

# ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

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## *NEWSLETTER*

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### **MANU KORERO – Rawhiti Ihaka – (Junior Maori)**



The **Nga Manu Korero** Speech Competition began in 1965, and was first known as the **Korimako** Contest. In 1983 a Junior Maori section was added to the competition. The **Rawhiti Ihaka taonga** is awarded to the junior student who gains the highest marks in a prepared speech in Maori. Last Friday saw STC's **Tana Luke** winning this competition

1 July 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai      Talofa lava

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

The last week has been one of great celebration for the College.

We are delighted with, and very proud of, the performance of our two speakers at the Manu Korero competition in Ashburton last Friday.

Tana Luke won the junior Te Reo section with a superb speech and delivery and TeOne Kahu received a standing ovation to his speech in the senior English section. We congratulate these two students on honouring the College and the whanau with their performances. Tana will go on to represent Canterbury and our College at the national competitions in Rotorua next month and will be supported by the College, the whanau and fellow Maori students.

The students who went down in support were wonderful ambassadors for the College and passionate supporters of our two speakers. We also thank the parents, families and staff who travelled to support their sons.

The trophy will be delivered to the College on Friday morning prior to our St Thomas' Day Mass with a formal powhiri. This is a first for St Thomas' and worthy of a big celebration!

On Thursday last week our First XV Rugby team had a significant win against Marlborough Boys HS in the Crusaders Press Cup competition. The boys played with passion and commitment and it was a fine tribute to their coach, Mr Phil McKendry, as their final game under his guidance.

Yesterday, our First XI Football team won 3 – 1 against Timaru Boys HS, completing a series of wins over St Bedes College, Cashmere HS and Christ College, to qualify for the premier section of the national secondary schools competitions in Nelson in early September. We congratulate the team and the coaches, Mr Richard Washington and Mr Andrew Strachan in returning St Thomas' to a position which would make Old Boy Ryan Nelsen very proud indeed.

This Friday your sons will bring home their half year academic reports. We congratulate all those young men who are working to the best of their ability and particularly those who are achieving merits and excellences. We celebrated a significant number of these students in assembly recently with College 'Reds' for achievement at merit and excellence level in the 2008 national NCEA examinations.

We wish you a restful and healthy school holiday period. The College has been hit by illness this week with approximately 150 of our students away and a number of staff. Let us hope that a two week break will give us a fresh start next term and that students will return ready for learning, and for success in the ventures ahead of us in Term 3.

Warm regards



Christine O'Brien  
Principal

## **DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN**

Christ the King Parish Centre  
90 Greers Road, Burnside  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month)

### **BRING A FRIEND**

1.30pm – 3.30pm Saturday 11 July

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

(Note: Bring a pen and your 2009 Journal)

## Senior Choir Auditions:

We congratulate to the following students for successfully auditioning in the **Christchurch School of Music** up-coming festival:

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Lachlan Gaudin</b>	<b>Senior Choir</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Joseph Hardman</b>	<b>Concert Band</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Thomas Ballantyne</b>	<b>Senior Choir</b>

## AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH COMPETITION 2009

**English:**

Closing Date – **Tuesday 7 July**

Exam Date – **Tuesday 4 August**

Entry Fee - **\$7.50**

If you are interested see **Mr Strachan**.

## 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.

## 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**.

## CLOTHING NAME TAPES

The majority of clothing (mainly P.E. shorts and tops) worn by students at the College is not named.

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.



## 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*

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Brushed metal insulated mugs

With school logo

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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.

# What's been going on in the last week of term?



Thomas of Canterbury College. A huge number of our young men attended and performed an excellent haka in support.

## SWINE FLU

This week has seen a number of students away ... but as Monty Python states – “Always look on the bright side...” we now have smaller class sizes!!

## SENIOR MANU KORERO

**Te One Kahu** received a standing ovation at the recent manu Korero Speech competition held in Ashburton last week. He spoke about brotherhood and support that he has from St



**FIRST XV BEAT MARLBOROUGH & FIRST XI BEAT CHRISTS COLLEGE**



Last week saw **TWO FIRSTS** in sport. The **First XV** beat Marlborough Boys 25 to 13. This was a **Press Cup** game and the first time STC has ever beaten them. Then we saw our **First XI** beat Christ College 3 – 1 in a National Qualifying game. STC had previously never beaten Christs. Since that game they also beat Timaru Boys 3 – 1 which means they have now qualified for the Premier National Competition in Nelson later in the year.

## CANTERBURY PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SKI RACES CHEESEMAN SKI AREA – SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2009

Information has been sent to the College regarding the above event. Students are welcome to enter as long as parents are aware that they will be responsible for transporting and managing their son/s during the day.

This fun skiing event consists of dual slalom courses for boys and girls of all ages – Years 1 – 8. No previous ski racing experience is necessary, merely sufficient skill to ride a T-bar lift and ski groomed, easy slopes. Entry fees \$20.00. Entries close Monday 3 August. Helmets are compulsory.

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### ' Race Night '

7pm - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Addington Raceway

\$30 (includes race book and meal)

Rowing Fundraiser



Tickets available from front office or by emailing [Claire.Burrough@stc.school.nz](mailto:Claire.Burrough@stc.school.nz)

# PROJECT K SUPPORTED ST THOMAS' NOW IT'S TIME TO SUPPORT PROJECT K

## School Holidays Fit 2 Fly – Adventure Course

**WIN a helicopter ride and an ultimate adventure day out for you and a friend!**

Get down to The Palms and take on the FIT2FLY challenge and be in to win the day of a lifetime...

THE PRIZE: You and a friend will be picked up from school by helicopter and taken to enjoy jet boating thrills, mountain biking madness, Adrenalin Forest adventures and abseiling!

Simply complete the adventure course to get your entry form plus be in to win daily prizes and giveaways!

From 6 to 19 July – 11am to 3pm daily .

Admission \$1 – all proceeds donated to Project K. Located outside Kmart.

[www.thepalms.co.nz](http://www.thepalms.co.nz)

### **CARS AND SAFETY**

We continue to remind parents of two critical safety issues relating to cars. Our thanks for your cooperation with this.

1. A reminder that it is **illegal** to park on the yellow lines immediately outside the school. This obstructs vision and endangers your sons.
2. Please **do not** bring your cars up the driveway and into the College to drop boys off, particularly in wet weather. There is not enough space on the College grounds and the boys are quite capable of walking a few meters.

# Rowing Sponsors - 2009

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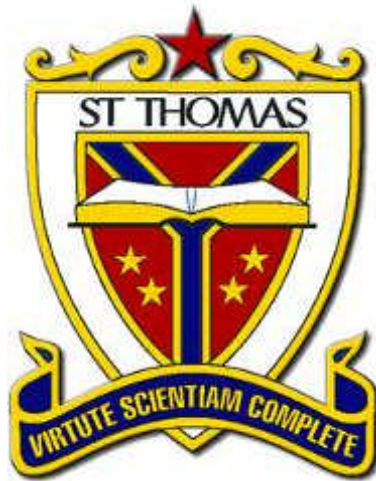
Both firms have sponsored the school a Quad/Four convertible boat. This has been made possible with the continued support and sponsorship of Geoff Robinson at **Huntsman Rowing (division of CSB Huntsman Boats)** who has supplied both boats. Thank you also to the continued support from

**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



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