

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 - 18/03/2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big thank you to all parents/caregivers who have attended the Learning Discussions this week. If you were unable to make it please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss their learning. A special thank you to parents who provided feedback about their experience/perspective of the Learning Discussions. This information is very useful in helping us ensure we are providing quality opportunities for you to find out how your child's learning is progressing and how you can support their learning at home.

You may have noticed some construction work happening in the junior block. The old garage area is being converted into a new classroom. Hopefully it will be completed by the beginning of Term 2.

This is the last newsletter of the Term so I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support throughout Term 1 and to wish you all a blessed Easter. Father Aherne often says, "We are Easter people", so during this very special time I hope you have time to reflect on the Passion of Christ and the Resurrection of our Lord which provides the promise of our Resurrection.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

If you did not attend the Learning Discussions and don't have the opportunity to do so, can you please ensure that you return the form that will be posted to you shortly with any corrections.

BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL DAYS

A very important part of our Catholic Character is emphasising prayer times in class at the beginning and end of each day. We encourage parent interest in class programmes at all times and really appreciate it when students are in class ready to start with prayer at 8.45am.



Likewise in the afternoon we ask that in order for your children to remain focussed, that parents are mindful of prayer times and keep a discreet distance from class windows and doors. We appreciate you not catching your child's attention during this time. It is very important to wait for your child to fully partake in afternoon prayers and be dismissed by the teacher before they are taken home. We realise there are occasional situations when you need to pick your child up earlier than bell time, it is very helpful to let the teacher know ahead of time wherever possible. Thank you for your assistance.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Our school staff along with most of the staff of Catholic Schools in the Waikato have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 30th April, Week 2 next Term. School will be closed on this day for the teachers to attend Professional Learning with American Scholar Br Laughlan Schofield.



CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - Reminder - Next Wednesday, 23rd March

Students have already received order forms for Class and Individual Photos. Please read the instructions carefully before filling out and returning to the office, by 23rd March. Ensure all cheques are made payable to: **Masterpiece Photography**, and please only enclose **EXACT MONEY** as no change will be given.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The start of Term 2 is the change over period between summer and winter uniforms. We have a two week change of period whereby all students need to be in correct winter uniform by Monday 3rd May. For the first two weeks of term students need to be in full summer uniform or full winter uniform, not a mixture of both. Included with this newsletter is a copy of uniform requirements and our uniform expectations. If for any reason your child is in incorrect uniform please provide a note. If your child continues to be in incorrect uniform or is not meeting our school uniform expectations, a note will be sent home to you informing of the situation.

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

<u>GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM</u>	<u>BOYS WINTER UNIFORM</u>
<p>Blue/Maroon check tunic Years 0-6 Blue/Maroon check skirt Years 7-8 Navy long sleeved skivvie/polo shirt Navy knee length socks or navy tights Black lace up, buckle or Velcro school shoes (Black sports/skate shoes, with coloured logo's/stripes etc, 'fashion' shoes, boots above ankle or heels above 4cm are not acceptable)</p> <p>Jersey or Polar Fleece – navy, with School Monogram</p>	<p>Navy long sleeved skivvie/polo shirt Years 0-8 Grey winter shorts Years 0-8 Knee length grey socks Year 0-8 Black lace up, or Velcro school shoes (Black sports/skate shoes, with coloured logo's/stripes etc, are not acceptable)</p> <p>Jersey or Polar Fleece – navy, with School Monogram Grey Long Trousers Years 7-8) Optional Short Grey Socks Years 7-8) “</p>
<p>N.B. Sunhats, Sports Shirts and Polar Fleecees are available from the School Office.</p>	<p>Uniforms can be purchased from Postie Plus at “The Base” or the Hamilton East Shop. Postie Plus in Centre Place no longer hold our uniforms. Boys and girls sports uniform shorts are also available at Postie Plus.</p>

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS - ALL GARMENTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED

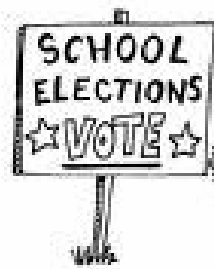
- Hair must be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be natural hair colour. Plain hair ties and/or dark blue, black, white or maroon headbands are in keeping with uniform standard and are acceptable headwear. Head scarves are not to be worn, unless for cultural reasons, medical reasons, or specific events.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted. Fingernails should be clean and well cared for.
- Non uniform items worn underneath uniform should not be visible.
- Jewellery and Valuables**
Rings, bracelets and earrings can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer. For these reasons they are not to be worn. The School accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please contact the School Office Staff for details.
Pupils may wear, however:
 - One pair of plain round earring studs or sleepers.
 - A watch.
 - One plain chain, pendant or bone carving, of religious or cultural significance - to be worn underneath clothing.
- Full and correct uniform needs to be worn to and from school unless advised. This may be the case for some sports days or special events.
- Slippers:**
To care for our classroom carpets, slippers may be worn indoors on wet or cold days and throughout winter.
- Sense in the Sun:**
During the summer all pupils are encouraged to put on sunscreen at home before School are and expected to wear the regulation School hat while outdoors during breaks. *Our policy is: No hat - play in the shade.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

You will have received your parent candidate nomination form this week. If you wish to stand as a parent representative your nomination form will need to be posted to the returning officer by April 23rd.

It is recommended that a personal statement accompanies the form. This may contain information regarding:

- Personal information
- Relevant experience (either professionally or voluntarily)
- Reasons for standing as a parent trustee.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSTER COMPETITION - Win a Family Movie Voucher

Open to all students years 1-4, yrs 5-8. Students may wish to enter this school based competition to help us promote the upcoming Board of Trustee elections. This is an optional task to be completed at home. Students need to:

- Collect paper and competition information from the school office.
- Return completed posters by Monday 19th April along with the entry.

CATCH UPS FOR HEARING AND VISION TESTS

Catch ups for hearing and vision testing will take place shortly. Any parents who do not wish to have their child tested, please ring the school office by Friday 26th March.

BNZ 7 PLUNKET COLOURING COMPETITION - For Team 1 and 2 students

The BNZ and Plunket Annual Appeal Colouring Competition runs from the 15th March until 26th March. The competition is open to students up to the age of 10 years. Completed entries need to be returned to school by Wednesday 24th March so we can drop them into the bank.

CAMP NOTICE....

All chocolate money is due back to school by the end of the term. Thank you to everyone that has returned their permission and health forms for camp, if you have not already done so, please return the forms to school as soon as possible.



WAIKATO PISTONS FREE CHILD TICKETS....

If you would like free tickets (child) to the Pistons game on tonight, please collect from the school office.

Notes from the PTFA

Pies and pizza orders; Orders have now closed for the pies and pizzas. Delivery is next Tuesday 23rd March. For collection of your pies and pizzas go to the school hall from 2.30pm till 5.30pm. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.

Entertainment books for 2010-2011; The new Entertainment Books are coming!! - GET YOUR COPY FROM ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL this year!!!!!! Cost per book \$55 (\$11 of this goes to the school.) This is an amazing discount and voucher book. If interested you can order at the office - or contact Debbie Honey 0274501333 or Andrea Verran 0274288686.

Are you going to school camp and do you want the PTFA to pay some of your camp fees? This offer is available for all the students who are currently fundraising for camp. For every St Columba's cookbook you sell from now on, you will get \$10.00 off your camp fees.

Next meeting: March 29th @ 7:00pm - all very welcome ☺

Catholic Character News

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As an important part of our Easter Reflections, in Week 9, each Team will be re-enacting the events of Holy Week in three Liturgies held in the Church.

Monday 29th March - Palm Sunday Liturgy - Led by Team 1 - 1.25pm

Wednesday 31st March - The Last Supper and Washing of the Feet - Led by Team 2 - 1.25pm

Thursday 1st April - Stations of the Cross - Led by Team 4 - 2pm

These are always very moving occasions and you are warmly invited to join us in the Church.

On the first day of Term 2, Team 3 will lead us in an Easter Resurrection Liturgy at 1.25pm in the Church.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

In committing to Lent we are asking each family to donate a non-perishable food item (eg cans of food, cereals, rice etc), each Friday of Lent beginning tomorrow. All donated items will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Foodbank. Please drop all items off at the Lenten Focus area at the office.



YOUTH GROUP 2010

Who? G Force is for the school years 7, 8 and 9 - approx ages 11-13.

When? Every 2 weeks, Friday evenings, 7-8.45pm during school term.

What? Run by our older youth with adult supervision. The youth spend the night with games, music, food, drink, prizes, reflection, prayer and catechesis. Also one off events such as socials, bowling, swimming etc.

Where? JBC Room (next to the Church)

Why? The youth group provides a strong foundation for friendships and support to take our year 7 and 8's into and beyond high school.

Dates: 26th March

Contact: Kerry on 021590410 or 8482298. Brianna on 0273735619. Sam on 0277639382.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY, 10AM MASS

Each Sunday (school term only) the children (yrs 3-8 approx) are invited by Father to Children's Liturgy. This is led by a group of passionate people and helpers who take the children to a side room where they hear the Gospel of the Day. This is followed with games, songs, activities, dramas, discussion, mime and lots more. The children then return to the church before the offertory.

We welcome any new children to the school and their siblings. Parents are welcome to sit in too. For more information phone: Kerry, 848 2298 or 021 590 410.

ST COLUMBA'S SPORTS NEWSLETTER

18 March 2010

With only two more weeks of school left for this term, so too are there only two sports games remaining for this term. Thank you to all the children for showing enthusiasm and playing hard in the sports they have participated in. Many coaches have seen improvement in their teams over the term, which is very encouraging for everyone involved. Keep an eye out for information regarding winter codes.

BASKETBALL



Results from the previous two weeks:

Yr 3/4 Panthers:	-won 26-22 against KOK Wizards	/ won 32-28 against Flyers Jazz
Yr 5/6 Wildcats:	-won 74-18 against SPX Scorpions	/ won 51-18 against Aberdeen Breakers
Yr 7/8 Knights:	-lost 8-79 to Maeroa Mavericks	/ lost 23-25 to St Columbas Hotshots
Yr 7/8 Hotshots:	-lost 16-42 to Crawshaw Cougars	/ won 25-23 against St Columbas Knights
Yr 7/8 Wizzards:	-won 39-34 against KOK Running Rebels	/ won 62-22 against Maeroa Mighty B

TOUCH

Below are the results from last week's game:

Yr 1/2 Leopards:	-won 5-1 against Te Rapa Kiwis / won 5-3 against Whakawatea
Yr 1/2 Pumas:	-lost 6-9 to Te Kowhai Panthers
Yr 3 Jungle Cats:	-won 4-3 against St Columbas Lions
Yr 3 Lions:	-lost 3-4 to St Columbas Jungle Cats / won 5-4 against Te Totara Superstarz
Yr 4 Jaguars:	-won 7-2 against Forest Lake Taniwhas
Yr 5 Panthers:	-drew 5-5 with Rotokauri Ratbags
Yr 5 Cougars:	-won 4-2 against Aberdeen Breakers
Yr 5/6 Bobcats:	-won 7-3 against Woodstock Impossibles
Yr 5/6 Meerkats:	-lost 1-6 to Frankton Broncos
Yr 8 Wildcats:	-won 6-2 against Maeroa Magic
Yr 7/8 Tigers:	-lost 3-4 to Maeroa Mavericks
Yr 7/8 Cheetahs:	-drew 6-6 with Forest Lake Rangers

Please note the first instalment of basketball fees (\$30) is due at the school office by tomorrow.

Coaches—could all touch balls please be returned to school before the end of term. Thank you.

TEE BALL

Below are the results from the previous two games:



	<u>6 March</u>	<u>13 March</u>
Yr 1/2 Jets` :	-won 32-27 against Melville Softball Club	-lost 21-23 to Crawshaw Cougars
Yr 3/4 Bullets:	-lost to Uptempo Lions	-lost 15-21 to Crawshaw Cougars

****PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND PRACTISE ON THE FIELD AT LUNCHTIME EVERY THURSDAY****

CRICKET

Below are the results from the first two games:

	<u>6 March</u>	<u>13 March</u>
Yr 1/2/3 Gold team:	-won 61-41 against Hamilton West Tigers	-lost 70-112 to Melville
Yr 1/2/3 Blue team:	-won 76-69 against St Peter Chanel	-lost by 10 runs to Te Rapa Steelers
Yr 5 team:	-won against Cambridge Runners by 18 runs	-lost by 14 runs to Insoll Dream Team
Yr 7 team:	-lost by 20 runs to Marian Force	-bye

Congratulations to the Yr 5 cricket team who were invited to play during the dinner break at the ODI, Black Caps v Australia last week on 9 March. All the children were very excited and enjoyed the experience!

FLIPPA BALL

Results from the previous two weeks:

- 7 March -lost 3-4 to St Joseph's 2
- 14 March -lost 0-13 to St Peter Chanel 1
- won 4-1 against St Peter Chanel 2



WATER POLO

The team had a bye the previous two weeks. This week, on 21 March, the game is at 6pm. Practises continue every Friday from 4-5pm at Waterworld.

OTHER SPORTING INFORMATION

• St Columbas Netball

Thank you to the girls who returned their permission slips and to the parents who offered to coach and manage teams. Once teams have been made up, I will contact those parents who put their names forward to help. The first trials for the Yr 7 and 8 girls was held yesterday afternoon and the second trial will be tomorrow from 3-4pm. Thank you to Dale Atkinson from Sport Waikato and Catheryn Petero who helped with the selections. All teams will be put on the notice board early next week. Netball games commence in Term 2 on Thursday 6 May for Yr 4-5 and Saturday 1 May for Yr 6-8.

- ⇒ **Please note that netball uniforms will be issued to the girls at lunchtime next Tuesday 23 March. Only those who have paid their fees will receive their uniforms! Please remind your daughter to come to the ESOL room for her uniform.**



• Fun Ferns

Fun Ferns is for children aged 5-10 years who are not yet playing netball. Fun Ferns is held at the Minogue Park Netball Complex on Thursday afternoons from 3.40—4.40pm in Term time for 13 weeks from 6 May until 19 August. Cost - \$40. Registration forms available at the school office.

• Netball Centre Theory Class

The Minogue Netball Complex is holding a Theory class on Saturday 20 March from 9am-3pm. This is for anyone interested in learning more about the rules of netball, as well as those wanting to learn about umpiring. Bring a pen and folder for handouts. The cost is \$20 which includes a whistle and a rule book. See notice board for more details.

• Netball Coaching Course

The Minogue Netball Complex is holding a coaching course for all coaches, especially new coaches on Saturday 20 March from 9am—12pm. You will learn how to act as a coach, how to run training sessions, develop warm ups and devise tactical plans. Cost is \$35. Register on line at development@netballhamilton.org.nz

• Hockey

St Peter Chanel School is holding a final hockey muster for all interested players from Yr 0-8 this Saturday 20 March at 10am. Please bring a hockey stick, shin pads, a mouth guard and a water bottle. For more information call Delynn Mortleman ph 027 2708301

• Fraser Tech Junior Rugby Club

The Fraser Tech Junior Rugby Club is holding their muster on Saturday 20 March at 10am at their club rooms on the corner of Norton Rd and Mill St. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. For more information ring Tony Shadrock ph 847-6472 (evening)

• Netball Holiday Programme

A holiday programme for Yr 6-8 will be held at the Minogue Park Netball Courts on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th April from 9am until 1.30pm. Cost for one day is \$35 and two days \$55. Closing date for registrations is Tuesday 6th April. See green folder in the school office for registration forms.

• Meridian Kids Bike Jams

The jams are a fun, participation based national mountain bike series for children aged 5-13 years.

Courses are all off-road on flat or rolling terrain, in 7 centres around NZ.

For more information and registration details, visit www.kidsbikejams.co.nz or see registration forms in green folder at the school office.



-Wellington	2 May
-Rotorua	2 May
-Auckland	16 May
-Palmerston Nth	23 May

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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St Columba's Sport Co-Ordinator

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