



ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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SWIMMING SPORTS ALL WRAPPED UP



Joe Dickson and **Gerrard Radburn** seen here wrapped up warm at the swimming sports on what started as a cold day. The Marlow Boys won the competition placing them 10 points out in front for the House Competition.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

On Monday 23 March we held our annual College swimming sports at the Halswell Pool. Luckily the looming dark clouds stayed at bay and we were able to complete the event in good time. I would like to congratulate

Mr Phil McKendry on the organisation of a very successful and enjoyable day and to thank the physical education faculty for their support in the running of the event. It is always great to see parents, grandparents and families attending occasions like this and I remind you that you are warmly welcome at any major College events and at our Masses. The next major event is the College athletics day on **Thursday 5 March**.

We have been well aware at our Masses that we are accommodating a significantly increased number of students in the College. There has been ongoing and continual pressure on our roll and significantly increased retention at senior level. As a result, in order to provide transparency in enrolment procedures and in order to enable us to cope with the situation we have had over the last few years, i.e. more people applying for places in the College than there are available, the Board of Trustees has adopted an enrolment scheme which has been approved by the Ministry of Education.

The enrolment scheme takes effect this term for our enrolment round for 2010, if we receive more applications for enrolments than places available. Under this scheme, first priority will be given to *preference* students for whom the school is reasonably convenient. A description of how 'reasonably convenient' is defined is in the scheme. The enrolment of *non preference* students is governed by the school's Integration Agreement and is capped at 5% of our maximum roll. The enrolment scheme is detailed below:

We will be holding an **Open Morning** on **Thursday 12 March 2009**, from **9am – 12.30pm**. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the Leadership Team and the Student Leaders and to see the school in action as per a normal day. We warmly invite all prospective parents and students to join us that morning and we would appreciate you passing on these details to interested family and friends.

Please note that enrolments for 2010 close on Thursday 9 April 2009.

It is a pleasing and healthy position for the school to have a flourishing roll. However, it is important that enrolments are managed fairly, according to criteria about which prospective parents are clear and in accordance with our Special Character and Integration requirements. It is therefore important that prospective parents do have enrolments in by the deadline above, i.e. Thursday 9 April 2009.

Warm regards

Christine O'Brien
Principal

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE ENROLMENT SCHEME

POLICY STATEMENT

The St Thomas's College Board of Trustees and Board of Proprietors adopt the following enrolment scheme to apply to the enrolment of all students at St Thomas of Canterbury College.

MAXIMUM ROLL

The College's roll will be managed with regard to its maximum roll.

PREFERENCE/NON-PREFERENCE APPLICANTS

Preference Applicants are those who hold a preference of enrolment certificate.

Non-Preference Applicants are those who do not hold a preference of enrolment certificate.

PRIORITY FOR ENROLMENT

1.0 First Priority

Preference Applicants

First priority will be given to Preference Applicants for whom the College is reasonably convenient, namely those whose place of residence is in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

If the total number of applications in this category is less than the number of places available, then all Applicants will be enrolled. If there are more applications than available places, then Applicants will be enrolled according to the following order of priorities:

- 1.1 Those who are brothers of current students;
- 1.2 Those who are brothers of former students;
- 1.3 Those who are sons of the of College staff employed on a permanent basis by the College's Board of Trustees or Board of Proprietors at the time of application;
- 1.4 Those who reside in the geographical boundaries of the following parishes : Our Lady of Victories (Sockburn), St Bernadettes (Hornby), Sts Peter and Paul (Halswell), St Teresa's (Riccarton), Our Lady of Assumption (Hoon Hay), St John the Evangelist (Leeston), St Patrick's (Lincoln), Akaroa. These will be enrolled in order of receipt of application until all of the available spaces have been filled. Note that the College requires, by the closing date for enrolments for the following year, a confirmation of any enrolment application received more

that 18 months prior to the student's proposed starting date at the school;

- 1.5 Those who reside in the geographical boundaries of the following parishes: Holy Name (Ashburton), Holy Spirit (Tinwald), St Joseph's (Darfield), St Ita's (Rakaia), Sacred Heart (Addington), St Peter's (Beckenham), St Joseph's (Lyttelton), Christ the King (Burnside), St Matthew's (Bryndwr). These will be enrolled in order of receipt of application until all of the available spaces have been filled. Note that the College requires, by the closing date for enrolments for the following year, a confirmation of any enrolment application received more than 18 months prior to the student's proposed starting date at the school;
- 1.6 Those other applicants who do not qualify pursuant to clauses 1.1- 1.5 inclusive. These will be enrolled in order of receipt of application until all of the available spaces have been filled. Note that the College requires, by the closing date for enrolments for the following year, a confirmation of any enrolment application received more than 18 months prior to the student's proposed starting date at the school.

2.0 Second priority

Non- preference applicants will only be enrolled if enrolment places remain after all Preference applicants have been enrolled and the College's Board of Trustees judges that enrolment of the Non- preference applicants will not compromise its ability to offer places to Preference applicants who may apply for enrolment at a later date. The number of places available for Non- preference applicants will be governed by the maximum number allowable from time to time under the College's Integration Agreement. These applicants will be enrolled in the order of the receipt of their application until all available places have been filled. Note that the College requires, by the closing date for enrolments for the following year, a confirmation of any enrolment application received more than 18 months prior to the student's proposed starting date at the school.

Waiting list

If the total number of applications is greater than the number of places available, unsuccessful applicants will have their names recorded on a waiting list and, if places become available, shall be enrolled in order of the receipt of their application until all available places have filled. The waiting list will remain current until the College's Board of Trustees next notifies the public that it is inviting applications for the next enrolment intake.

Enrolment applications

Applications will be received at any time. The closing date for applications for the following year will be published in daily and community newspapers circulating throughout the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Pupils do not attend school tomorrow, **Friday 27 February 2009** as it is a teacher only day.

IMPORTANT DATES

27	February 2009		Teacher only Day
27/28	“	“	Canterbury Mazda Rowing Regatta
5	March	“	College Athletics Day
12	“	“	Open Day (9.00am – 12.00) (Enrolments for 2010 close on 9 April 2009)

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 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.

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



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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.**

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.

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.

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

(Please note change of time)

Sunday, 22 March 2009, 8.00am – 3.15pm. 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 OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The present PFA team would like to invite
All Parents and Friends of the College, to our AGM

**On: Monday 16 March
in the Waterford Room/ Staffroom
at: 7.30pm**

We are a team of parents and staff committed to providing support to the school through fundraising ventures and practical roles such as catering for events. During 2008 we were able to provide funding to purchase a number of data projectors.

We will begin the evening with drinks and nibbles and a chance to chat with staff and present PFA members. This will be followed by a short business meeting.

We welcome new members to our friendly team.

If you would like more information please phone the Chairperson:

Sue McClelland - ph 3226959

Feb 26 and what's been going on at St Thomas'

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2009 SWIMMING SPORTS

This year the mighty Marlow House turned up to swimming sports with a very simple goal – to win! The Marlow Juniors stepped up their game and won most races and the Canterbury Representatives showed their class. **Daniel Kahura, Mika Saniuela-McEntyre, Matthew McLaughlin** and our seniors participated in nearly every event which was enough for us to dominate the other houses.

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!!!

Mark Guindy - Marlow House Captain

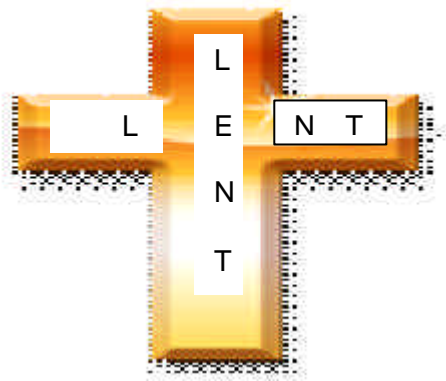


LEADERS' CAMP IN HANMER

This year a fresh team of leaders headed to the lovely mountain village of Hanmer Springs to brain storm for the year ahead. We explored each other's strengths and weaknesses and were pleasantly surprised with the depth of conversations, which often lasted a respectable four hours a time. At night we enjoyed cooking and cleaning for the



teachers! After our duties we would enjoy a movie session from the 'impeccable' selection or then a raging game of Trivial Pursuit. We travelled home with new knowledge about ourselves and others and a greater understanding of our role as a leadership team.



*Turn away from sin
and be faithful to
the Gospel*

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE 1ST XV
PRESS CUP/U15 FRENCH TRIP FUNDRAISING
DINNER**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
STEVE HANSEN ALL BLACK COACH
MC: DICK TAYLER**

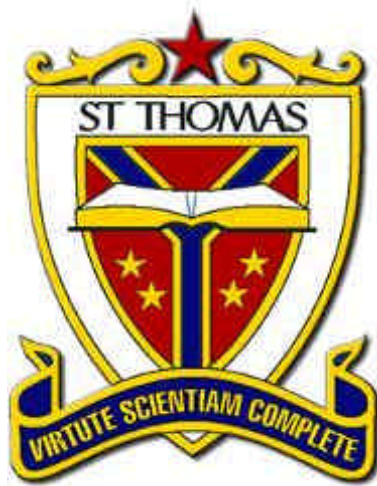


WHERE: HORNBY WORKINGMENS CLUB
WHEN: THURSDAY MARCH 12TH 7.00PM
WHAT: MEAL AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY BEER OR WINE
WITH DINNER
COST: \$60 PER PERSON OR \$500 FOR A TABLE OF 10

SPORTS MEMORABILIA AUCTION AND A MEGA RAFFLE.

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