives of the poor. And God will do the rest!

Warm regards



Christine O'Brien
Principal

ILLEGAL PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please do not stop on the yellow lines outside the school entrances.

To do so is an offence and it is proving to be a safety issue for staff and visitors entering and leaving the driveways. Also, please refrain from driving into the school grounds to drop your son(s) off in the morning or to pick them up in the afternoon. Your co-operation please.

STUDY ZONE

Study Zone is held after school, in the College Library (times printed below). Staff volunteer to supervise these sessions and it is an ideal time for your boys to complete homework, do assignments, study for assessments, reading etc.

Any student not doing homework, assignments, reading or study will be asked to leave.

Monday	3.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	3.00 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	2.30 – 3.30pm
Thursday	3.10 – 4.00pm

I encourage our students to take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

C. O'Brien
Principal

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

A four week programme for non-practising Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church starts soon.

It will run **1 – 28 March, 2010, 7:30pm** at the following locations:

- **Mondays** at **Christ the King, Burnside**
- **Tuesdays** at **St Peter's Beckenham**
- **Wednesdays** at **St Matthew's, Bryndwr** and **St Patrick's, Kaiapoi**
- **Thursdays** at **St Paul's, Dallington**

Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support with this programme. For details phone **0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366)** or visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING

Auckland University has invited Year 13 students who may be considering attending Auckland University in 2011 to a seminar at:

**The Chateau on the Park
Thursday 4 March 2010
7-30pm**

Year 13 parents (caregivers welcome. Information will be provided on accommodation, degrees, services and scholarships.

PHYSIO

Clinics have started at St Thomas' on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** from **1-4pm**. As there is now a co-payment of \$15 for initial assessment and \$10 for follow up treatment, consent from parents will be required, ideally prior to the first treatment and payment must be made on the day. Consent can be an email, a written note, or a phone call to **Sue Riley, ph 348 7010, ext.706**.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - AGM

St Thomas' Parents and Friends Association Annual General Meeting will be held on the **15 March** in the **Waterford Room** starting at **7:15pm** with drinks and nibbles followed by meeting at 7:45pm. All welcome.

SPORT

Rugby

As you may be aware we had a provisional registration of boys wanting to play rugby for STC this year. It is with great pleasure that we can advise there will be an U12, U13, U14, U15 and Senior teams. There is still time to register so please sever those ties with your clubs and be part of rugby at STC. As we have explained to students it is important that the building blocks for our Press Cup team are made in the early grades and although we can't force you to play for school it is an expectation that you should.

We are now seeking parent support in either the roll of coaching or managing a team. The roll of coaching could be supported by senior boys in the College and training and resources are available. So don't be a couch potato or sideline spectator, **get involved**.

Please contact **Sue Riley** on **348 7010** Ext. **706** if able to help in any capacity.

SPORTS RESULTS

Indoor Football	Opposition	Score	Win
STCC J1	PPNU B	3-10	PPNU B
STCC J2	LINW BLACK	3-3	Draw
STCC J3	STBD BLUE	3-2	STC
STCC S1	STBD RED	5-1	STC
STCC S2	KAIA A	2-6	KAIA A
STCC S3	HALS BLACK	11-1	STC
STCC S4	PPNU B	1-7	PPNU B
Indoor Netball			
STCC S1	?	5-7	?
STCC S2	LINC MIX	11-24	LINC MIX
Softball			
STCC Snr	HLMT	21-4	STC
Tennis			
STCC B1	RICC	1-4	RICC
STCC B2	CHCO B4	0-2	CHCO B4
STCC J1	CBHS WHITE	5-1	STC
STCC J2	LINC RED	0-6	LINC RED
Touch			
STCC Super Touch	PPNU	2-8	PPNU
STCC Yr 10-11 (Int.)	CATH	0-5	CATH
STCC Yr 9	STAC BLUE	-	N/A
Volleyball			
STCC A League Div 1	STAC	3-0	STCC
STCC B League Div 2	STBD	1-3	STBD
STCC Junior Div 1	CBHS A	1-2	CBHS A
STCC Yr 9 Div 1	RICC	0-2	RICC
Lawn Bowls			
STCC 1 Section A	VILLA 2	6-12	VILLA 2
STCC 3 Section A	RICC 3	6-7	RICC 3
STCC 2 Section B	VILLA 2	14-3	STC

CLOTHING NAME TAPES

The majority of clothing worn by students at the College is not named, please ensure that it is.

If you require name tapes to be made, please phone / fax **Roger** or **Judy Newick, (03) 313 6741**. Prices are: **\$12** per three meters (approximately 50 names) or **\$14** with phone numbers. No charge for postage.

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**.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES SCHOOL FAIR - 7 March, 2010

Are you wanting to have a late spring clean? The following items are required for our school fair / garage sale:

- furniture
- good household items
- bikes
- toys
- books, etc(No Broken items please).
- Label clothing – new stall, (adults and childrens)

These items can be left outside the container at Our Lady of Victories School before 9am weekdays and at 3pm, after school.

Thank you.

Katrina Roberts, Fair Convenor

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			
		Total:	

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

St Thomas of Canterbury College - Summer PFA Fundraiser

Mill Orchard Apple and Boysenberry SLURPA's

100% Natural – no added sugar!

Slurpa's are a blend of Canterbury Apple Juice and Nelson Boysenberries.

Chill or Freeze, Drink, Munch or Slurp

Only **\$5.00 a box of 10** Slurpas.

Please drop off your orders to the School Office

or feel free to email Doug Daly on dadaly@xtra.co.nz

Order form for Slurpas (Parents and Friends Association)
Please hand in orders with payment to the College office

Name:	Class	No. of boxes	Payment enclosed

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