

ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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FIRST COMMUNION



What a great way to end the term with one of our students receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Mason Henderson has undergone preparation for his First Holy Communion at school and today received the sacrament from Father Kevin Burns in our school Chapel.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai Talofa lava

Next year we will be looking to develop a new strategic plan to take us forward over the next three years. This will be a values based plan and will involve you as a community in determining what is important for St Thomas' as we move into the future. Edmund Rice Education Australia, with whom we are working closely, has developed an excellent overarching document about the values and role of an Edmund Rice Catholic School under the framework "Educating for a better world for all." This is the statement for Edmund Rice schools on our essential role in educating for justice and peace:

Statement on Educating for Justice and Peace

"Those who teach justice shall be like the stars forever" Daniel 12:3

Edmund Rice Education has a vision for justice and peace for all. Faithful to the call of Jesus and inspired by Edmund Rice, we aspire to offer hope to a world where the dignity of humanity and the integrity of creation is often diminished. We are committed to taking a preferential option for the poor and journeying in solidarity and partnership. Through holistic education we form passionate and compassionate young people who are not only aware of the structures that prevent all creation from being fully alive, but also have the knowledge, skills, attitudes and spirit to act and advocate for a better world for all. We stand in solidarity with Indigenous people of Australia and are inspired and nurtured by the wisdom and experience they have in educating for justice and peace.

Our vision for our students is that they are people who:

- Are **ENGAGED** in service and solidarity with others, especially those on the margins
- Are **CONSCIENTISED** to the reality of the world and the root causes of injustice
- Have a deep sense of the **SPIRITUAL** in their life
- Relate to others in a **COMPASSIONATE** way
- Take **ETHICAL** stances in all their endeavours
- Are **HOPEFUL** that a better world is possible and that they can actively contribute to its realisation

Educating for a better world for all is an honoured vocation that is shared by all members of the school community. It comes alive through:

- The nurturing of an **ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY** through faith formation experiences and prayer
- A **TRANSFORMATIONAL CURRICULUM** that is empowering, reflective, rigorous, authentic and promotes justice and peace literacy
- The participation in **SOCIAL ACTION AND SOLIDARITY** programmes in partnership with those on the margins
- The development of an **INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY** that models justice and peace

The heart of our teaching and learning is informed by reading the signs of the times, reflecting on our spiritual foundations and drawing on the inspiration of individuals and movements that have gone before us and gifted us an inspired legacy.

Aware of both the ongoing struggles and life giving nature of this endeavour, we dedicate ourselves to undertaking the journey of building a better world for all through educating for justice and peace.

Warm regards



Christine O'Brien
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

27 November 2009		Year 11 and 12 Book Return (9.00am)
11 December	“	Graduation Prize-giving, 11.00am
	“	“
	“	Reports - Yrs 7-10
	“	“
	“	Term 4 finishes on Friday at 12.30pm.

TERM DATES -2010

Term 1:	Friday 5 February (morning only) Monday 8 February - Thursday 1 April
Term 2:	Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July
Term 3:	Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
Term 4:	Monday 11 October – 10 December

2010 STARTING DATES & TIMES

Wednesday 3 February	1 – 3 pm	Year 11 students course confirmation (front office)
	1 - 3 pm	New International Students (front office)
	2.00pm	2010 Leaders meet in the Hall to set up and practise
	7.00 pm	Orientation evening for all parents of new students in the Hall.(Note that students do not attend this evening).

- Thursday 4 February**
- 9.00 am Year 7 & 8 students meet in the Hall
 - 10.00 am Leaders Mass practise in the Hall
 - 9 – 11am Year 13 students course confirmation (front office)
 - 1 – 3 pm Year 12 students course confirmation (front office)
 - 1 – 3 pm New students only in Years 7, 8 & 9 orientation with Yr 13 students (Library)
- Friday 5 February**
- 9.00 am All students assemble in the Hall.
 - 1.30 pm College Mass for all students in the Hall (parents Invited)
(Year 13 Parents & Yr 13 student's afternoon tea following Mass)

USED CLOTHING

The next sale will be held on **Saturday 23 January 2010** in the **College Staffroom** from **8.30am** until **12noon**.

If you have any clothing for the sale please deliver it to the College office on **Friday 22 January 2010 between 3.30 – 4.30pm**. Please make sure that it has been laundered and that blazers have been drycleaned.

STUDY ZONE

Study Zone has closed for the year.

A RETREAT FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

“Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs to make his Bethlehem”

Thomas Merton

The Retreat led by Joy Ryan-Bloore will be held at Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre, 15 Dublin Street, Christchurch:

Saturday 5 December 2009, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Friday 4 December 2009 (Registration) – 6.45pm 9.00pm

Enquiries and Registrations: **ph 379 1298** or **389 6010**

Email: roho@xtra.co.nz or ryanbloore@xtra.co.nz

\$60 or donation according to means

RAFFLE RESULTS – ST THOMAS’ INDIA TRIP

1 st :	1656	2 nd :	1445	3 rd :	3754	4 th :	3354
5 th :	4932	6 th :	0558	7 th :	3098	8 th :	2782
9 th :	4690	10 th :	4883	11 th :	4097	12 th :	0097

Many thanks for your support.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs that were ordered are ready for collection from **Mr Bigg’s** office.

PASIFIKA PARENTS

The school’s Pasifika parents (PI) group has been having regular monthly meetings at the school library. Since the umu last term, there is a lot of enthusiasm and an increase in the number of PI parents attending the meetings. The last meeting for this year is on the 30th November - next Monday at 5:30pm at the library. We opened a PI parent’s savings account with the BNZ with the \$505.00 profit we were able to raise from the umu. The school’s Pasifika parents group includes all pacific nation parents: Samoan, Tonga, Fiji, Tuvalu, Niue, PNG etc. etc... not just Samoan parents. Mrs Tina Siaosi, our new president, and the group, welcomes you to join us.

Be proactive and be a supporter in your son’s education.

It was agreed in our last meeting that a \$10 registration fee for a parent (or family) be paid into our account for membership – a token of commitment. For further enquiry, contact:

Tina/John Siaosi
027 485 7624
tinasiaosi@hotmail.com

Perry Petelo
027 267 9050 or
383 3326
ppetelo@stc.school.nz

FUNDRAISING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ‘*Brotherhood*’ Trip

Scrap Metal = we are willing to take scrap metal from anyone who has batteries, farm machinery or anything of that sort of nature

Individual Fundraising = if there are any jobs you would like a group of boys to do for you, or just one or two boys, and gift some money towards their trip, it would be much appreciated.

Any opportunity is a good opportunity, so please let me know if you have any possibilities to raise money. Nothing is out of reach!

Contact: **Paddy Dowling** pdowling@stc.school.nz

Thank you for your support!

BUBBLE DOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this January. Other Science, Inventions & Technology courses on offer at a venue near you. Ages 6-17 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

OLD BOYS OF CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

Christ The King School is currently taking orders for the School Magazine. The Prize-giving section covers awards for years 2007-2009 and there are many past students with their names published. If you would like to order a copy of the magazine, please send your name and mailing address to **Christ The King School, 90 Greers Road**, together with **\$12.00**. Cheques should be made out to CTK Parent Council.

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).

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

DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Dove Fellowship warmly invite all women to the next meeting: **Saturday 5 December 2009, 1.30 – 3.30pm, Christ The King Parish Centre, 90 Greers Road**. Women of all ages are invited to come along to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass with Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women. Bring your friends.

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**.

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

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



BLUE LIGHT CLASSIC HITS BIG DAY OUT

For all the family ...

Live displays from:



Westpac Rescue Helicopter



Ambulance



Plenty of activities and food for sale, for the whole family ...

Have a bounce on the castle, try the 30m inflatable obstacle course or **try your hand at dunking a cop!**

Kids try the treasure hunt

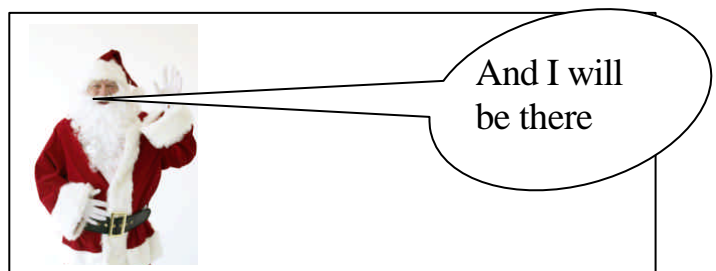
Bring a picnic, there's something for everyone!

McLeans Island Mountain Bike Track

Sunday 13th December

from 10am to 3pm

Gold coin entry.
(funds raised go towards providing programmes for the youth of Canterbury)



For further info, please visit:
www.bluelightcanterbury.co.nz (upcoming events)

NCEA TIMETABLE

Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	Scholarship
<i>Fri 27 Nov</i>	Am	Human Biology	Geography	Health	Biology
	Pm	Chemistry	Spanish	History	
<i>Sat 28 Nov</i>	Am				Chemistry
	Pm				History
<i>Mon 30 Nov</i>	Am	Drama	Classical Studies	Science	French
	Pm	Te Reo Maori	Music	Media Studies	
<i>Tues 1 Dec</i>	Am	Spanish	Latin	Making Music / Te Reo Maori	Chinese
	Pm	Health	Chinese / Health	Music Studies	Physical Education
<i>Wed 2 Dec</i>	Am	Music	French	Social Studies	Economics
	Pm	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Science / Samoan	Drama	Japanese

