

# Newsletter No 09

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Tena Koutou Katoa

*(cover picture)*

Congratulations to Mr Harrison  
on completing a 10K Run  
**'Life is what you make of it'**

**Dear Parents,**

One of my colleagues sent a message with the following quote; "Life is what you make of it, always has been and always will..." Jenni Mowbray worked for St Michael's Catholic School for 10 years. I reflected on the above quote and contribution that Jenni made during her time here. The Year 6 students who Jenni first worked with 10 years ago are now 18 / 19 years old. Over a 10 year period Jenni would have worked with 300 – 500 different children. Jenni put some much into her work and this was reflected in the moving farewell that the children provided for Jenni on Friday. As a school we will miss Jenni and everything that she offered and provided. Thankfully Ray Guilford has stepped into an additional role as teacher aide for the mornings from 9am to 12.30pm.

## **Staff changes**

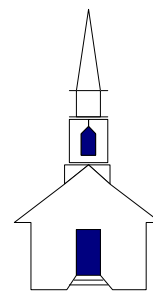
I am pleased to share that Mrs McLanachan is working in the new classroom set up for the new entrant children. The classroom has been established as a result of sustained roll growth. Mrs McLanachan will work with the children during the morning session. In the afternoons the children will work with Mrs Tiedt or Mrs Brosnan. We have another 13 new entrant children enrolled throughout the remainder of terms 2 and 3. Later this term or early next term the new class will have a full-time teacher (9 – 3). As a school we are committed to keeping the classroom numbers low for the new entrants. We believe that the children receive the best possible education with the lower ratios.

## **A**ppreciation

A big thank you to parents and staff who are supporting our sports teams (Hockey, Netball, Miniball, Rippa Rugby), it is much appreciated. The children and coaches have put a lot of effort into their practices during and after school. It's good to see the children developing good team work, hand eye coordination, ball skills and are enjoying their games.

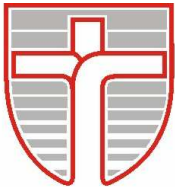
## **C**ombined School Mass at St Mary's School – **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Departing by bus at 10.30am, Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Church at 11am followed by lunch. (**No school lunches on this day**) Parents please make sure your children come to school dressed tidily in correct school uniform and with a packed lunch. Parents / caregivers are welcome to attend.



## School Lunches – Thursday 9th June

As we are visiting St Mary's School on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June school lunches will be available on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday. All lunch orders must be in by tomorrow.



**JOHN PAUL  
COLLEGE  
ROTORUA**

### Open Night

Open Night at JPC will be Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. An opportunity to visit the college, have a guided tour around the campus and receive information for those Y6's who are interested in attending JPC next year.

St Michael's applicants will be issued application packs from our school office in June. Interviews will be conducted AT St Michael's in early July – date yet to be confirmed.

## Newsletter Cover - Sponsorship

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## PTA NEWS

### Mid Winter Raffle update;

**The Mystery Prize** for the Person/Family that sells the most tickets.

**The prize is 1 Term's Free Swimming Lessons at the Rotorua**

**Aquatic Centre.** Many thanks to those families who have returned their monies and raffle butts. The raffle closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, extra raffle books available from the school office.

### Don't forget our Sausage Sizzle

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June the PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle outside Central Pharmacy (Haupapa Street) from 10am to 2pm.

If you are able to help us or are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact one of us. **Chairperson; Angela van der Bruggen 3474081 or 027-3091462 [angela.b1@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:angela.b1@slingshot.co.nz)**  
**Secretary; Teacher Brigitte Holmes in Room 8. Treasurer Natasha Timms 3502255 or 027-3051213**



## **GALA COMMITTEE**



We are looking for people who are passionate to help organise a school Gala in November this year. There will be a special meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the school staffroom for those people interested in forming a committee and or have ideas and contacts. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved please text /email Angela - 0273091462; [angela.b1@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:angela.b1@slingshot.co.nz) or fill in the attached slip at the end of this newsletter.

## **Kids for Kids Concert**

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Suzanne Prentice Kids for Kids Concert last Tuesday. The evening Performance held at the Convention centre was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mrs Tiedt and Mrs Brits for organising and taking many Choir practices for this special event.

## **SPORTS**

### **School Cross country – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Tomorrow Wednesday the whole school will be bussed down to the Redwoods for a cross country run. (Postponement date will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June). We will be having an early lunch at school and departing at 11am (the track will be walked first; the Jnrs will walk the redwood track the Snrs the Waitawa track. At 1pm the race will start and finish at 1.45pm approx - returning about 2 pm. The children will need:

- Suitable running shoes (Preferably no slip on shoes – we have too many children having falls due to incorrect footwear)
- School PE Gear for Yrs 3-6 – Shorts and T Shirt for New Entrants, Yr 1 & 2's
- Drink Bottle & Snack / Inhalers for Asthmatic children

Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

If you volunteer to be a marshal we ask that no pre-schoolers come along. We need all marshals to be free to concentrate on keeping the children on the correct track.



## **Interschool winter codes- \$8 per child Please!**

**BUS FEES – REMINDER:** \$8 per child needs to be paid before 16<sup>th</sup> June to their class teacher to cover the bus trips for the sports exchanges set out below. If this money does not get all used for these trips due to cancellations it will be put towards other class trips during the year. (The \$10 paid at the beginning of the year with your stationery fees will cover Life Education week and a Marae Trip) – **Interschool sports is only for our senior classes.**

- The Saturday netballers playing interschool netball must bring their Saturday netball uniform to wear for the sports exchanges, as we don't have enough uniforms. The girls that don't play Saturday netball but they play interschool netball will get a sports uniform to wear for the sports exchanges.
- Hockey players must wear mouth guards and suitable shoes. They can use their own shin pads and hockey sticks if they have any, otherwise they can use the schools.
- Soccer players play barefoot. NO soccer boots to be worn.
- Netball players must wear suitable shoes, no jewellery and have short finger nails.

This is the sports exchange draw:

**Wk 7 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Selwyn School (away game)**

**Wk 8 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Westbrook School (away game)**

**Wk 10 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Glenholme School (away game)**

**Wk 11 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Ngongotaha School (away game)**

Away games – Early lunch 12.00pm, leave school 12.40pm, arrive at hosting school/powhiri at 1.00pm and games start at 1.15pm.

The year 3 children will be involved in sports practices on Thursdays but they will not participate in winter sports exchanges.

**WE ARE STILL MISSING SCHOOL  
SPORTS UNIFORMS FROM LAST YEAR.  
PLEASE RETURN THESE TO WHAEA LIZ ASAP!  
#REMINDER SPORTS FEES MUST BE PAID -NO PAY  
NO PLAY**



## **H**eadlice Treatment

Have you  
checked  
Your child's  
hair?

Nit-Enz is so easy & half the price of other natural head lice products!  
\$15.35 NIT-ENZ Certified Organic Shampoo 225ml (will last approx a school term when used as directed)! \$10.20 NIT-ENZ Head Lice Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray 165ml to help keep them away!  
Use as a normal shampoo twice a week, normal conditioner afterwards,  
**and you won't have to worry about head lice again!** Nit-Enz is NOW available from Clayton Rd 4 Square or Pak n Save Rotorua or for further details visit [www.nit-enz.com](http://www.nit-enz.com)

## School Events - Reminders

Museum Trip / juniors only	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
GALA Meeting – 6.30pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Interschool visit to Selwyn	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
BOT Meeting 7pm	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Interschool visit to Westbrook	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Interschool Cross Country	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Life Education Week	22 June to 1 July
Free Concert 'Australia School band'	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm
Interschool visit to Glenholme	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

## Trades

The school is committed to using local qualified trades-people for property repairs and maintenance. If you are self-employed or work in a trade and would like to be considered for repair / maintenance work please complete and return the form in this newsletter

## Uniform Presentation Awards

Each week a child is chosen to receive a certificate for wearing correct school uniform presented in a tidy fashion, from each class. From that list one senior and one Junior receives a free lunch award. Special Congratulations to the following recipients:

**Wk1:** Makayla Timoti, Katy Ryan, Rya Patel, Susan Mendis, Faith Mpofu, Caitlyn Collier, Sophie Wallace, & Paige Elliot ( **Awards went to Makayla Timoti & Caitlyn Collier**)

**Wk2:** Andrew Herniman, Liam Black, Abby Hopcroft, Boyd Philp, Abbey Hose, Shaun Mendes, Lucas Miller Fleming ( **Awards went to Abby Hopcroft & Shaun Mendes**)

## Thank You

Many thanks to the parents / caregivers who donated cakes and supported the Young Vinnies Cakes and scarf Stall. They managed to fundraise \$216 from the Cakes which will go towards the Vinnies garden and \$66 from the scarf sales will be donated to St Vincent de Paul Society. **Well Done Young Vinnies what a fantastic effort!!**

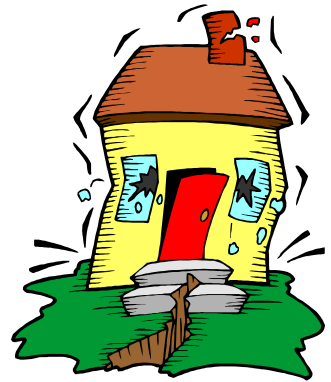
### GALA COMMITTEE

I am unable to come onto the Gala committee but am willing to be involved.

Comments:-

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

## EARTHQUAKE MANIA



Bang! Crash! Weo! “Help I yelled an earthquake had hit and I was trapped in it. I could hardly move, but I managed to look at my watch it was 12.55pm. I was at my mum and dad’s work, you may be wondering why wasn’t I at school. Well it was teachers only day, nobody could look after me which meant I had to come with them. “Help, mum, dad” I yelled once again. Then I heard “hello is anyone in here” “yes” I should back. After 10 minutes the safety women found me and carefully helped me up it was so dark I could not see anything. When we got into the sunlight I looked around I saw broken buildings, about 20 police cars all over the city. Then I nervously asked “where are my parents” then I heard “Hayley” it was my parents. I ran up to them “why aren’t you guys injured” “when we heard the rumble we ran out, turned around but the building had already collapsed” RUMBLE! “Aggggh not again” I said as I quickly grabbed on to mum and dad. “Come over here” said a person from Westpac safety. I quickly shut my eyes tightly; moments later the rumble stopped I opened my eyes. Normally I am not scared but now I was TERRIFIED I was even shaking with fear. Suddenly dad said “look someone is coming to save us” It is the Westpac helicopter. When it landed we hoped in then we started to go up in the air. Four hours later we arrived at Rotorua everyone got out. The pilot allowed each adult to phone “who do we know in Rotorua” mum whispered to herself “what about Auntie Diane” I asked. “Perfect I will just call them and ask if they can pick us up”. Ten minutes later Auntie Diane turned up “are you okay” she asked “yes” we replied. When we got to her house I went in my room and went to sleep. The next day I woke up and went to the lounge to find Dad, Mum and Auntie waiting for me. Then Dad said “we have brought a new house. We will be moving today. There is a school across the road from us”.

Written by Hayley Adams Room 2

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St Michael’s school staff**

**Trade Contact:**

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