



# ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

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## *NEWSLETTER*

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### **THE PE TOPS HAVE ARRIVED**



**The new PE kit has arrived and queues of boys waited to be given their sport's top and were seen modelling the gear all around school. Pictured here is a year seven group kitted out and ready for PE class ... and don't they look good!**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

We have just finished a wonderful open morning and it was a pleasure welcoming prospective parents and boys to the College. We are again anticipating significant pressure on our roll during the enrolment round but it is a very healthy problem to have.

Again the overwhelming feedback from visitors this morning related to our young men and the spirit in the school. Our boys are our best advertisement – they have a nice sense of confidence, are relaxed, honest and open, humorous and respectful and really care about their school and have pride in it. A blessing of our smaller size is the close relationship between staff and students and between older and younger students and this was noticed and commented on frequently this morning.

So I would like to extend congratulations and a big thank you to all our young men for the way they presented themselves today – our leaders, the tour guides, the catering helpers and the boys in the classrooms – and to our staff for their welcoming and friendly response to all our prospective families. We are blessed in the people we have in our school community and we are very proud of our young men.

Warm regards

Christine O'Brien  
Principal

### **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**

<b>19 March</b>	<b>Student Work Day</b>
<b>9 April</b>	<b>Enrolments for 2010 close</b>

## **STUDENT WORKDAY 2009**

On **Thursday 19 March**, "Student Workday 2009" will take place.

Workday is a College tradition in which students get a paying job and join the workforce for one day. Workday is an opportunity for us as students to fundraise in order to further enhance the environment of our College. So, make sure that you have a job lined up for Workday!

If you have any extra jobs, please leave a message with contact details at the College office (348 7010) for Josh Toohey, or email [stcstudentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:stcstudentcouncil@hotmail.com).

A letter with specific details was sent home last Friday.

## **ILLEGAL PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Illegal parking is still continuing outside school despite repeated warnings.

**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.

## **HANGI**

The annual fundraising hangi will be held on **Thursday 26 March 2009**. Tickets are **\$10** each and are available from either **Jordan Russ, Bradley Tuhi** or the school office.

Food will be ready for collection at 3.00pm (after school). Preparation for the hangi will be on Wednesday after school in the Brother Dowling Centre.

If you would like to help (either as a parent or pupil) please phone the College office.

## **STUDY ZONE**

Our after school '**Study Zone**' is held in the Student Centre, Learning Support:

**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.

## **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.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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 Easter. The workshop will be held from **14 – 16 April 2009** at **Middleton Grange School**, Upper Riccarton, 50 Acacia Avenue, Upper Riccarton. Students have been handed a pamphlet. For further information visit: [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz)

## **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](http://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](mailto: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**.

## **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.

## **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.

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

Visit our website: [www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) for more information or contact Mr O'Connell.

**Chris O'Connell**  
Head of Sport

## **ROWING SPONSORS**

We have been fortunate in the last two months to have secured long term sponsorship from two local Canterbury Businesses.

### **Lincoln University Asmuss South Island Ltd**

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.

St Thomas of Canterbury College thanks both businesses for their sponsorship and look forward to building a closer relationship between the college and themselves.

Thank you also to the continued support from **Lyttleton Engineering**, long time supporters of rowing at the College.

Without these businesses rowing at the college wouldn't be in such a strong position leading into the South Island Secondary Schools Champs and the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs (Maadi Cup) in March 2009.

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

## **VILLA MARIA COLLEGE QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 13 March** 7.00pm registration. All funds received going to the Victoria Fires relief for families of children at Catholic schools.

Tables of six.

\$5.00 students

\$10.00 adult

Door sales available on the night or ring the student office to book a table **348 4165**.

Please come along for a great night of entertainment.

## **OUR LADY OF VICTORIES SCHOOL FAIR**

**Sunday, 22 March 2009, 11am - 2pm (WET OR FINE)**

Auction will be held at 1.15pm

Great items for sale; Raffles; Chocolate wheel; Cakes & sweets; Mystery bottles; Face painting; Pony rides, etc...

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 - 3.15pm weekdays, (No broken items, or clothes/shoes or old beds or old tv's. If dropping off at the weekends, please **ph Katrina 3427935**. Any baking goods donated please give in to the school either the day before or the day of the fair.

## **CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN**

Dove Fellowship warmly invite all women to the next meeting: **Saturday 14 March 2009, 1.30 – 3.30pm, Christ the King Parish Centre – 90 Greers Road**. Bring a friend. "Jesus Empowers with Love", presented by **Dianne Andrews** (Past National team member).

## **AVONHEAD SCHOOL JUBILEE**

Avonhead School will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee at Queen's Birthday weekend (**29 – 31 May 2009**). Visit [www.avonhead.school.nz](http://www.avonhead.school.nz) to register your interest and be kept up-to-date.

# **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**

# What's been going on at St Thomas' in early March?

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2009 ATHLETICS SPORTS

Joyce House said they would win and they did – with quite a display of determination and house spirit. The day ended up being so popular that the finals had to be moved to the next afternoon. This was due to huge house competition with participation figures well up on previous years. The final points were Joyce 848, McClintock 841, Marlow 795 and Rice 674.



Pictured here is **Matt van der Clay** from Joyce in the final moments of a race that saw him narrowly beating the McClintock house captain **Karl Belcher**.



## THE RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP VISITS STC

Last week ended with the very special visit of the Rugby League World Cup. Canterbury Rugby League has a special fondness for STC as a large number of our Old Boys are stars of the game today.

This cup started its life in 1953 and has been hiding in Australia for the past 6 or 7 years but has now been won for the first time by New Zealand.

A very popular piece of silverware held here by new staff member and league player himself, **Mr Hamish Barclay**.

# “Homework sites aid school kids”

This article is paraphrased from the Sunday Star Times March 8

**THE INTERNET** is a valuable tool for school assignments and revision, but which sites are the most useful for children? *Consumer* checked out homework sites and found some great options.

[www.tki.org.nz](http://www.tki.org.nz)

Try the great NZ based search engine the Ministry of education’s site. All external sites that are recommended by TKI are quality assured.

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

This is a kiwi web-portal that gives kids access to expert librarians between 1pm and 6pm. Staff are trained to deal with primary and secondary students.

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

For quick answers try this website that stores helpful hints on topics frequently researched at the any questions site.

[www.studyit.org.nz](http://www.studyit.org.nz)

NCEA maths, English and science students should find the award winning Studyit site a useful revision tool.

[www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Students can also download past exam papers and examples of work that earned “excellence” or “merit” or “achieved” from this site. Old exam papers are great for extra study practice.

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

National Geographic provides information on animals and geography accompanied by breathtaking photography.

[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)

Times Inc has a weekly magazine for kids. This site has a serious homework section for teachers and fun activities and games in the section dedicated to kids.

[www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu)

Budding scientists should check out the website of San Francisco’s museum of science, art and human perception. Beyond the home page, there are science and maths activities for a range of ages.

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

The British have a superb BBC Schools site that covers subjects from maths to music.

## **Search tips:**

- Choose key words carefully for example: Jack Johnson boxer
- Use the (plus) + sign in front of words you definitely want to appear in your results: Jack Johnson +boxer
- Use the (minus) – sign for words you don’t want to appear in results: Jack Johnson –music
- Use speech marks for specific phrase: “Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson”
- Check spelling: Johnson not Johnston

Go to [www.consumer.org.nz](http://www.consumer.org.nz) to check out more great sites and a copy of the full report. Or pick up a copy of the March Consumer magazine at your local retailer



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