



ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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THE BRUCE CHALLENGE CONTINUES



The Bruce Challenge has started again in 2009 and pictured here are the three paper plane winners from RIDW who managed to take the trophy from MARO who held it for the first two weeks. From left we have **Sam Bingham, James McLachlan and Andre` Gaudin**. The scores are Marlow 7pts, Rice 3pts, McClintock 2pts and Joyce is yet to start.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai. Talofa lava. Malo e lelei.

The term is well underway and we have been very pleased so far with our students' participation in special College events such as the powhiri and opening Mass and in general behaviour in the classroom and around the grounds. We congratulate our young men and look forward to a productive year.

I would like to address some issues and queries which have arisen from parents in relation to the new sports/PE uniform. The decision to make a change was forced on us at the end of the year when yet again we faced significant financial loss from non-return of loaned sports uniforms from students and parents. Traditionally the College has loaned uniforms for the majority of sports codes throughout the school but the rate of non return is simply unacceptable and financially unsustainable. This is also not standard practice in other schools where sports uniform is required to be purchased, apart from representative elite first teams where the requirements are different and usually covered by sponsorship or grants. We therefore made the decision to bring this College into line with common practice and look for the most economical option for parents.

Our requirements were for economy, quality and durability and also appeal to the boys. We were able to source a uniform for the very fair price of \$80 which covers PE, all House activities and most sporting codes and which represents better economy for parents than funding a separate PE uniform and separate sports uniforms. Normally a school would phase in uniform change when looking at whole school uniform and subsequent cost into the hundreds. Because of the complication of the sports issue and the smaller relative cost we decided to make the change effective from the beginning of 2009. We certainly do not wish to cause financial hardship to any parents and, as advised in previous communication, please contact us if this causes you financial stress and we can make arrangements to assist.

The new uniform is compulsory for all students from the beginning of this year and I would remind parents that on enrolment you agree to meet College requirements in this area.

Warm regards

Christine O'Brien
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

19 February 2009

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College Swimming Sports

Teacher only Day

FRENCH TUTOR

Do you know anyone who can tutor French to 3 Year 10 students working on a Correspondence School programme – **Tuesday, period 1, 8.50 – 9.40am.** The tutor will be paid for one hour's work per weekly session. Please contact **Stephanie Coster, Learning Support Leader, ph 348 7010, ext. 730.**

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. Your co-operation please.

CLOTHING NAME TAPES

The majority of clothing worn by students at the College is not named and already we have a brand new blazer and jerseys missing. 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.

GREEN RECYCLING CRATES

If you have no further use for the green recycling crates we can make use of them at school.

We would really appreciate as many as possible. If you can help, please deliver them to the office.

STUDY ZONE

Our after school 'Study Zone' commences in the Student Centre, Learning Support from **Monday 16 February 2009** (Week 3):

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday – 2.30pm – 3.30pm

1. All students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete homework and receive help if required.
2. A staff member and / or peer tutors (Yr 13 students) will be available to provide help.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Catholics Returning Home, a four week programme for non-practising or inactive Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church starts soon.

It will run **2 – 26 March, 2009, 7:30pm** at the following locations:

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

You would be welcome to join us in this programme run largely by lay people. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366) or visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Buy a lapel pin today.

These very attractive St Thomas' lapel pins are only \$10.

These may be purchased from the College office or contact beth.clayton@xtra.co.nz

OBSOLETE SPORTS CLOTHING

If you have sports clothing for sale in the secondhand shop that has now become obsolete and you wish to claim it, please phone **Rowena O'Carroll. Ph 366 7573**, or it will be disposed of.

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.**

RUGBY

It's hard to believe that we have to be thinking rugby. As you will see from your son's 2009 Planner, registration will be on **Friday 6 March** between **5-7pm** in the **Brother Dowling Centre.**

This year it will be compulsory for all boys in the U14, U15, U16 and 2nds to purchase a rugby jersey.

U13 and U12 grades and all Primary School competition on a Thursday will be supplied with the old style jerseys.

With this in mind the subs for these teams has been reduced to \$20 and \$30 per family.

Press Cup Jerseys will be supplied. Fees for the Press Cup will be \$300. A costing of the 2008 season was done and it works out at approx \$740 per player for travel, accommodation, equipment and uniform. Families involved with the Press Cup will need to be involved in fund raising activities to make up the difference.

As usual we are always on the look out for coaches/managers and therefore ask that you contact Sue Riley if you have an interest in participating.

SPORT/PE PACKS

Unfortunately the tops have been delayed in China with Chinese New Year. The good news is the shorts have arrived and can be collected from Mrs Riley. If you have not yet ordered this compulsory pack of shorts, PE t-shirt and house singlet, please see Mrs Riley urgently to order.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY HOCKEY?

The **Marist Hockey Club** is currently taking registrations for the 2009 season. New players welcome, boys/girls of all ages and abilities.

Trials begin **Sunday 22 February** for both Boys and Girls Super 8 and 11 Aside teams.

Registration Day with fun games and sausage sizzle, **Sunday 15 March**, Nunweek Park 2-3pm.

Visit our website: www.maristhockey.co.nz for more information or contact Mr O'Connell.

Chris O'Connell
Head of Sport

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday, 22 March 2009, 11am - 2pm Garage Sale goods are wanted i.e furniture, household items, bikes, toys, books etc and they can be left at container in the school grounds between 8.30am - 3.30pm weekdays, (No broken items, or clothes/shoes or old beds or old tv's). If dropping in the weekends, please **ph Katrina 3427935**.

ST THOMAS' CANTEEN MENU 2009

Sandwiches and Rolls

Ham and egg	\$2.80
Egg and lettuce	\$2.80
Vegemite and cheese	\$2.20
Chicken and lettuce roll	\$3.20
Ham and egg roll	\$3.20

Morning special

Sausage roll	\$1.00
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Daily specials

Mon	Hot dogs	\$2.50
Tue	Potato wedges with sour cream & sweet chilli sauce	\$3.00
Wed	Chicken burger with lettuce and mayonnaise	\$3.00
Thur	Muffin splits with bacon, cheese & hash brown	\$3.00
Fri	Pizza	\$3.00

Drinks

Mizone	\$3.20
Mizone Rapid	\$3.80
Fresh Up	\$2.50
Just Juice Bubbles	\$3.00
G Force	\$3.00
H2O	\$2.00
Pepsi Max	\$2.60
Flavoured milk small	\$2.00
“ “ large	\$3.00

A selection of snacks including fruit, muffins and ice cream available daily.

Suggestions welcome



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