

St Patrick's School Bryndwr

Te Kura O Hato Patariki

'Called to Shine.'



Weekly Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Leadership

Over the last few weeks Mr Brown and I have been finalising what is a very thorough process to select our school leaders for 2010. The process started back in 2009 when all Year 7 students interested in leadership were asked to submit a letter explaining why they thought they would be an effective leader. This was followed by consulting the 2009 school leaders and then the teachers. Mr Brown and I then scrutinised this information as well as reflecting on students attitudes and actions over the last few weeks.

As a consequence it is my pleasure to announce the following students who were awarded leadership responsibilities at assembly today.

- **McAuley House Captin** – Alex McNichol, Ellen O'Connell-Quested
- **Thevenet House Captain** – Caitlin Hughes, Max Brownlee
- **Harrison House Captain** – Harry Macgregor, Bernadette Murdoch
- **Joyce House Captain** - Nick Meates, Christine Reyes
- **School Leaders** - Jacob Ratcliff, Maya Cox

Leadership is a very diverse and fluid concept. Individuals apply a variety of leadership skills in different context. Some individuals may show leadership on the sports ground while others show different leadership skills in church as lead altar servers. It must also be remembered that individuals develop their leadership skills at different rates. The leaders listed above have been chosen because they demonstrate the leadership qualities we require at St Patrick's School at this time. It is however, our goal at St Patrick's School to provide all students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. A number of events will be provided for both our year 7-8 students this year to develop their leadership skills. These include attending Burnham Army Camp and the Young Leaders conference to name a few.

Technology Training (Year 7-8)

Many of us may remember travelling once a week to Manual Training where we participated in a range of manual subjects such as; cooking, sewing, woodwork and even metal work. The provision is still provided for all Year 7-8 students by the Ministry of Education. However the service has changed slightly to reflect the Revised Curriculum. Now food nutrition, fabrics, woodwork, metalwork and electronics are offered.

The service is completely controlled by the Ministry of Education. The children travel to Phillipstown rather than other closer centres because of a historical arrangement that goes back before 1990 to the Old Department of Education.

Transport is provided by bus. Students depart school at 1pm to arrive for the start of technology at 1.30pm. Technology finishes at 2.45pm. The bus is scheduled to arrive back at school at 3.15pm. The bus service is contracted out every two years by the Ministry of Education. The school does not have any control over the bus transport. There have been a number of issues already this year relating to the lateness of the bus. All issues are immediately reported to the Ministry of Education.

Swimming Sports

The annual School Swimming Sports will take place this Friday at Jelly Park Pool. ALL students will leave school at 12pm. The swimming sports will start at 12.30pm. The junior swimming will finish at 1.30pm. The senior swimming events will finish. As a result Students in Years 4-8 will not arrive back at School until 3.15pm.

So that we can maintain a safe event for all students we ask all families not to pick up students at the pool. This makes it very difficult to monitor the students coming and going. As a result all students will be required to travel back to school on the bus. This will give teachers the time to ensure that all students are accounted for. Your co-operation with this issue would be greatly appreciated.

There will be **NO sushi lunches next Friday 5th March** due to the children leaving early for the swimming sports at Jellie Park. Sushi lunches will continue as normal the following week.

Notices!



**Welcome to Louisa (Lulu) McGoldrick who started
Congratulations to School Leaders for 2010
school this week in R5**

Congratulations to Phoebe Spiers who, at the recent Summer tournament, was selected for the Canterbury Cricket Girls Year 5 & 6 Team, they are to play Mid Canterbury. Well done Phoebe!

New Baby!

Congratulations to Pieta and Daryl Aitken and family, (Niamh R5) on the birth of their new baby daughter and sister Ciara.

Fair 2010

Thanks to everyone who has offered to help on Sunday 21st March and on Saturday 20th with the setting up. We have had a great response. You will be contacted shortly to confirm what stall you will be helping on, if you haven't already been contacted by the Stall Coordinator.

The garage in the carpark will be open each morning from 8.30 until 9.30 from **Monday 8 March** for 2 weeks. Books, Magazines, CD's & DVD's, Toys, and white elephant items can be dropped off.

A week before the Fair a cake box will be sent home to each family for a cake to be returned to school on the Saturday before the Fair.

Thank you to the response for the Shamrock Tree items, we do require more items so please keep dropping them into the office.

There will be a Fair meeting in Room 8 at 7pm for the Fair Co-ordinators on **Monday 8 March**. If you cannot make the meeting please contact Bridget ph 359-6006. Thanks.

Bridget and Claire

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PFA intends trialling a second hand uniform sale in Terms 1 and 3. The first sale will be held on Friday 26 March.

If you would like to donate clean uniform items in good condition please leave them in the office and they will be collected by a PFA member. We will also sell "on behalf" if you attach your contact details and asking price. If you have any queries please contact Hayley Hall ph: 3526221

Coffee morning Friday March 5

Come along to Room 8 next Friday for a coffee and a catch-up. Bring your toddlers, new Mums especially welcome. It's a great way to get to know other parents at the school. From 9 - 10 am. Brought to you by your friendly PFA!

Entertainment Books coming! Details to follow after the school fair.

Second Hand Book Collection

Have a spring-clean of those bookshelves and bring along your preloved books, glossy magazines and DVDs to school on Monday 8th February at 8.50am, Friday 12th February at 3.00pm, Monday 15th February at 8.50am outside the library. If you would like the books picked up from your home, please contact Christine Dutton, 354 3599 or Tracey Sparrow, 352 2099

Cleaning Position

Could be a job share position. 5 nights (after 5.30pm-6.30am) any two hours within this time. Please contact Val or Dave at angelCare on 3514436 or email david@angelcare.co.nz

21st February 2010

2nd Sunday in Lent Year C

“I have come into the world as light”

So said Jesus in John Chapter 12 verse 46

I stand at my window and watch the sunrise and see the world flooded with light. The hilltops are bathed in gold, the leaves of

the trees turned to bronze, the grass a new vivid green. Even the most ordinary things become beautiful as light touches them. A finger of gold runs down the telephone pole and turns it to a pillar of glory.

So it is when Your light comes into my life, Lord. It bathes the world in which I live in glory and lights up my soul. But it also shows up the dark places and the grubbiness I have got used to living with. Help me please dear Lord, to spring clean my life and keep it always clear and shining and bright to reflect Your light.

Diane Loughnan

Prayers for Father Paul Duncan

As you will know Fr Paul Duncan has cancer. Today there is a prayer card available in the foyer of each Church asking through the intercession of Mother Suzanne Aubert, foundress of the Sisters of Compassion, for healing for Fr Paul, Suzanne Aubert is not a saint but her cause for canonisation has begun. She would be our first New Zealand saint. Please pray for healing for Fr Paul and for others with cancer.

The Bishops has asked his priests to attend a planning day with him this Wednesday. There will be one Mass on Wednesday 9am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please pray for our Bishop and Priests.

At the youth Mass at 10.30am I will commission our youth leaders for 2010 Oli Hickman, Mim Black, Richard Kircher, Letitia Stenberg, Rachel Kersten, Nigel Salmon

God bless Fr Rick

Please remember to pray for Priests. Fr Tom O'Donnell, Monsignor Bede O'Gorman and Fr Leo O'Connor.

An invitation to come together to pray the Rosary – Everyone is welcome

An open invitation to come together as a school & parish community, to pray for the sick & for all of the special intentions of those in our community.

9:00am every Tuesday in term time, St Mathews Church (approx 25mins) All welcome. You don't need to be familiar with the Rosary to join in pray.

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.”

COME AND TRY ICE HOCKEY !!

Canterbury Minors Ice Hockey are offering the IHH (Introduction to Ice Hockey) Program

- A six session course, structured to enable players to try out hockey for little cost (\$60-00 total)
- Sessions run between Mar 4th and Mar 28th. Each session is one hour with a professional Coach
- Gear and skate hire is made available
- Target age is between 5 and 12 years old, for children who are new to ice hockey
- Bookings are required, contact Mike Johnson (357 2940), mike@canteach.net, or Craig du Plooy ☐(021 752 863), cduplooy@xtra.co.nz, or check out www.sportsground.co.nz/cmih

Safer Streets Trust in conjunction with **NZ Police** are having an Open Day at the **Christchurch Central Police Station Saturday 27th February 12.00-6.00pm**. Activities include: trying on police uniform, speed laser gun, trying out “Beer Goggles”, fingerprinting, physical.

HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB – JUNIOR RUGBY

Registration dates for 2010 session at the Clubrooms 5 Ayr St Riccarton:

- Friday 5 March 5pm – 7pm
- Sunday 7 March 10- 00 – noon
- Monday 8 March 5pm – 7pm
- Sunday 14 March 10am – noon

If unable to register on one of the nominated days please email your intentions for the season to richardfalloon@yahoo.com

MARIST HOCKEY CLUB

Trials for 11Aside and Super 8 (Boys and Girls primary teams) will be held at Nunweek Park from Sunday 28th of February, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Registration day for the 2010 season is at Nunweek Park on Sunday 7th March from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Please check our website www.maristhockey.co.nz or contact Angela Baker, ph:3545975, email steveangelab@xtra.co.nz or Tracey Hughes, ph:3555447, email p_t.hughes@paradise.net.nz

Coming Events

March

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| Tues 2 nd | 9.00 am Rosary in the Church |
| Fri 5 th | No Assembly, Swimming Sports at Jellie Park 12.30-3.00 pm. Coffee morning R8, 9am |
| Mon 8 th | Fair Meeting 7.00 pm R8 |
| Tues 9 th | 9.00 am Rosary in the Church, BoT meeting 7.30 pm R8 |
| Wed 10 th | Zone Swimming Sports, PFA Meeting 7.30pm R8 |
| Thurs 11 th | Mufti Day – Bottle Tombola, Class Mass Rms 1 & 3 |
| Fri 12 th | Assembly R5, Rms 1 & 3 Swimming at Wharenui |
| Tues 16 th | 9.00 am Rosary in the Church |
| Wed 17 th | St Patrick’s Day – lunch provided by PFA |
| Thurs 18 th | Marian College Open Evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm |
| Fri 19 th | Assembly R6, Rms 1 & 3 Swimming at Wharenui |
| Sun 21 st | School Mass, School Fair |
| Tues 23 rd | Reconciliation Rms 1, 2, 3 & 7, 9.00 am Rosary in the Church ^h |
| Thurs 25 th | Rm 2 Class Mass |
| Fri 26 th | Assembly R7, No swimming, Wharenui Pool closed |
| Tues 30 th | 9.00 am Rosary in the Church |

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| Fri 9 th | Applications for enrolment for 2011 at St Thomas of Canterbury close |
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