Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Friends

Sun 2 Apr  Daylight Saving ends – clocks go back
Tues 4 Apr  12.30pm Surf Lesson NB Beach – Yr 7/8
Thurs 6 Apr  Canterbury Swimming Sports
Mon 10 Apr  1.30pm Duffy Role Model Assembly
  9.30-11.30 Beach Trip Yr 1 (Rooms 7&8)
Wed 12 Apr  1.30pm Bonkers About Bananas Yr 1-6
Thurs 13 Apr  12noon Holy Thursday liturgy, then shared lunch for all students
  2.45pm Term 1 ends
Mon 1 May  8.45am Term 2 starts
Thurs-Fri 4-5 May  Cycle Safe – Yr 6
Fri 5 May  Yr 7/8 Girls Self Defence starts
Tues 9 May  5.30-8.30 Yr 7/8 boys Loving for Life
Wed 10 May  5.30-8.30 Yr 7/8 girls Loving for Life
Thurs 11 May  Catholic Tournament Yr 5-8
Fri 19 May  Disco
Tues 23 May  Eastern Zone Cross Country
Mon 29 May  Staff-only Day
Mon 5 Jun  Queen’s Birthday – school closed
Wed 21 Jun  Canterbury Cross Country
Wed-Fri 5-7 Jul  Life Education

BOT Meeting Dates: You are most welcome to attend our BOT meetings held at 6 pm in the meeting room on Tuesday 9 May, 13 June, 8 August, 12 September, 31 October and 5 December.

Assembly : Rm 8 is the class for prayers tomorrow.

NBC Footsteps Virtue Week 10: Honest / Pono-nga

Honest hearts produce honest actions. Brigham Young
At New Brighton Catholic School we are Honest. Being honest is being sincere, open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest they tell the truth no matter what, even when admitting the truth could be hard or make someone disappointed. When you are honest with yourself, you have a chance to correct your mistakes.
When you are honest with others, they know they can believe you.

How can I be honest at school?
I can try my hardest in everything
I can be honest about my actions.

How can I be honest with my friends and family?
I can tell the truth when I make a mistake.
I can be honest with others about how I am truly feeling.

Condolences
The school family extends its sympathy to our After School Care leader, Vicki, whose sister died in Australia this week.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Duffy Rose Model Assembly
Nathan Gray, a freelance journalist and author, is our Role Model at the Duffy Assembly on 6 April at 1.30pm. His first book First Pass Under Heaven – One Man’s 4000km Trek Along the Great Wall of China is a Penguin best-seller and the journey was shown on the National Geographic channel. Nathan is travelling with a group of Michigan State University students who are studying conservation medicine and are hunting all over the Marlborough Sounds for the elusive Giant Snails of New Zealand.

Good Luck
Laura Turner is heading out to the Canterbury Primary Swimming champs next Thursday for the 50 m breaststroke. Have a great time, Laura.  
Nick Gray

House Leaders
Great to see initiative from Aquinas and Chanel House Leaders last week as they took their groups out for some lunchtime games.

Buddy Reading
Each Wednesday, in our house groups, the seniors get to share books with their junior buddies. Besides being a literacy experience, it’s great relationship building and the students love buddy reading.

Matias Sandoval and Tai Everett reading with Teia Clark

Police Blue Light Competition
On Monday eight Yr 7/8 students represented our school in the PCT Police Blue Light Competition at Cowles Stadium. Team 1 was made up of Hayley, Sean, Laura and Luke and Team 2 was Javae, Jessica and Giorgio. We participated in lots of fun activities like YAT 1 that involved us keeping a tennis ball above the ground with pipes, then we got to test our top speed using a laser. In our groups Laura and Jessica won with the speed of 24km per hour! Finally we ran the PCT course during which we had to push rubbish bins round a bend, jump and walk over beams, go under metal hurdles, jump through a window, climb over a fence as a team. The time was taken from the last member of the team to cross the line. It was a great experience for us and we would like to thank Angela Miller and Tammy Horton-Davey for transporting us to and from the event and supervising us throughout the day.

Hayley Reid (Yr 7)
News from the BOT

• You are very welcome to read the BOT Minutes at any time, which are all always available for the community in the office.
• Hall update: we are in a holding place while we sort out issues with the Catholic Education Office re project management and fees.
• The BOT is working towards a mid-year Strategic Planning Day to look at planning for the next three years. Our community will be asked for opinions and views.
• The BOT reminds all parents that if your child is sick, please ring in (or text) daily, as a teacher aide is taken away from your pupils’ learning when having to spend time ringing around parents to find the whereabouts of absent pupils.
• The BOT participates in the Diocesan Spiritual Renewal Programme.

Yr 7&8 Surfing
Sponsored by Professional Surf Coaching Ltd and in conjunction with the Ray White New Brighton Duke Festival of Surfing, our Yr 7&8 students will have a surfing lesson on Tuesday from 12.30 at New Brighton Beach. A fantastic opportunity for our students to have a go, especially those who do not normally surf.

Pasifika and Whanau Groups
Kia ora our Maori and Pasifika Whanau. Pasifika and Whanau groups have been running at NBC for a while and we find it challenging to get parental and community support. We would love to keep these going as separate groups but see the benefit of combining our resources to make one functional group, learning about our varied cultures.

Your opinions and ideas on this would be appreciated. We are hoping to meet in the holidays so we can attack this in term 2 and figure out how we can move forward. We have a roster for anyone who would like to sell raffle tickets outside local supermarket on Friday pm, and Saturday and Sunday. It’s a great way to boost your sales. Please see me or Sonia Evans. Thank you and good luck selling.

Nick Gray

Health for Kids
Our Health Champions, parents and school staff report seeing a lot more head lice which can happen from sharing hats and towels.

Some tips for keeping head lice at bay:
• Ensure children brush their hair every day and encourage them to run a nit comb through their hair after every shower.
• If you don’t have access to head lice product, you can use the wet combing method by smothering hair with conditioner and combing out the lice and eggs.

Did you know skin infections are one of the most common reasons children are hospitalised and many of these are preventable?

Some tips from our Skin Champions include:
• Don’t leave it too late. If a child has a sore that looks red, is hot or seems to be getting bigger, see a doctor straight away. It’s free to take children to their doctor if they are under 13.
• Make sure children keep their finger nails short and clean. Encourage washing hands regularly.
• Try to keep children from being bitten by mosquitoes. Insect bites are common and can get infected easily.
• Keep sores and scratches clean and covered. Sores should be cleaned using fresh, clean water.

Julia Haydon-Carr
KidsCan Health for Kids Programme Manager

Julie says they are always looking for new and practical ideas to improve children’s health, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know and I’ll pass on.

God Bless/Atua Whakapai/Fa’amanuia le Atua

Deb Daines
Principal

Going home today:
• Family Times (youngest and only)
• Invite to Pasifika and Whanau

Easter Raffle
Thank you for your easter egg donations. There are prizes for the most tickets sold. Extra books are available in the Office.

Closing date for sales next Wednesday, 5 April 2017. All books and money back to school by Thursday 6 April – or earlier if you have sold.

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Leanne Hodder PTFA Chair

Secondhand Uniforms: Please talk to Hollie (027 7675607) or Michelle (021 2526890) about your secondhand uniform needs.

Lunch next Thursday, 6 April: Sushi
Orders and correct money in the blue tin in the Library by 8.45am Wednesday.

Parish

Important Dates
Thurs 6 Apr Reconciliation 7 pm
Sun 9 April Reconciliation 5 pm

Sunday Mass
All masses are at St James Church (12 Sandown Cres, Aranui) while St Mary’s is being rebuilt. Either drive down the drive at 1 Carisbrooke St (and park in the school grounds through the gate on the left) or use the main entrance in Sandown Cres.

Times
Sunday Vigil 5 pm
Saturday 9am and 10.30 am

Fr Bryan Parish 388 9020

Community

What Now: You are invited to join What Now as part of our live studio audience … and it’s free!!! What Now airs live on Sunday mornings at 8am from our Christchurch studios and we are inviting kids between 6-14 years who are keen to be on TV, try new things, maybe get gunged and foamed and able to participate in some high energy activities, games and exercise. Head to www. whatnowtv/audience to book.

Marian College open evening Thursday 6 April 4.30-7 pm
Principal’s address in the hall 4.45pm, repeated at 5.45pm.

On the Library Noticeboard:
• Chch Circus Trust Open Day Sat 15 April 1-3pm Roy Stokes Hall
• What Now invite
• Draft Annual Plan 2017-18 Coastal-Burwood Information Sheet
• Easter Egg Hunt (10yrs and under) Saturday 8 April 10am Waitakiri School.
• Te Wero gymnastics (cost: $2 donation) www.tewerogym.org.nz
• YMCA After School Recreation programmes – Term 2 www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/