

## Newsletter No 09

Tuesday, 22nd June 2010

Tena Koutou Katoa

*Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to  
change the world.*

Nelson Mandela

**Dear Parents,**

The Rotorua Principals' Cluster has implemented two new initiatives to promote learning for children in the Western Heights area. The first initiative is the junior swimming programme. I submitted an application to Sport Bay of Plenty for support in trialling a swimming programme for year 1 and 2 children who attend St Michael's Catholic School, Aorangi School, Selwyn School, Kawaha Point School and Whakarewarewa School. Our application was successful and a pilot programme began to enable all the young children at these schools to receive 10 swimming lessons for free. The second initiative involves all year 4 children in the schools in this area to have eye tests and if they fail the eye test then a full subsidy is available for glasses. I would like to thank Ngati Whakaue and Rotorua Energy trust for supporting this application.

It was also great to see the children from St Michael's Catholic School at the Mass on Saturday.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation / 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**

Special congratulations to **Liam Black, Summer Jenkins & Shayla O'Neill** for receiving God into their lives at the Confirmation / 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass on Saturday Night. It was a very joyous occasion and you were wonderful witnesses to your school community.

**Thank you to all those parents and children who were able to attend our special Mass, especially the choir children and those who brought a plate. Also a big thank you to the PTA who helped in the kitchen after Mass. It is wonderful to be part of a wonderful, supportive school community which is really noticeable in many of our children, especially those who organised lifts with friends so that they could be part of our special celebration. Once again, many thanks for your support for this very important celebration.**

### **Special Thanks – Newsletter Cover Sponsors**

Many thanks to the following people for sponsoring our Newsletter cover. We ask you all to support these wonderful sponsors who support our school:- (check out the back page of our Newsletter)

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### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- 21<sup>st</sup> June Daily Swimming lessons for Junior classes until 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Tues - Writing Australian Assessment Test Y5/6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Spelling Australian Assessment Test Y5/6
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Last day for Maths Software orders (EdAlive)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of Term Two school finishes at 2 pm
- 3rd July **PTA Garage Sale 7am at school hall**

### **Term Dates 2010**

**Term Two finishes on July 2<sup>nd</sup> (2 pm finish)**

Term Three: 20<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> September (2 pm finish)

Term Four: 11<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> December (12.30pm finish)

# Sports

### **Netball draw for this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June:**

9.30am court 16 St Michael's seniors playing Mamaku Ferns

10.15am court 2 St Michael's midgets playing Owhata Firebirds

10.15am court 7 St Michael's juniors playing Lynmore Defenders

The girls have been playing really well this season, Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

results:-St Michaels Senior 22 V Lynmore Gems 1 St Michaels

Junior 10 V Waikite Valley Stars 1; Midgets had a loss. Great effort by all.

**There are no more senior sports exchanges this term.** However the year 4, 5 and 6 children will participate in the winter field day next term. Winter field day date is 27<sup>th</sup> July. I will send out a reminder note week 1 of term 3.



## **BOPRU Holiday Programme**

The BOP Rugby Kids Club is running a new holiday programme to teach 7-12 year old boys and girls the fundamentals skills of rugby in a fun, interactive and safe environment. The kids will also get the chance to meet their favourite ITM Cup Players from the Bay of Plenty Steamers. Heaps of competitions and prizes in a fun fill two days on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July from 8.30am – 3pm at Kahukura Rugby Club, Rotorua for \$30 per day. For more information email [kane@boprugby.co.nz](mailto:kane@boprugby.co.nz)

**Rats Duathlon Y4-8 boys and girls** (change of date) in collaboration with Sport BOP, will be running an interschool Duathlon in Term 4 26<sup>th</sup> October at Waipa Car Park.

## **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:

23 June	Plunket 1438 Pukuatua Street
28 June	Rotorua Primary School
30 June	Selwyn Primary School
7 July	Rotorua Public Library

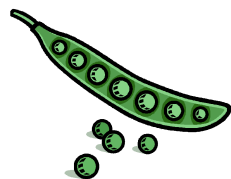


## **Newsletters**

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](http://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.



## **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.

## **Friday School Lunches**

Once again our new lunch options have been very popular. Parents we would like to remind you that lunch orders must be in before Friday to make sure our lunch suppliers are able to meet delivery. Order forms are available from the school office front desk.

## **EdAlive Software ‘Maths Made Easy’**

A brochure advertising this Maths software was sent home on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Orders must be returned to the school **by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

## **Get to know your Bible – ‘E100 Challenge’**

There is this great resource book available from Sunshine Bookshop in Eruera Street called **‘Essential 100’** which consists of 100 readings through the Bible, 50 in the Old Testament and 50 in the New Testament. Each reading has helpful commentaries on each of the 100 readings. It’s a great way to learn more about God and the Bible story.



There is also a great resource book for children called **‘God’s Amazing Plan’** designed to bring children and families together around the Bible. There's one devotional for each of the 20 weeks of the E100 Challenge. Each devotional also features 5 short Bible readings for kids based on the E100 Challenge.

**Rotorua Music School is currently looking for a violin/guitar/keyboard & flute tutor. If you can help or know of anyone who can please contact us 348 5709.**

## **Junior Swimming Lessons fees**

For those families who have not yet paid their children swimming fees (\$16 per child) please do so as soon as possible. Remember Eftpos is available in the school office. Children depart at 9.10am each day and return about 11ish during the next two weeks. Parents please remember to supply towel and togs, many thanks



*In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.*

Mother Teresa

**Catholic Women's Fellowship www.dove.org.nz**

**"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"**

All women are invited to the DOVE Catholic Fellowship for women AUCKLAND RETREAT at Carey Park, Henderson, Auckland on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

**Speaker :** Terry Modica (Good News Ministries, USA)

**This will be a life-changing weekend.**

Early bird special registration by 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

Contact : Shirley Cole, Ph 07 853 6626

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In August Fr Aidan will be on leave for 4 weeks. Therefore **no preference cards in August** will be issued so if you require one for the John Paul College enrolments (2011 interviews held here on the 28<sup>th</sup> July) please phone St Mary's office (3480289) now to make an appointment.

**Baptism Dates:** St Michael's 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.30am. The course is run on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday of each month 7pm in the Meeting Room at St Mary's Church

**Mass in Te Reo Maori:** 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm St Michael's Church, followed by supper in the Crypt. (A plate please)

**R.C.I.A.-The rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? If so talk to the person – or let Fr Aidan, Sister Monica or Fr Mark know and they will contact them. The first meeting for those interested will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm at St Mary's Church



**A big thank you to all the parent helpers who came along and supported us on our Marae trip to Ohinemutu village two weeks ago. The trip was a HUGE success. The children learnt a lot about Rotorua history and Maori tikanga. It was an AWESOME day!**

**Kapa Haka**

Our Kapa Haka group have practices in the school hall on Mondays between 12.45pm to 1.30 pm.

**No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena  
St Michael's School Staff**

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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June First Communion & Confirmation**



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