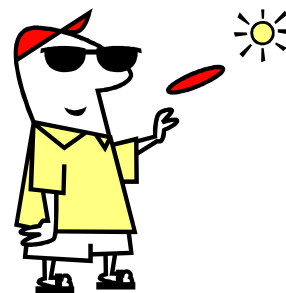


Newsletter No 02

Tuesday, 22nd February 2011

Tena Koutou Katoa

Protect yourself
from the sun's
harmful rays –
wear your
sunhat



Dear Parents,

On Saturday the Academic Mass was held at the Cathedral in Hamilton. The Mass is an opportunity for teachers to come together for Mass specifically to acknowledge the work that teachers undertake in Catholic schools. At this year's Mass the following teachers received awards: Zenobia Knox (Classroom Level Certification in Religious Education), Lorette Tiedt (Leadership Level Certification in Religious Education), and Campbell Harrison (Dip in Religious Education and Leadership Level Certification in Religious Education).

Bicycles at School need to be padlocked

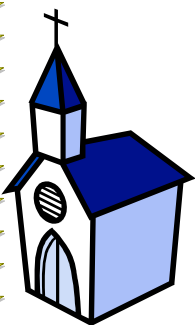
It is great to see children getting their daily exercise by biking to school. Your child needs to lock their bike to stop it from being stolen by someone from outside the school community walking through the grounds. Mrs Bartle and I have had to chase such people away from the bike area on more than one occasion.

CARS USING DRIVEWAYS

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (re Lisa Crescent driveway must not be used to drop off children and that includes the driveway in front of the closed gate) at busy times, particularly 8.30 – 9am, 2.45pm-3.15pm, when lots of children are using our entrance ways. Parents are asked to park either in Lisa Crescent, May Road or the hall car park, in Clayton Road and NOT ACROSS OR ON people's / school driveways, lawns, or in the Lisa Crescent bus stop! The staff/ contractors/ relievers etc are the only vehicles allowed through the gates during these busy times.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONING MASS – SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 6PM ST MICHAELS CHURCH

Please have children at the church by 5.50pm. If you are unable to attend due to arrangements that cannot be changed, please write a letter to the classroom teacher. All school Masses are part of our special character and correct uniform must be worn e.g. black/brown sandals, girls' summer tunics, boys grey shorts with pale blue polo shirt.



UP DATE CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS / ADDRESSES

It is essential that we have up to date contact numbers and addresses for you in case of emergency or accident.

- Please use the form provided on this newsletter to update your records
- All families (except new 2011 enrolments) please do this whether you have changed or not.



Caring Community – still waiting for some volunteers

For several years now we have had kind parents volunteer to form a “Caring Community Group”, that can be contacted if a family is in need. It may be due to a bereavement, sickness etc that a kind gesture such as a freshly baked cake, a meal, a plate of scones etc can be made and sent to the home. With several volunteers, you may not be called upon to do this very often, but I know this service is appreciated. To volunteer, please phone Bronwyn 3481362 or text 0278183849 at our office. Many thanks.

Mobile Ear Clinic

Free ear checks for children 9am – 2pm – dates / venues are as follows:

23 Feb	Malfroy Primary
8 th March	Rotorua Primary
9 th March	Glenholm Primary

Frequently asked questions / Suggestion Box

On many occasions as a parent you have a question / query about life here at St Michael’s school eg homework, stationery, fees, sports uniform, earthquake/ fire drill procedures, illnesses, headlice, interval times, term dates etc . To keep you posted with these minor or maybe you think silly questions we have placed a frequently asked question box on the front office desk for you to put these questions which will be answered in our fortnightly newsletter.



You can also put forward any suggestions you may have that you think would be a good idea to do or have at school and/or change e.g. On Grandparents day have a picnic instead of a hangi or have a concert during the year not at the end of the year. These suggestions will be given to the Principal to be discussed at staff meetings.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Children & Family Fun Day at the Redwoods

- Children's Day to be held at Whakarewarewa Forest, Long Mile Road on **Sunday 6th March**, 10am – 3pm. Rooms 1 & 2 have made some creative art work which will be exhibited at the Redwoods. There will be a great range of activities including storytelling, music, dance, active challenges, displays etc. Bring along a picnic or you can buy food from the food stalls and coffee cart. Don't forget to dress up in theme (Love and Affection) be in to win some great prizes.
- **Science in the Park:** - This year's Science in the Park is being held on Saturday 12 March from 9am to 3pm at Scion, 40 Sala Street. Science in the Park is a wonderful way to learn how Scion contributes to research, the environment and economy of Rotorua. We have a number of parents who work for Scion and from what I've hear the day promises to be very exciting for all the family
- **Centerstage Performing Arts Program:** - Drama, Dance & Singing for ages 5-13yrs every Tuesday at 4pm – 4.45pm. Starts 1st March – limited places apply Bobby 027 298 8733 centerstagerotorua@gmail.com
- **Rugby's Prized Trophies Going on Tour:-** New Zealand's most prized rugby silverware is about to hit the road, with the New Zealand Rugby Union emptying out the trophy cabinet and taking the trophies on tour around the country as part of a unique programme to help promote the game in all 26 rugby provincial unions. The trophies will be available for viewing in Rotorua, at the International Stadium on Sunday 13/03/2011.
- **Day out with Thomas** (Glenbrook Vintage Railway near Waiuku, 55 minutes south-west of Auckland) Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March. First Train departs 10am and every 30 minutes until 4pm. \$20 Adults, \$10 children (under 4yrs free) Family pass \$55

Sacramental Programme Reminder

A reminder to all those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you attended sessions and made your First Reconciliation in 2010, then preparation for you will begin again on March 6 and continue on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Please Diary these dates NOW. The Mass of Initiation will be on May 14 (St Michael's) 6:00pm



ADULT EDUCATION 2011 - Catholicism (TH101)

LECTURER: Fr Mark Field; **Dates:** 10-11 and 17-18 March Thursday at 5:30pm - 8:30pm Friday at 9:00am - 4:00pm; **AT:** John Paul College Rotorua. For more information or an enrolment package please ring Cynthia on 0800 217 411 or email: cynthiap@cdh.org.nz

Maori Mass times: to be held on the first Saturday of each month the next one being Saturday 5th March 6pm at St Michael's church in Lake Road. This will be followed by a shared supper.

SPORTS

Senior fitness

All Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 children need to be wearing the school PE uniform for fitness every morning and athletics training on Fridays.



Touch

Touch started last Wednesday. Congratulations to both teams for their wins last week. If you haven't paid the \$10.00 touch fee please pay to Bronwyn at the office asap.

Touch draw for Wednesday 23rd February 2011 <u>ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR SHOES!!!!</u>		
3.45pm Field 3	Lynmore Crusaders	St Michael's Yr3 & 4 mixed team
4.20pm Field 6	Kawaha Pt 2	St Michael's Yr5 & 6 mixed team

See organizers at the caravan for a map of the field layout.

Game cancellations:

Cancellation will be made by the council by 9am, and then schools will be notified. If it is raining and games are still on, games will be delayed by 10 - 15 mins. If pouring with rain, game cancellations will be made down at the fields. Cancellations will also be announced on

96FM & 97FM. The touch draw is also posted on rotoruatouch bebo.com.

Games are played at Kuirau Park next to Kahukura Clubrooms. All children are to play in suitable shoes. NO shoes NO game! Children are to wear the sports uniform and bring a water bottle as well.

THE TOUCH UNIFORMS ARE ONLY TO BE WORN FOR TOUCH.
THEY ARE NOT TO BE WORN AS SCHOOL PE GEAR OR HOME CLOTHES!!!!

Touch practice times are:

Yr3 & 4 team - Tuesday after school 3pm to 4pm.

Yr5 & 6 team - Tuesday lunchtimes from 12.45pm to 1.30pm.

All children need to wear PE gear, bring a hat and a water bottle. No training after school if it is raining.

Cricket

Junior Kiwi Cricket starts this Thursday 24th February. The children are to meet by the toilet block at Boord Park at 3.15pm. The JPC helpers will take the children to their designated area. The JPC helpers would appreciate any parent help to assist with the cricket lessons.



WE ARE STILL MISSING SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS FROM LAST YEAR. PLEASE RETURN THESE TO WHAEA LIZ ASAP!

Flippa Ball

Flippa ball started this term on the 17th Feb. One of our year 5 teams, St Michaels Water Benders played against St Mary's ACT. We played an awesome game but unfortunately we lost 3 – 0 against a much bigger side. Congratulations to **Jade Davies** for receiving player of the day.

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



➤ Why can't we buy our own stationery?

- *Packs provide all the children with the same (correct size is important) good quality books*
- *Books provided have more pages in them than the cheap ones sold at the beginning of the year in retail stores –Saves requesting more money for books during the year*
- *Several of our books you cannot purchase in the normal retail shops*
- *The Action English book is one of these that retailers will not have and it costs \$15 each. It always appears our costs for stationery books is high but we also include in the stationery costs a fee of \$4.50 each to cover drawing materials (pastel crayons/ coloured pencils) shared throughout the classrooms.*
- *Extra pencils / glue sticks / rubbers / pencil sharpeners are included in the packs which teachers take out and keep until needed through out the year – once again saves asking parents for more money during the year. If we let parents do the buying we are sure you will not want to purchase 8 pencils, 4 glue sticks, 4 rubbers at once. Teachers have found children can loose so much learning time because they have not got a pencil to write with.*
- *Enables the office to purchase the correct number of stationery packs without falling short or having a surplus of stationery we cannot sell. Courier fees can become very expensive if we have to return surplus goods.*

➤ Why was there no individual class prize giving at the end of the year?

- *To shorten the length of the end of year concert/prize giving. Individual certificates were handed out at assembly during school hours.*

Everyone to Complete (Except 2011 new enrolments)

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PHONE AND ADDRESS UPDATE AS AT
FEBRUARY 2011**

Child / Children Names:

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Caregiver's full name:

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Address:

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Home Phone:.....

Work Phone (Mother):.....

Work Phone (Father):

Cell Phone:(We strongly

recommend that we have land line phone numbers on file as well as cell phones - cell phones are not reliable as they are changed frequently and or have not credit on them)

Alternative name and contact number for emergency e.g. relative, nearby friend or neighbour etc.

..... NamePhone No

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favourite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at home," I explained. !

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 19.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers –my brother delivered newspapers six days a week. He had to get up at 6AM every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?