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**Term 4, Week 1: 15 October 2015**

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- **Mon 26 Oct**: Labour Day – School closed
- **Tues 27 Oct**: 6 pm BOT Meeting
- **Wed 28 Oct**: Travelling Roadshow in Library Rm 4-7
- **Thurs 29 Oct**: 8.45 am Pet Liturgy
  - 11am Senior Athletics Day (Yr 4-8)
- **Wed 4 Nov**: 9am-3pm Kotane at Willowbank Y4-8
- **Mon 9 Nov**: 9.15am Road Patrol Training (Yr 6&7)
- **Wed 11 Nov**: Athletic Zones Rawhiti
- **Thurs 12 Nov**: Staff Only Day
- **Fri 13 Nov**: Show Day – school closed
- **Wed 18 Nov**: 9am-12.30pm Junior Athletics Day (Yr 0-3)
- **Wed 25 Nov**: 5-9 pm Hangi
- **Fri 27 Nov**: 9am-2.45pm Museum (Yr 4-8)
- **Wed 2 Dec**: Canteen Athletics
- **Tues 8 Dec**: Feast Day
  - 6pm BOT Meeting
- **Fri 11 Dec**: Last Assembly for the year
- **Wed 16 Dec**: End of Year School Mass

**BOT Meeting Dates:** You are most welcome to attend our BOT meetings at 6 pm on Tuesday 27 October and 8 December.

**Assembly tomorrow:** Rm 7 is the class for prayers tomorrow.

**NBC Footsteps Virtue Wk 2 T4: Self-Aware – Food / Sleep**

Most of us have to get in touch with ourselves before we can turn openly to our relationships with God. John Main

At New Brighton Catholic School we are self-aware. Being self-aware is caring about our bodies and ourselves. Caring about yourself means that you treat yourself with the respect and concern that you deserve as a child of God. Treating your body with respect is looking after it, washing yourself, and keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Exercise is really important for your body. Put into your body things that will make it healthy, like nutritious foods and drinks. Avoid putting in your body anything that could harm you.

**Condolences**

We extend our sympathy to Saskia, Savannah and Isaac Schmelz and their family. Their Opa passed away recently.

_Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen._

**Pet Liturgy and Show**

On Thursday 29 October from 8.45-10.30am all pets and their owners are invited to join us in the playground for prayers and sharing. We will begin with a liturgy and bless our pets, and then the children will spend time meeting all pets. We ask that parents stay with their animals and that the animals are either in a cage, tank or on a lead. The School Council will be giving prizes on the day for a variety of categories. Please let your child’s class teacher know by Monday 26 October what pet you will bring. Thank you. 

_Student Council_

**Welcome**

We welcome Dakota Delaney (and Jackie & Dallas)

_Alice Munday (and Rachael & Greig)_

_Isaac Washington (and Teresa & Brian)_

and Owen and Maata-Ngawai Eynon (and Joseph) to our school family.

Dakota, Isaac and Alice have started school in Rm 7. Maata-Ngawai has joined Rm 4 and Owen has joined Rm 6.

**NBC Senior Athletics Day (Yr 4-8)**

On Thursday 29 October from 11am-2.30pm we are holding our Senior Athletics Day at the Rawhiti Athletics Domain. Could all Yr 4-8 children please bring their school sports uniform and school hats. Please ensure your child has their sunblock and drink bottles clearly named. The children will be competing as per their age at 1 October. We look forward to a fun day of competition!!

_Candice Baker_

**Absences - texts**

In addition to ringing the school (and leaving a message on the answerphone) or sending a note … a reminder that you can text your child’s name and the reason for their absence to 021 1450514 (text only).

**News from The Library**

Don't forget to bring back your competition forms. They need to be returned by next Monday to be in to win a Duffy book.

_Vanessa Judkins_

**Litter**

Genesis reminds us that we are stewards of the earth and as such are obliged to look after the planet to the best of our abilities. Please discuss this at home. Sustainability of our planet is something we all need to work on.
Parents’ Information Wall
Reminder: Have you read our parent/student National Standards display in the Rm 1&2 cloakbay?

The NE pupils know what they are learning; they have their learning goals visually on their work.

Thank you to the many parents who so willingly see things that need doing around the school and fix them up. Our gardens are starting to look great thanks to Sarah Shirtcliffe who attacked the weeds this week.

God Bless/Atua Whakapai/Fa’amanaia le Atua

Deb Daines
Principal

Attached: Invitation to NBC’s hangi on Wednesday 25 November Going home today to families: PTFA fundraiser for the school hall

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PTFA

Where are we at with School Hall Extension?
With the current school hall only just being big enough for the students, it is our dream to extend the hall to allow for three rows of seating across the back. This will enable us to welcome all our family, whanau and school community to join us on the wonderful celebrations in the hall.
- We have raised $60,000 to go towards our school hall made up of PTFA fundraising and a donation from The Community Trust.
- The total funds required are approximately $120,000.
- The detailed drawings are in progress with the goal of having the application submitted to the Christchurch City Council for a building consent next month.
- Watch out for the design on the school notice boards.

SunBlock and Insect Repellent Fundraiser
Today your child will be coming home with a letter for parents, marketing guide and order form for our final fundraiser of the year. They have attacked the weeds this week. Please help us to make it a biggie!! Both products sell themselves. The SunBlock is 8 hours water resistant! Only one application per day. Amazing for the beach and all summer sports. The Insect Repellent uses Picaridin, a breakthrough substitute to the commonly used Deet as it is non-toxic and does not penetrate the skin. Great for kids and adults. The prizes for sales are awesome too! See the letter coming home today for details.

Meeting: The PTFA meeting was postponed this week until next Tuesday at 2pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Secondhand Uniform Sale: 2.30 pm Thursday 29 October Rm 8 Not only items for sale, but you can swap your old uniform items. Donated items would be welcomed – please leave at the Office.

$5 Lunch next Thursday, 22 October: Sushi
Orders and correct money in the blue tin in the Library by 8.45 am Wednesday.

Sunday Mass
St Mary’s 10.30 am Sunday
St James 5.30 pm Saturday or 9 am Sunday

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Sun 8 Nov First Holy Communion St Mary’s 10.30 am

Attendance Dues: Term 4’s attendance dues are due for payment this week.

Parish

Family Fun Night! Saturday 31st October 5:00pm - 7:30pm @ Grace Vineyard Beach Campus, 111 Seaview Road. For only a gold coin donation, join in a large variety of carnival games, bouncy castle, arts & crafts, games, food and two magic shows. It’s a safe & fun alternative to Trick or Treating. For more info call Youth Alive Trust on 3881001.

Toughlove - A six-week course on Parenting Adolescents for parents struggling to deal with the unacceptable behaviour of teenagers. Parents have the opportunity to learn new skills, and how to put structures in place to make positive changes in their families, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Starting Tuesday 27 October 7.00pm-9pm at Grace Vineyard Beach Campus. Cost: $40 per family - FREE for New Brighton Families For bookings or enquiries contact Toughlove 337 9452/email toughloveuis@xtra.co.nz or Youth Alive Trust 388 1001/parenting@yat.org.nz

The Middle Years - A six week course for parents with children aged 6-12 years. Build a great family team. Join a Toolbox parenting group at Youth Alive Trust New Brighton and discover new ideas and strategies to add to your parenting toolbox. Thursday 29 October 7.30-9.30 pm Grace Vineyard Beach Campus. To register email lynley.garratt@theparentingplace.com or phone 355 2680. Due to local funding, this course is subsidised. A donation towards full costs would be appreciated.

On the Library noticeboard:
• NB Community Gardens Open Day 7 November 12-3 pm
• Summer Social 3 on 3 Basketball Competition
• Having a laugh to fix a leaky pool Rawhiti School pool
• Weekly Drama Classes at the Arts Centre
• Come and Discover NZ Police Sunday 18 October 10 am
• Family Fun Night 31 October 5-7.30 pm – fun and safe alternative to trick or treating
• North Beach Community Childcare Centre Market Day 31 October 10.30 am-1 pm
• Science Alive Big Science Day 31 October 10am-4pm

Breaking News
NZ News Wire came to see our shakeout drill this morning. Take a look at:
https://nz.news.yahoo.com/video/watch/29816867/earthquake-drill-sparks-memories/#page1
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Kia ora NBC Whanau

Coming up in Term 4 the Whanau Group are planning a school hangi. The event will have food, fun and a focus on fellowship. To help us plan for this event we need to have a good idea of numbers attending. You are more than welcome to include grandparents and other extended family members. Please complete the slip below and return to the Office by 23 October.

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**NBC Hangi**
Wednesday 25th November
New Brighton Rugby Club
5pm - Gathering for powhiri
  5.30pm - Food served
  6pm – Children’s performances
  (including kapa haka, Pasifika group and the school choir)

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We have a group of people who have pledged their time to prepare the food and venue. If you can help with this process it would be awesome. Please contact me if you are available.

Past community nights have been very successful. They are a chance for our community to come together and reflect on the year and celebrate our diverse cultural make up.

While there is no cost to you, a koha to cover the event would be appreciated. (A koha is a traditional gift of money to offer thanks and is of no specific amount.)

Kind Regards

**Nick Gray**

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*Please return this slip to the Office by 23 October.*

**Name:** ________________________________

___ I would like to attend the hangi on Wednesday 25 November and expect to have _____ adults and _____ children (12 and under) coming.

___ I am unable to attend the hangi.