



## Newsletter No 15

13th September 2012

Kia Ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Greetings

Dear Parents,

### Sunday Mass Times

#### St Michael's Church

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am

#### St Mary's Church

Sundays 10am & 5pm

Parish Office for both church's  
found at St Mary's Church

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On behalf of the staff here at St Michael's Catholic School I would like to thank everyone for their support during last week's events.

It was very encouraging to see a great turn out of families who supported our **charter Review meeting** last Thursday. The charter review meeting created much dialogue and the follow-up meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September will enable more dialogue and development of focus areas for the school's planning for the next 3 – 5 years. Parents you are a valued part of our school community – **Your opinions matter and are listened too** and if you were unable to attend last Thursday please come along on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lookout for the Newsletter going home tomorrow!

**Friday's 'Children's Rugby World Cup' Day** was also a success. I would like to thank all the parents for preparing their children for the day. It was great to see the children representing the different countries. The highlight of the day for me personally was watching the older children help the younger children with the different activities. This behaviour showed how caring the children are and allows opportunities for positive role-modelling. I spent some hours reflecting on this over the weekend. These relationships involve serving other people, by helping those who need extra help. Service to others is an important aspect of ST Michael's Catholic School. Tomorrow, the Young Vinnies are holding a cake stall to raise funds to purchase seeds and resources for the vegetable garden. As an act of service, the children donate the vegetables grown to a local food bank to help support other people.



## **John Paul College 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sales**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm till 5pm

Where: PTA Uniform Shop at back of Gym.

### **LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR**

Head lice can be an on-going problem at most schools! We would prefer that your child's hair (shoulder length or longer) be tied back into a pony tail or plaited

## **Young Vinnies Cake Stall - Tomorrow**

The Young Vinnies will be having a cake stall at morning tea time Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Please let your child bring along 50c to buy something nice for morning tea.** Spring has begun and we have planted half the garden but need your help to purchase the rest of our seedlings. The produce for the garden will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society food bank to help feed those who are struggling

## **Tales by Torchlight**

The Travelling Tuatara's and young friends will entertain with stories & songs

**WHEN: Tuesday 13th September 6.00pm -7.30pm**

**WHERE: The Redwood Forest under the Sails -meet at the car park** behind the visitors centre by 5.45 pm Free family event. to celebrate Conservation week 2011 - All weather outdoor venue Dress warmly. Bring a torch, a blanket to sit on, and a hot water bottle if you need extra warmth and eats - For information ph 3620888

## **BOP Gifted and Talented Regional Symposium**

Thank you to those who have already registered for the Bay of Plenty Gifted and Talented regional symposium. This will be held on Friday 30 September 2011 at the Millenium Hotel Rotorua. **It is open to all educators from ECE, primary and secondary sectors as well as parents and whanāu.** Registrations close on Monday 26 September 2011 at 9.00am. (see programme attached) The focus is on:

- Sharing of gifted and talented good practice models
- Networking
- Supporting development of the GATE regional goals

For further queries please contact Michael King on this email address - [MKing@cognition.co.nz]

### **Loving Jesus .....**

...We pray for and welcome all visitors to our country. May they enjoy the beauty of our land and people, and that their journey is safe wherever they go.

...We pray for our school community and ask for your guidance as we come together to deliver a workable Charter that will enhance our great school.

... We pray for all who are sick, lonely or depressed. May we, through the Holy Spirit, be a loving and caring community and reach out to our neighbours and to others in need of support and friendship.

**We ask these prayers in Jesus' name - Amen**

**FOCUS (Last Sunday's Reading) 'Forgiveness' – Matthew 18:21-35 "So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart" (v.35)**

*Jesus is asked how many times we must forgive someone. "Is seven times enough?" a follower asks. Jesus tells them, "Not seven times, but seven times seven." Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a worthless servant who huge debt is mercifully forgiven. However, when he refuses mercy to a fellow servant for a much smaller debt, the master punishes him.*

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. Sometimes it is easy to forgive- something is broken accidentally – someone unknowingly steps on our toes. But at other times it is not so easy; someone will do something or say something and we just want to strike back. That impulse is even stronger in small children who are just beginning to learn to temper their feelings. As Christians we are called to follow Jesus, learning from the cross a lesson that rejects the proverb, "an eye for eye" and sets a new agenda for the world. We are asked to forgive seven times seven.

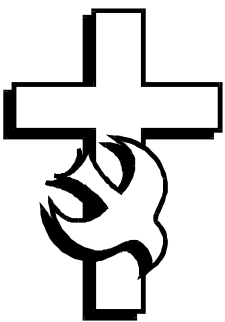
*Practice talking out a problem. Ask a family member who is angry with someone to share the story behind his anger. Help him to consider ways he can solve the problem in a positive way.*

**FOCUS (Church reading this coming Sunday) 'Generosity' – Matthew 20:1-16b "Or are you envious because I am generous?" (v.15)**

*Jesus balances last week's parable about the justice of God with this week's story about God's generosity. The parable is about a landowner who goes out to hire workers for his fields. Some people are hired early in the day; others are hired to work only the last hour. At the end of the day all are paid the same. Those who worked the whole day are upset.*

Jesus is clear in the parable of the landowner that God's love and generosity is not to be questioned. We are all on the receiving end of what was promised. God's generosity is something to celebrate even if we are not the ones on the receiving end of that particular moment.

*Ask each family member to name a gift they received from God. If they were God, what gift would they give to each family member?*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME (1<sup>st</sup> Communion / Reconciliation)**

The programme will begin on **November 6 and 13** this year, and continue in March next year. The sessions for the children will take place on **Sundays, 8.30am – 10am**, followed by the 10am Mass at St Mary's. Parents are asked to attend a parent session in the church at 8.30am on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and each Sunday when classes resume for completion of Sacramental Programme next year. **\$25** to cover costs would be appreciated – payable upon enrolment. (\$40 if there are two children from one family.) Forms are available from the parish office or from Mrs Brits Rm7. All enrolment forms must be in **by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**.

# Sports

## Practice timetable

**Monday 1.30pm to 2.30pm** – Kapa Haka practice in the hall.

**Tuesday lunchtime 12.45pm to 1.25pm** – Boys touch practice with Jason and Darcy.

**Tuesday afterschool 3.00pm to 4.00pm** – Girls touch practice with Dominic

**Wednesday lunchtime 12.45pm to 1.25pm** – Yr 3 & 4 mini ball practice.

**Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm** – Kapa Haka practice in the hall.

**Friday lunchtime 12.45pm to 1.25pm** – Yr 5 & 6 mini ball practice with Lisa.

## Saturday Hockey

Congratulations to both Saturday Hockey teams who played their final hockey game on the weekend. This is the first year in a long time that we have entered school hockey teams into the Rotorua Primary Schools Hockey Tournament and both teams did very well this season.



**A big thank you to coaches Sherie Hopcroft and Mrs McLanachan, also many thanks for the support received from parents.**

## RWC sports day

Our school RWC sports day on Friday was a huge success thanks to the great team work from all the children and awesome leadership from our senior school students. It was a great day with full on fun physical activities run by the staff. We hope the children and parents had fun and enjoyed the day!

## **Rugby World Cup – Upcoming Rotorua Events**

**Sept 14:** Sun & Stars – at City Focus 10am – 12pm

**Sept 16** Rugby World Cup 2011 Official Fanzone, NZ v Japan – at Rotorua Energy Events Centre -5.30pm – 10pm

**No reira, tena koutou, tena Koutou, tena Koutou Katoa  
St Michael's school staff**

<b>St Michael's School Friday Lunch Order Form : Orders to office before Friday</b>		
	1. Chicken Burger & Cookie	\$3.00
	2. Cheese Toasty or Sausage Roll & Cookie	\$2.00
	3. Bacon Wrap & Cookie	\$2.50
	4. Seafood or Chicken Filled roll & Cookie	\$3.00
Received:	Change:	
Name:	RM:	

### Sacramental Programme 2011- 2012

Yes! I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Sacramental programme. Please send home a Sacramental Enrolment. (*return this slip to school*)

*For more information please contact Mrs Brits*

### ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY / BOARD CHARTER MEETINGS

We will be attending the second School Charter Hui on the 22nd September

Number Attending will be \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Programme: Gifted & Talented Symposium Bay of Plenty  
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2011, MILLENIUM HOTEL

**Registration and refreshments**

9.30am-9.40am

**Welcome, mihimihi, whakatau Michael King**, Gifted & Talented

Project Manager

9.40am-10am

**Opening presentation**

Results of the BOP school self review; how the day will be structured in response to this

**Rosemary Cathcart**

10.00am-10.30am

**Introduction to facilitators**

Invited facilitators give brief intros to their areas of expertise so those attending can direct questions to the appropriate person

10.30am-10.50am

**Round Table Discussion One**

Everyone into groups and joined by facilitators – first “round table discussion” – sharing what happens at our schools

10.50am-11.10am

**Morning tea and networking**

11.10am-11.40am

**Presentation 2**

Giftedness from the Māori perspective: gifted Māori children in our schools

**Melinda Webber**

11.40am-12.10pm

**Presentation 3**

ERO: Evaluating schools’ provision for gifted and talented students – what’s next?

**Robyn Gibbs**, Senior Education

Evaluator, ERO

12.10pm-12.30pm

**Round Table Discussion Two**

Groups and facilitators second “round table” discussion – each group’s own choice

12.30pm-1pm

**Lunch (discussions continue!)**

1.00pm-1.30pm

**Presentation 4**

Tour of Gifted and Talented online and model of GATE provision unpacked

**Kate Niederer/Micheal King**

1.30pm-2pm

**Presentation 3**

Reflections – Parents perspectives

**Prathima Rao**, Parent

2.00pm-3pm

**Final Discussion**

In groups with the facilitators and then in combined session: final discussion – pulling it all together – where to from here?

3.00pm **Closing**



**RUBBY WORLD CUP DAY  
AT  
ST MICHAELS SCHOOL**

