

Newsletter No 08
Tuesday, 8th June 2010
Tena Koutou Katoa



Dear Parents,

Today I was personally honoured to welcome Mr Todd McClay. It is always a privilege to receive a visit from the electorate Minister for Parliament. I showed Mr McClay around the school and he had an opportunity to meet the children in each classroom.

This Friday Bishop Denis formally opens the Accommodation block at the Tynburn Monastery. The Monastery grounds and buildings are very impressive. A lot of volunteer hours have been donated to landscape the areas and bring the grounds up to the highest standard possible.

On a personal level, Fr Aidan asked me to become a Eucharistic Minister. The ceremony took place on Saturday morning. I am excited to be involved in the Parish life.

2010 Holy Communion and Confirmation

We would like to invite our whole school community to join us for Mass on Saturday 19 June at 6pm. During this Mass, our Sacramental Programme Candidates are making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is a time where they become full members of the Church and it is a time for celebration.

The choir will be singing a song after Holy Communion and after Mass, we invite everyone to come downstairs to the Crypt and have a cup of tea. It is an ideal opportunity to meet others and to help us celebrate this special occasion. We ask that all families bring a plate of food to share after Mass. Please leave it downstairs in the Crypt before Mass.

We ask that children attend in school uniform and remind families that Mass starts at 6pm sharp. Therefore, being seated in the Church by 5.50 or 5.55 at the latest ensures a seat.

We look forward to seeing our whole school Community sharing in this celebration. Please use this occasion to start some discussion with your children as to whether they would like to be candidates next year. Children have to be at least 8 years old before they can be involved in the programme. Next years programme starts at the end of this year but names are being taken at the church and school office from now on.

Thank you for your support for this special occasion.

God Bless
Marion Brits
Director of Religious Studies

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 9th June Wed– **Marae School visit** to Ohinemutu
- 10th June Thurs- Science Australian Assessment Test Y5/6
- 10th June Thurs- Lunch orders taken for Friday lunches
- 10th June Thurs- **RE PARENT MEETING 3.15PM STAFFROOM**
- 11th June Fri. - Last day for lolly monies re Y5/6 Camp
- 17th June Thurs – School Mass – School Hall
- 17th June Thurs - Lunch orders taken for Friday lunches
- 17th June Thurs - **BOT Meeting 7pm in the staffroom**
- 19th June Sat – Confirmation Mass 6pm at St Michael’s Church
- 22nd June Tues - Writing Australian Assessment Test Y5/6

Yummy Apple Time Again

Be in to WIN your school a share of \$150,000 of sports equipment. Start collecting Yummy Apple Stickers now! If you purchase pre packed apples look out for the apple bags where there is a cut out panel which is worth 10 stickers. Enclosed with this newsletter is a Yummy Apple sheet for each family to collect their yummy stickers on. These sheets are also found on the school office front desk. **Many thanks for your support especially to those families who have already managed to fill in a sheet.**



Term Dates 2010

Term Two finishes on July 2nd (2 pm finish)

Term Three: 20th July – 25th September (2 pm finish)

Term Four: 11th October – 15th December (12.30pm finish)

Winter Holiday Camps

Junior Kids Camp: theme “Blast from the Past’ 7th – 9th July 2010 Yrs 2-4 (Totara Springs Christian Centre) \$145.

Kids Camp (OSCAR approved programme) –Theme “Flash Back” Yrs 5-8 12th -16th July 2010 \$185

Enquires and bookings to Totara Springs Phone 07 8884700 or fax 07 8884710 / heidi.maunder@totarasprings.org.nz

Lucky Book Orders

Last day for lucky books orders is this Thursday 10th June. Many thanks

Parents Centre fundraising

Children's Secondhand Sale - 12th of June 9am-1pm at Otonga School Hall A great opportunity to buy and sell children's clothing and toys, maternity clothing, etc. Phone 345 3111 or email rotorua@parentscentre.org.nz for more information.

Sports



- **Interschool Sports dates are as follows:**
Wk 9 Thursday 17th June – Westbrook School (home game)
Home games - Early lunch 12.00pm, powhiri in the school hall at 1.00pm and games start at 1.15pm.
- **12th June Saturday netball draw:**
9.30am - St Michaels Midgets playing Lynmore Sting on court 6
9.30am – St Michaels Juniors playing Kawaha Pt Green on court 19
10.15am – St Michaels Seniors playing Trinity Stars on court 9

Zumba Classes

Due to lack of numbers the Zumba classes held in our school hall on Mondays & Wednesdays have been postponed until further notice.

JPC interviews

On July 28th John Paul College interviews will be held at St Michael's school for our Y6 students. Enrolment packs were sent home earlier this month with our Y6 students. All preference enrolments must have an updated preference card from our Parish Priest. Please phone the parish office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment – Ph 3491 404

Absentee reminder

Please remember, if your child will be **late** or **absent** from school, phone the school office on 3481362 or text our school cell phone on 0278183849 or email admin@stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz preferably before 9am. Many thanks.



School trip to Tamatekapua Marae, Ohinemutu is tomorrow. We will still go if it is raining as the children will spend the majority of the time indoors.

Mobile Ear Clinic

Free ear checks for children for: Glue ear assessment and management; grommet checks; treatment of discharging ears & wax and foreign body removal. The mobile clinic will be at the following venues between 9am – 2pm:

8 June Rotorua Primary School
9 June Glenholm Primary School
14 June Rotorua Primary School
21 June Rotorua Primary School



Lost & Found

Last term pink boots and white sneakers (plus socks) were left in the school hall after the PTA disco. Also a silver necklace, one short grey sock (new), **Girls black shoes with straps (size 1) & socks** were handed into the office last week. If you think these items could belong to you please come to the school office.



Driving into school grounds

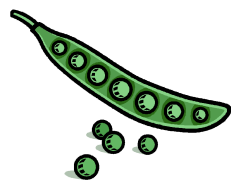
Just a friendly reminder: - Parents/caregivers please do not drive into the school grounds from Lisa Crescent entrance between 8.30am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm. **It is better to have a wet child than a dead or injured one.** Your children are small and often run across driveways with their heads down. Many thanks

Newsletters

This newsletter goes out once a fortnight with the eldest child of each family. This newsletter is also available on our school website at www.stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz or if you wish it can be emailed out. To go on our emailing list please fill out the coupon attached to this newsletter and return it to the school office.

Wanted -McCann Veggie competition

All barcodes from McCann's frozen vegetables and McCain's purely potato packets. Every bar code earns us points towards great new equipment for our veggie patch, like wheelbarrows, hoses, fertiliser and seeds. There is over \$500,000 worth of goodies to give away.



PTA Garage Sale

Saturday 3rd July 7 am held in the school hall. If you have any unwanted items (good sellable condition) to donate please drop them off at school to Rachael McLanachan or phone Shelley on 021 543378 to arrange pickup.



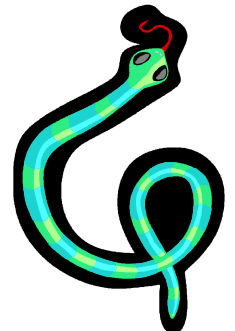
PTA RAFFLE RESULTS: 1st Prize Ticket No 0379 sold to Peter Ransley from the Mandeno family; 2nd Prize Ticket No 0727 sold to Sanjini from the Hemingway family; 3rd Prize Ticket No 1379 sold to Emma Jenkins (Mother of Summer Rm 3)

EFTPOS

The school office is now set up to handle eftpos transactions for stationery, curriculum fees, sports fees, lucky book orders and uniform needs. NO credit card transactions or cash allowed.

Camp Fundraiser

Y5/6 students are busy selling snake lollies to raise money for their camp coming up in October. If you would like to help sell these, boxes (24 pkts) or lolly packets (\$2.50 each) they are available from the school office. **We would like money and any unsold packets to be returned to their classroom teacher by Friday 11 June.**



Friday Lunches- Orders on Thursdays

Our new lunch options were extremely popular and went down a treat last week. We have decided to take orders on **Thursday mornings only** to make it easier for our catering company.

TOMORROW'S MARAE TRIP

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO PAY A GOLD COIN KOHA (DONATION) PLEASE PAY THIS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER. THE CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A VEGETABLE TO COOK IN THE STEAM BOXES AS WELL. THESE VEGETABLES CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL TOMORROW (A COB OF CORN, POTATO OR KUMARA).

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St Michael's School Staff



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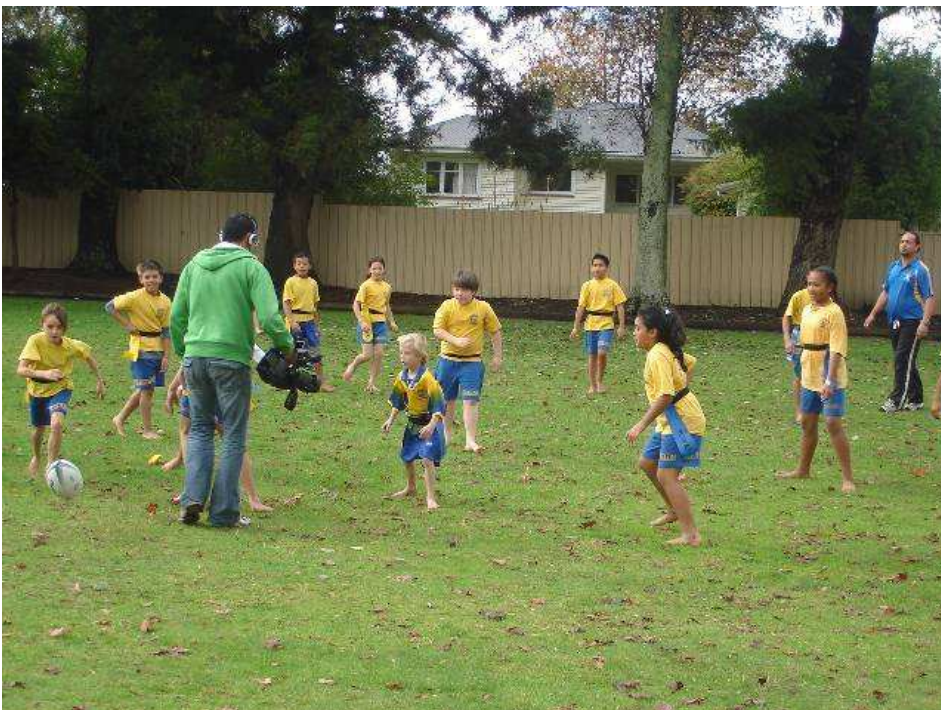
I / We wish to go on your mailing list for the fortnightly newsletter.

Email address: _____

Name _____ Child /ren: _____



**SMALL BLACKS TV
VISIT TO
ST MICHAEL'S**





St Michael's School children will be on Small Blacks TV this Sunday 13th June at 7am.

