



ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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WHO IS WHO – SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!



The score board tells the tale of the first XV game versus Christ's College last weekend. Eight all was the score in a very hard fought and wet game. Well done to all players and thanks to the many supporters who braved the weather. This weekend we face up to St Bede's College at St Bede's 2.45 start.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai Talofa lava

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

Many of you will be aware of the recently released report into widespread abuse in Ireland in schools and institutions run by religious orders. Our thoughts are with the victims of this abuse and the deep and lasting damage this will have done to their lives.

We also feel for all those good men and women within the religious orders who have done so much to work for justice and alleviation of conditions for the most poor and marginalised in society, particularly when state and other organisations would not pick up the burden and responsibility.

While acknowledging the responsibility, shame and need for restorative justice which must be part of the release of the Irish report, it is important to also focus on the widespread and tremendous work which is going on within the Christian Brothers, the order with which we are so closely associated and the evolution of the Edmund Rice charism in the emergence of the Edmund Rice Network worldwide and particularly, from our point of view, in Oceania.

The Brothers' response to the development of the Network and their thinking about future directions is, I believe, visionary and inclusive, providing avenues and opportunities for lay people and young people particularly, to actively promote the principles of justice and freedom.

I include below some extracts from the publication "*The calling from the first Oceania Chapter to the Province community, 2008 – 2014*" which give some essence of the current vision of the Christian Brothers congregation.

We wish to take up the invitation of people at the margins to co-create the future whilst acknowledging the gifts and fragility of all. We ask that the Province adopt a focused, specific ministry towards Indigenous Peoples and Refugees.

We urge that priority be given to the promotion of an awareness of structural injustice and an understanding of the place of advocacy as a dimension of all our ministries.

We believe that it is essential that Edmund Rice education and other parts of the Edmund Rice Network work collaboratively in the areas of education, care and action for justice and eco-justice and be advocates for the voiceless, especially the young.

We reflect on our mission, community, vision and spirituality, in the light of the Earth Community in which they are embedded, and the issues flowing from the fragile relationship we have in Earth Ecology.

We commit ourselves as a Province to opening our hearts to the cry of the Earth to living sustainably. We encourage the Oceania Leadership Team, communities, ministries and Edmund Rice education, to set realistic goals in reducing their ecological footprint.

As an Edmund Rice school, we give emphasis to liberation through the empowering service of education. We offer a distinctive Catholic educational philosophy which draws on the best of Catholic Church tradition and Edmund Rice charism. The Christian Brothers have provided a deep and critical foundation for their ongoing role of Edmund Rice education in promoting presence, liberation and compassion as the core principles of learning for our young men.

Warm Regards

Christine O'Brien
Principal

CARS AND SAFETY

We remind parents of two critical safety issues relating to cars:

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.

THANKS TO PARENTS

Thank you to parents for your assistance and cooperation on Wednesday last week when we had to close the school after the City Council advised us of a burst water main in Middlepark Road. As a result of this all water was cut to the street for the day and for health and safety reasons the College was closed with the approval of the Ministry of Education. Between good school procedures and parental support, we were able to have all our boys off our site quickly and safely. On occasions like this we always ensure that our Year 7, 8 & 9 students make contact with a parent before leaving the College site. This emphasises the very real importance of ensuring you all have up to date contact details registered with the office, including mobile phone numbers.

MEDICATION

Parents are advised that medication (panadol, disprin etc.) will no longer be given to students requesting help for headaches or feeling unwell etc... Parents will be phoned and if they deem their son requires medication, they will be asked to deliver it to the school office for their child. It is important therefore that the College is advised of any changes to contact numbers.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 June 2009	Queen's Birthday
2 " "	Yr 10 A Retreat
3 " "	10 M Retreat

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Any student wishing to take part in the Sacramental programme for Baptism and First Communion, please see **Mr Kelly** or **Mrs Lee**.

AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH COMPETITION 2009

English:

Closing Date – **Tuesday 7 July**

Exam Date – **Tuesday 4 August**

Entry Fee - **\$7.50**

Writing:

Closing Date – **Tuesday 26 May**

Exam Date – **Tuesday 23 June**

Entry Fee - **\$14.00**

Spelling:

Closing Date – **Tuesday 26 May**

Exam Date – **Tuesday 23 June**

Entry Fee - **\$9.50**

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

YEAR 10 RETREATS

Dates: Tuesday 2 June - 10A

Wednesday 3 June - 10M

Venue: Brother Norm Gillies Library

Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm

Students need to bring: Pens and lunch

Students wear mufti

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 worn by students at the College is not named and already we have a brand new blazer jerseys and shoes 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.

EDMUND RICE GROUP

Eddie's Breakfasts



When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Where: M3
Time: 7.30 – 8.30am,
last diners at 8.15am
Cost: \$2
Food: Maximum 4 Weetbix and 4 slices of toast.

If you do not have \$2 you will not be allowed to enter the room it is only for those who have paid and are eating.

LABEL PINS



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

ST THOMAS PFA FUNDRAISERS



• **Drink Bottles with School Logo**

800 ml blue plastic drink bottle with black screw top and non drip valve nozzle.
School logo in yellow/red print

Price \$8.00 each – available from the College office

• **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 - available from the College office

• **Retro Dance**

The PFA are happy to advise that the 70's retro dance is going ahead on **Saturday 20 June 2009. 7.30pm – Midnight. \$10 a ticket**, Cash Bar, Supper Provided. Tickets available from the school office or from your friendly PFA Member. ADULTS Only!!! So ladies grab your Mama Mia Shoes and frocks, men your wide leg pants and boogie the night away!!!!

Please write your name on the reverse side of your ticket to be in to win a sport prize.

• **Thermal Mugs**

Thermal mugs are available from the College office,
\$15 each, limited numbers, be in quick!!!

Rowing Sponsors 2009

Lincoln University



Asmuss South Island Ltd



Lincoln University, Asmuss South Island Ltd. and Huntsman Rowing 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.

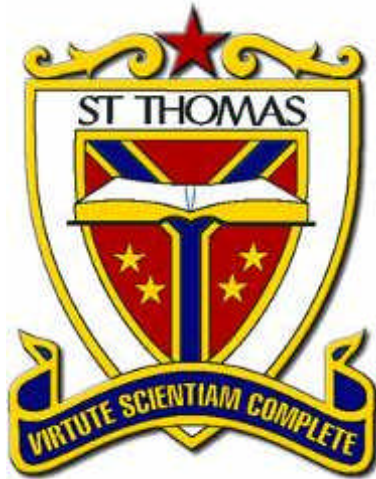
Thank you also to the continued support from

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 or phone (03) 348 7010.

Paddy Dowling
Master in charge of Rowing



Sports Trip Fund Raiser!



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