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Thought for the Week

Seek the wisdom of the ages but look at the world through the eyes of a child.

Kia Ora Koutou,

It is great to see everyone back at school and excited about the year ahead of us. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and took the opportunity to spend some relaxing time with family and friends. Teachers are already reporting on how wonderful their classes are, and being on duty this week has been a real pleasure with a lovely atmosphere in our playground.

2010 Organisation

Room 1	Year 1/ Deputy Principal	Mrs Lesley Johnston
Room 2	Year 2/3	Mrs Alison Holden & Debbie Waldron
Room 3	Year 4/ DRS	Mrs Bridget Russell
Room 4	Year 5/6	Miss Jacqui Parr
Reading Recovery		Alison Holden
Teacher Aide/Headstart		Mary-Lee Rolleston-King
Teacher Aide/ Librarian		Maureen Murphy

Welcome

A big welcome to our new students and their families – Emma and Lily Manson have come to us from Paerau School; Emma is in Room 4 and Lily in Room 2. Stephen Jannink has also joined Room 4 and has come to us from Alexandra. Ethan Walsh and Jack Saville have joined Room 1. Jack has his big sister MacKenzie in Room 3. We'd better not forget to also mention the two four-legged new pupils in Room 4!

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Saville and Mansfield families on the loss of their much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather.

Also with the Helm family who have lost a very special mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to the Kerr, Dobson and Dons families on the arrival of their new babies. Alex has a sister named Brooke, Caleb a new brother named Hunter, and Izzac a sister named Maya.

Opening Mass

Our opening Mass for 2010 will be held on Friday at 2.15pm in the church. It would be lovely to see friends and family join with us as we pray together for a happy and successful 2010. After Mass everyone is welcome to join us for afternoon tea in the library.

Otago Daily Times

During the holidays, many of you will have been as shocked as the staff and Board of Trustees were, to see our school was one of two **incorrectly** identified on the front page of the Otago Daily Times, as needing Ministry intervention. What appears to have happened is that John Lewis, an ODT reporter, has followed up on an article that appeared in the New Zealand Herald. He acquired a list from the Ministry of Education of schools that have needed extra support in 2009. Unfortunately this reporter was unaware that there are four St Peter Chanel Schools in New Zealand, and made the assumption that it was St Peter Chanel, Green Island that was on the list. A retraction was printed the next day but an article like this can still cause considerable stress in our community. We would like to reassure everyone that our school is in great heart and also ask for your help in ensuring the wider community knows that the information in this article was completely incorrect. One positive aspect for us has been all the supportive and encouraging comments we have received from a wide variety of people both within and outside our community.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our first meeting for 2010 will be on Wednesday the 10th of February in Room 4 at 7.30 pm. A reminder that these meetings are also open to any of our parent community that would like to attend.

Board of Trustees Elections

This year it is once again time for the triennial School Trustee elections. The election date has been set for the 7th of May. The electoral roll is now available for viewing from the office. Becoming a member of the Board of Trustees is a very interesting and rewarding experience. If anyone would like more information on what is involved, please contact Andy Redfearn, or speak to one of the current Board members. Ursula is the returning officer for the elections and will be calling for nominations in the next few weeks.

Stationery Invoices

All children should have received an invoice this week for their stationery and Religious Education resources. Included in this is a request for an Activity Donation of \$60. This equates to \$15 per term to cover trips, shows, displays etc that we take part in. Please note that this amount is not compulsory but does assist us greatly in providing activities which complement curriculum work. Invoices are payable now, but please see Ursula if you wish to discuss automatic payment options. (Apologies to Room 3 parents for the error in their invoice)

Smart Lunches

Smart Lunch orders will resume again on Monday, February 8th. A new menu will be available shortly and will be posted on the office noticeboard.

Top Ten Book

We still have copies of this available for anyone who is interested in purchasing them.

T-Ball

The first game for the year will be held next Saturday, 13th February, and the season will continue through until 27th March. Practices will resume next week.

Altar Servers – 7th February

Cross Bearer: Fletcher

Altar Servers: Caley & Graysen

The Term 1 altar server roster has been sent home this week. Due to high interest, some children who asked to be included are not able to be rostered on this term, but will be included next term. If your child is rostered as an altar server, please ensure that they are at church by 10.20 am. If you are unable to serve on your rostered date, please try to swap with another family, or let the school know as early as possible so that a replacement can be arranged.

Hi-Viz Vests

Vests will shortly be issued to new children and to those who returned their vests last year. Please remember that these are school property and do need to be returned at the end of the year.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Registrations are now open for this year's event which is to be held on the 7th of March. You can enter online at www.weetbix.co.nz. Entries are open to all children aged 8 and over, and children can enter as an individual or as a team.

Notices

Ma-Fi Arts childrens art classes begin on 8th Feb to Thursday 1st April. Open for after school and Saturdays, as well as holiday programmes. Contact Matthew and Fiona on 4728072 or see www.ma-fiarts.co.nz

Northern Gymnastic Club: Fun and affordable gymnastics and trampoline classes at a recreational or competitive level for girls and boys. Open Days: 2-4p.m. Sunday 7th February, 3-5p.m. Sunday 14th February. Burt Hall, King Edward Court (car park entrance off Tennyson St). Contact us: Erin ph. 477 1410, Alison ph. 453 6065, northerngym@gmail.com

Upcoming Events for Your Diary

Date	EVENT	Date	EVENT
5 th Feb	Opening Mass	10 th Feb	BoT Meeting
12 th Feb	Rm 3 Assembly	19 th Feb	Shared Prayer Rm 4

God Bless

Debbie Waldron

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