



ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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STC VOLLEYBALL INTO DIVISION ONE



Our senior volleyball team competed in the Canterbury Champs at the weekend and entered division one by beating St Andrew's College. They are now part of the top six teams in Canterbury and being still only year 11 they have at least two more years in this competition. Well done.

BRUCE CHALLENGES IN MARCH

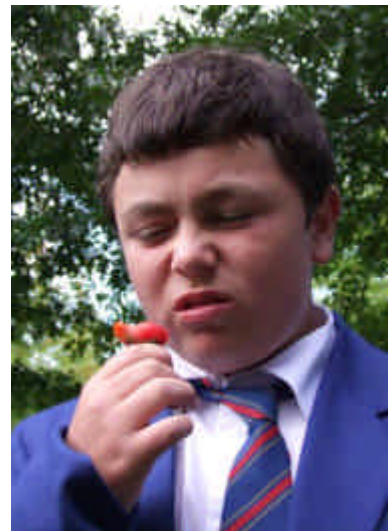
Competition has been strong with the new vertical house challenges for the Bruce Trophy. Three points is available for the weekly winner and one point for the challenger. Competition is strong with an interesting shift into food challenges recently.



Sam Mackwell provided the chillies fresh from the farm and was the mainstay of his Marlow class devouring in excess of four huge chillies on his own!

The week before the chillies was a wall-stand challenge from Joyce to McClintock. Pictured here is **Jacob Allen, Ryan**

Adamson and Robert Madges. McClintock was the winner here but were eaten up by Marlow in the chillie eating as can be seen with the pained look on **Daniel Rawson's** face!



Today's challenge was another food one and this time was dry weetbix eating with Marlow being challenged by Rice. MABU easily one and continued to eat weetbix for the rest of lunch. Pictured are the "men of weetbix" **Matthew Rea and David Correos.**

Points at present see 1st equal being Joyce and Marlow on 89pts. McClintock are close behind on 85.



19 March 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai Talofa lava

Issues to do with bullying and violence in schools are well to the forefront in the media at present. There are aspects of the media discussion that are concerning. Schools do not exist in isolation from society but are a microcosm of it and reflect all the issues that are part of the human condition and which exist in the wider world. Many of the solutions suggested reflect the trend which we see in the public reaction to law and order and crime and punishment at the moment. We do not believe these are helpful for resolving issues relating to young people in a school setting.

That is not to say that bullying should not be taken seriously or addressed. Genuine bullying can be devastating for the victim and damaging in the long term for the offender as well. Many offenders have begun as victims and then perpetuated the behaviour on others.

It is also important to distinguish between bullying, which is persistent and targeted, and the conflict that can arise in every day interaction between human beings. The restorative justice process enables us to effectively resolve bullying because it is focussed on developing empathy in our boys, on empowering the victim and on reparation of relationship by the offender. We find that on the whole, students who are bullying will cease once they fully understand the effects they are having on their victim and often, on the victim's family.

Restorative justice is a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in a specific offense and to collectively identify and address harms, needs, and obligations, in order to heal and put things as right as possible.

Some key elements of the restorative justice process, which are directly linked to the issue of bullying, are:

The goals of restorative justice:

Restorative justice programmes aim to:

- Put key decisions into the hands of those most affected by crime
- Make justice more healing and, ideally, more transformative, and
- Reduce the likelihood of future offences.

Achieving these goals requires that:

- Victims are involved in the process and come out of it satisfied
- Offenders understand how their actions have affected other people and take responsibility for those actions
- Out comes help to repair the harms done and address the reasons for the offence (specific plans are tailored to the victim's and the offender's needs), and
- Victim and offender both gain a sense of "closure," and both are reintegrated into the community.

Guiding questions of restorative justice:

1. Who has been hurt?
2. What are their needs?
3. Whose obligations are these?
4. Who has a stake in this situation?
5. What is the appropriate process to involve stakeholders in an effort to put things right?

It is critical that we know immediately if you feel your son is having problems in this area. The initial procedure to follow is **to contact the relevant House Dean** for your son. It is important to let this process unfold and then if you are not satisfied, contact the Deputy Principal, Mr Steve Hart.

We find that by far the majority of our students are caring young men but empathy doesn't occur naturally to all and like other human qualities, needs to be experienced and developed. The bottom line is both the safety and wellbeing of boys at school and the learning and development of those who cross the line, through accepting consequences and understanding the feelings of others.

Warm regards

Christine O'Brien
Principal

St Thomas of Canterbury College

Board of Trustees – Two casual vacancies for an Elected Trustee

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved, under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989, to fill the vacancies by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Margaret Mary DeGoldi
Chairperson
Board of Trustees election
St Thomas of Canterbury College
P O Box 11 314
Sockburn
Christchurch 8042

by Monday 30 March 2009.

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

Lyttelton 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 or phone (03) 348 7010

Paddy Dowling
Master in Charge of Rowing
St Thomas of Canterbury College

Thick white fog was sitting in a bowl over Lake Ruataniwha for three hours, but this did not hinder the focus for the day ahead. Finals day. South Island Secondary School Rowing Championships. The months of hard training paid off. Our physical fitness and technical prowess shone over other schools. St Thomas' Rowing came away with three South Island Titles and one silver. The best effort we've had yet.

We have had a fantastic season in rowing; at every regatta we have come away with a title. Details are below:

Canterbury Champs – Gold U17 Quad
Gold U17 Double

South Island Club Champs - Gold U17 Quad

New Zealand Club Champs - 5th U19 Double (Nathan Flannery, Campbell Stewart)

4th U21 coxless Quad (Young team of U17 rowers, Nathan Flannery and Campbell Stewart, and U18 old boys Lance Smith and Paddy Kluts)

South Island

Secondary Schools Gold U15 quad Gold (Redmond McKenzie, Tom Bates, Daniel Ryan, James Brown, Coxain – Zachariah Thompson)

Gold U17 quad (Nathan Flannery, Stewart Campbell, Josh Tansey, Rob Wilson, Coxain – Simon Breen)

Gold U17 double (Nathan Flannery, Stewart Campbell)

Silver U18 Quad

Congratulations to all boys, you have done our school proud!!

If you are interested in rowing next season, or just to find out more information about what it may entail, talk to Mr Dowling or Miss Burrough for details.

Always open for sponsorship please contact Paddy Dowling pdowling@stc.school.nz
Or phone 348 7010 ext 732

STUDY ZONE

The Study Zone continues to be under utilised. We are disappointed that more senior students do not make use of this really worthwhile resource to enable them to complete homework and get assistance.

These staff are available on the specified days:

Day	Staff member	Subjects
Monday	Mr Knopp	Any subjects including music, maths, accounting & economics
Tuesday	Ms Guerin	Essay writing, research, English, media studies. Any English-rich subject
Wednesday	Mrs Winton	Essay writing, research, English, media studies. Any English-rich subject
Thursday	Mrs Lee	Essay writing. Any Yr 7 – 9 subject, research. General homework

Mr Biggs, Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning
Mrs Coster, Learning Support Leader

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

Parent Teacher interviews: further information will be sent home shortly

6 April Surnames commencing with A - L

7 April Surnames commencing with M - Z

9 April Enrolments for 2010 close

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.

Reminder: GREEN RECYCLING CRATES

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

We are still collecting these and 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

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 second-hand 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 at the end of term.

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.

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.

AVONHEAD SCHOOL JUBILEE

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

“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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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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