

Principal's Note

Dear Parents

Kia ora
Talofa lava
Greetings to you all

Well, another year has begun and already we are well on the way! It has been great to see so many new young faces (and that includes the teachers!) being welcomed to join our college community at our opening Mass last week. It was a wonderful celebration of togetherness.

As with any new year, we have requests to make of you. The PTFA desperately needs new members and I would encourage new families to get in behind your college and help. Also we have a large number of new books to cover before they can be issued to the students. If you are able to volunteer a few hours to help with this please call us. We will keep you up to date with events and happenings via our website.

It is important to start well and begin as we mean to carry on. To help us give your children the greatest support, please ensure that they come to school on time, in the correct uniform, with the right gear for the day, and that they have their diary. Please check their diary each day, for it will contain important information such as homework. Classes have settled well and the students are focussed and happy to be here.

There is a very engaging atmosphere about our college and we need to continue to all work together for our students as they are challenged to follow their dreams.

With God's peace and best wishes to you all.

Bruce Henley
Principal

Polyfest 30, 31 March – 3 April 09

Pacific Performance Group Leaders have been nominated and selected. They are: Marynaite Saufatu, Hamish Stewart, Stephanie Iosia and Aneti Vehikite. Junior students have met with the leaders and practices have begun. The practices are on Tuesday and Friday 3.15 – 5.30pm. Lunchtime practice may be offered if required. A Pacific notice board is in the student centre where all relevant information will be. Contact Trish Siataga on 982 1690 ext 725 if you need more information.



Careers

Many students have accessed the Careers Centre office at CCC for CVs, Job seeking, Career pathways and a chat about options. I invite parents to become more involved by contacting the office for Careers information and by talking to your children about career choice. This will help the students and parents with subject choices. Target Setting Day (5 May 09) is another opportunity for parents to be involved and information will be mailed to you. Happy New Year.

Newsletter No. 1
Friday 20 February 2009

Welcome to the following new teachers

Danny McClelland, Physics, Maths
Siobhian Gilmore, English, Drama, RE
Catherine Stribling, English, French
Daniel Harrington, PE
Sam McNeill, Social Studies, History, RE
Liz Osokin, Music, French, Drama
Samantha Boyce, Drama
Manaia Cunningham, Yr 7/8, Maori
Janet Maguire, Literacy, RE
Jamie L'Heuiller, RE
Louise Jefferis, Teacher Aide

Cervical Cancer Vaccination for Girls

Most of you will have heard about the cervical cancer vaccine that is being offered to all girls aged 12 to 18 years. The vaccine can help protect them from the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) that is the main cause of cervical cancer. In Canterbury this vaccine is being delivered **FREE** through General Practices rather than at schools. Your daughter will receive an invitation from your usual doctor's surgery to come and have their vaccination, or you can ring and organize a time that suits.

Three injections in the upper arm over six months are required to complete the course.

If you have any questions please call the Practice Nurse at your General Practice. If you do not have a doctor you are welcome to go to any General Practice for this vaccination. For more information visit www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz or call 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466

I AM A CHILD

I have the right to be loved.

I have the right to feel safe.

I have the right to respect.

I have the right to grow up in a non-violent family environment.

I have the right to speak out when I feel hurt or threatened.

I have the right to the protection of the community.

I have the right to education in a safe and protected environment.

I have the right to learn non-violent ways to resolve conflict.

I AM A CHILD

Gateway

Below is a list of Cathedral College students going out on placement. These students will be completing units that relate to their placement. Alongside this the students are required to keep up with their studies at school. Support and encouragement to both the students and the employers would be great.

Jesse Carter – Pitstop Fitzgerald Avenue
Hayden McKay – Pitstop Sydenham
Amelia Stewart – Midas Sydenham
Matt Lavelle – QE2, Sports Turf Management

Life Actually

A new monthly life skills programme for years 11-13 exploring how we can live life to the full. Each meeting will include presentations, activities and games, small group discussion time, music and prayer. It will be an opportunity to be challenged and grow in your faith, and to make lots of other great Catholic friends from around Christchurch.

Session One, Wednesday 1 March, 7.30pm at JP11 Centre for Life, 88 Idris Rd, Bryndwr.

Holiday Trust Programme 15-19 April 2009

Are you between 10 and 13 years of age?
Would you like a holiday—between 15 and 19 April 2009?
Would you like to do outdoor activities?
Mix with other young people and have fun?
If you answered yes then the Holiday Trust Programmes have a camp at Woodend from 15 to 19 April, & it is FREE (small donation would be appreciated)
Contact Teresa Gourley for application forms which must be returned to school by 09 March 2009

Prayer

Lord Jesus, illuminate our thoughts and dispose our hearts to listen to your word as we begin this year. May your light shine upon us all.



Pam Higgins a former member of the senior management team of Cathedral College passed away following a short illness. The College community extends its sympathy to her family.

First Foundation Scholarship awarded

A First Foundation scholarship is a unique partnership between a Scholar, their Partnering Organisation, Mentor and School, and First Foundation itself. During the last 3 years they have supported 5 Catholic Cathedral College students with scholarships. Congratulations to Jeanette Butler for winning a scholarship with her Partnering organisation Westpac 2009.

Musical Instrument Hire

Instrumental music lessons started this week at the College and over the next fortnight there will be many students bringing instruments home for the first time. Please make sure your child has a safe way to get their instrument to and from school.



Students who are using school instruments must make sure they bring back their completed hire forms before they can take their instruments home.

- If you have any queries regarding the instrumental programme please contact Sophie Ralph, sr@cathcollege.school.nz, or via the school office

Catholics Returning Home

Catholics Returning Home, a four week programme for non-practising or inactive Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church starts soon. It will run 2nd - 26th March, 2009, 7:30pm at the following locations:

Mondays at Christ the King, Burnside,
Tuesdays at St Peter's Beckenham,
Wednesdays at St Matthew's, Bryndwr,
Thursdays at St Paul's, Dallington.
You would be welcome to join us in this programme run largely by lay people. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366) or visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz <<http://www.catholicshomenow.co.nz/>>

PTFA Workday

Enclosed with this newsletter is information on the student workday being held on Monday 16 March 2009. We are looking forward to the same level of support we received last year. There will be prizes for the top earners. Students will also be awarded Kamar points.

We hope students will enjoy the workday as well as contributing to the school community, learn new skills, meet different people or perhaps even find a part time job. We thank you for your assistance and support.

Diane Moore
Secretary/Treasurer PTFA



COMING EVENTS

February

- Tue 24 BOT Meeting
 - Wed 25 Yr 13 Biology/Chemistry Field Trip
 - Thu 26 Yr 12 Biology Field Trip
 - Fri 27 School Athletics
 - March**
 - Mon 02 Yr 12 Business Students at University
 - Mon 02– Year 9 camps Quail Island
 - Wed 11
 - Tue 03 Yr 12 Business Students at University
 - Fri 06 Progress Reports home
 - Tue 10 Swim Champs Secondary Schools Prelims
 - Thu 12 Swim Champs Finals
 - Fri 13 Zone Swimming 9-12 QE2 Full Assembly
 - Mon 16 **PTFA Work Day**
 - Tue 17 Secondary Schools Athletics Christchurch Prelims
 - Fri 20 Jnr Assembly Newsletters/Progress Reports
 - Mon 23-
 - Fri 27 Year 12 PED Abel Tasman
 - Fri 27 Snr Assembly
 - Mon 30 Mar -
 - Thu 02 Apr—Polyfest
 - Tue 32 BOT Mtg
 - April**
 - Fri 03- Bishop Lyons Competition
 - Sun 05
 - Thu 09 Newsletter/Progress Reports
- END OF TERM 1 school finishes midday**

Safety of Students

Would parents please use the drop-off zone outside the school in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not drive into the school grounds.
Thank you.