

Newsletter No 05

Tuesday, 5th April 2011
Tena Koutou Katoa



Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate those children who have just completed their First Holy Communion classes. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent support provided by Mrs Brits who taught the children on the Sundays. In discussions with Fr Mark he made it clear that the children really benefited from Mrs Brits teaching.

I would also like to congratulate our touch teams and the exceptional season that they had this year. It was exciting to watch the Yr 3 / 4 team win their grade in the final last week. This team also came first against the other schools in their grade last year. Our senior team, who also played in their grades final, came second in their competition. Both teams have had the same coach for a couple of years. I wish to thank both Amanda and Jessie for their support because without their dedication the school may not be able to field teams in all the sporting codes.

In talking to parents I hear that one of the attractions of St Michael's Catholic School is the small size of the school. This allows the family nature of the school to be valued and enriched. What is encouraging is that we are able to be competitive against the larger schools. As such, we are able to offer the best of both worlds, the small personal school while excelling in sports against the other schools in Rotorua.

**PTA AGM REMINDER - WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 7PM HELD
IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM - ALL WELCOME**

School's Uniform Shop

Mrs Bartle will be absent on Thursday 14th & Friday 15th of April (the last two days of Term One). If you are looking at purchasing a winter tunic for next term for your daughter please note the office will be closed for uniform sales during the last two days of term one.

Lunch orders for Friday 15th

As Mrs Bartle will be away on Thursday 14th April the close off date for Friday lunches that week will be Wednesday 13th. Many thanks for your cooperation with the above.

Mobile Ear Clinic

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

6 th April	Selwyn Primary
11 April	Rotorua Primary
27 April	Plunket, Pukuatua St



Recycle unwanted Cell Phones



Our school has recently registered for the Starship School Swap Phones for Rewards programme. The “Phones for Rewards” programme enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship’s Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way. The good news is that our school gets to benefit too.

The programme works by our school co-ordinating the collection of as many old mobile phones as possible. These phones are donated to the programme and then Starship Children’s Hospital, together with its recycling partner, can turn these old phones into cash to help children from all around the country. Depending on how many phones our school collects, there are some exciting rewards we can claim, including interactive whiteboards, projectors, PCs, books, handycams, sports gear and cameras. Your child may be asked to collect unwanted mobile phones from family, friends, the local community or other contacts. Any make or model of phone is acceptable – as long as permission is sought from the phone’s owner first. The more phones our students collect, the more rewards we can earn for our school. We look forward to your child’s/children’s participation in this worthwhile programme.

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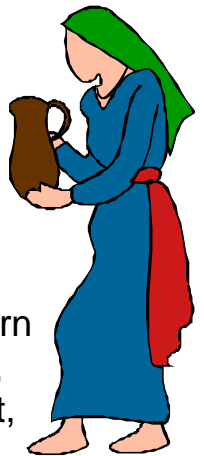
*A pair of girls Barbie jandals found together with a white size 7 girls singlet plus a Size 7 white cotton sleeveless V neck top. Held in the school office. Also a new school sweat top, **no name**, tag cut out left in Room 7 after choir practise a few weeks ago –no owner!*

Easter Story



Presented by the pupils
of St Michael's School

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL
11.30AM - SCHOOL HALL
FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY A
SHARED PICNIC LUNCH



This is a great opportunity for children to take part in a production that reinforces the Special Character of our school.

CHILDREN'S COSTUMES: Children need to dress in clothes that were worn in the time of Jesus (you don't need to buy a costume e.g. use towels, sheets, dressing gown, potato sack, old big plain t-shirt tied with a belt, rope, piece of material - keep it simple)

Church News

- Each Friday of Lent at 7pm there will be Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church
- The Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place next Saturday 9th April, at 11am at St Mary's Church. For those who are sick, struggling, or who seek healing.
- **Concert with Father Sam Pulanco at St Mary's Church this Friday 8th at 6.30pm Tickets \$20 – fundraising for World Youth Day**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a penitential season, and it is desirable that we make use of the Sacramental of Reconciliation during this time.

- Rite II Reconciliation for the Rotorua parishes will be on Tuesday **12th April, St Mary's Church, 7pm**. Individual Confessions is also available each Saturday at 9.30am at St Mary's and at 5 pm St Michael's



SPORTS

Rotorua Primary Schools Athletics Day

Special congratulations to our pupils who made the finals and to the following pupils who won placings in the schools Athletics Day. It was a great day enjoyed by all and considering we are a small school we did really well.

60 Metre Sprint – 9yr old Girls:

Charlotte Te Riini – 2nd place

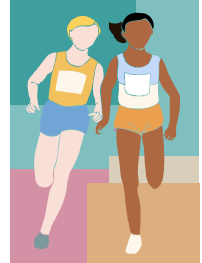
Long Jump

10 year old Girls - Regan Stephens – 3rd place

9 year old Girls – Charlotte Te Riini – 1st place

High Jump

9 yr old Boys – Arthur Paukofe-Alogaga – 2nd place



Further Athletics Training

The Lake City Athletics Club runs full Summer Athletics for children and teens, starting around October each year. There is also an excellent coach who undertakes extra fitness training over the winter, if you would like more information please contact Whaea Liz.

Winter Cross country Training

If you are interested in your child doing winter training please contact Kerrie Browne (Lake City Athletics club) 021 753 691 or ph 3480 790

ALL TOUCH UNIFORMS TO BE WASHED AND RETURNED TO WHAEA LIZ BY THE END OF THIS TERM PLEASE!!!

Flippa Ball:

Player of the day for last weeks games:

H20s – Julie Jacobs

Super Soakers – Jakson Petre

Water Benders – Sophie O'Neill

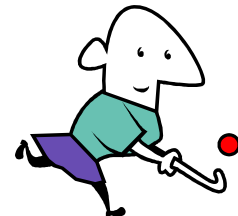


Miniball

- Year 1 & 2 team - coach is Belinda Harrison – practices are Tuesday after school from 3.00pm to 3.45pm and Wednesday lunch times from 12.45pm to 1.25pm. **Starting this week.**
- Year 3 & 4 team - coach is Jason Strickland – practice times are still to be confirmed.
- Year 5 & 6 team - coach is Lisa Collins – practice will be Tuesday after school from 3.00pm to 3.45pm. **Starting this week.**

The children need to bring a change of clothes, suitable shoes and a drink. Children must attend these practices, if they can't make it please let the coaches know. **The \$25.00 mini ball fee needs to be paid to Bronwyn at the school office by 13th April.**





Saturday Hockey Team

Great news we have enough players to field a Saturday Hockey team. The coach for the Hockey team is Sherie Hopcroft (Abby's mum). We also have parent helpers Anna Gribble (Billie Jo's mum) and Toni Lovelock (Deanna's mum). Hockey fees can now be paid. The Hockey fees are \$58.00 per child. These fees are to be paid into the school office by 13th April. Please see Bronwyn if you would like to work out a payment plan (before end of this term) **Teams need to be registered by 15th April.**

Saturday Hockey team practices with Sherie will be Fridays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. **Starting this week.**

The Mini Mites Saturday hockey team (yr 0 to 3) is now full. Mrs McLanachan will be in touch about practices etc. The Hockey fees for Mini Mites is \$40.00 per child. These fees are to be paid into the school office by 13th April as well.

Saturday Netball

- Year 1 & 2 team coach is Charmaine Hira and Mrs Holmes is helping with trainings – practices will be Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 12.45pm to 1.30pm. **Starting this week.**
- Year 3, 4 & 5 team coach is Amanda Vercoe – practices are Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes from 12.45pm to 1.30pm. **Practices start next term.**
Please note we didn't have enough yr 3s & 4s to make up a yr 3 & 4 team. So this team is combined with some of the year 5s. Because of this the yr 3s will be playing in the year 4 & 5 grade.
- Year 5 & 6 team coach is Theresa Mutlow - practice times are Wednesdays after school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. **To be confirmed when these practices will start.**

The girls need to bring a change of clothes, suitable shoes and a drink. Children must attend these practices, if they can't make it please let the coaches know.

The \$30 netball fee needs to be paid to Bronwyn at the school office by 13th April – remember with all sports fees no pay no play!!

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



Early Day Closing

Friday the 15th April will be the last day of Term one and school will be finishing at 2pm. If your child's normally catches the bus please let us know if you are unable to pick them up at 2pm.

Health Issues

Headlice / School Sores: Parents please be aware headlice and school sores are always about, although its not a huge problem here at St Michael's please always keep a look out. With school sores you must see a Doctor to get antibiotics and sores must be covered at all times. Remember we have a natural eco friendly headlice shampoo available from the school office at \$7.00 a bottle which is very effective.

Also please be aware Chicken Pox is doing it rounds again!

Free Health Care: Quality care delivered by Registered Nurses based in WINZ building – 1207 Pukuatua Street -07 9218079. No Doctors on site, no prescriptions or medical certificates but they do provide free immunisations; lice and scabies treatment; health checks; deal with throat /ear infections; referrals to other community services; confidential chat; blood pressure & sugar checks etc

Frequently Asked Questions

(A blue ice cream container is held in the school office for any questions you may have about school)

Will the school be getting any more sun-shade? Most schools if not all in Rotorua have a lot in the eating areas.

- Our school is very fortunate to have lots of trees and sun shade over the classrooms in the main block.
- Yes Shade sails would be lovely but as the old saying goes money does not grow on trees.
- Another option for those people who are concerned with this issue is to get yourself on the PTA and help with fundraising e.g. Gala
- We are not like most schools in Rotorua. We are a state integrated school and do not get funding from the ministry of Education for buildings or grounds like our state schools. Our funding comes from the Diocesan and shade sails would be a fair way down on the list with respect to our 10 year plan for building & grounds maintenance.

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

Term Two – Monday 2nd May – 15th July
– When we look forward to seeing all the
children back in **Winter School Uniform**





ATHLETICS DAY





TOUCH FINALS

