

From the principal....

It is very appropriate that this Sunday, the day of our joint parish and school Family Fun Day, is the day we join the rest of the country in rejoicing in the specialness of children in the 10th celebration of Children's Day. Families all over the country will be putting this one Sunday aside to publicly take part in activities with their children. The theme of this year's Children's Day is "Praise and Encouragement" and we know how important it is for children to receive praise and feel good about themselves. This helps build children's self-esteem and makes it easier for them to build positive relationships with family members and friends. Please join us on Sunday as we celebrate our children, first at the 10.00 a.m. Children's Mass and then with good food, fun and games at the Family Fun Day. A flyer will come your way on Friday with all the details of the day.

God bless.

Jane Hahn

Important Dates for Term 1

4-15 March	Swimming Rms 6,7,8
7 March	Parish Children's Mass
7 March	School & Parish Family Fun Day
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
22 March	PTFA Annual General Meeting
29 March	BOT Meeting
1 April	Term 1 ends
2 April	Good Friday
19 April	Term 2 begins

Swimming Lessons

The junior children's lessons come to a close this week. It's good to see the progress made in confidence in the water and skill levels of these younger children over the 8 lessons. The senior classes, rooms 6, 7 and 8, begin their lessons this week and continue until 15 March. Don't forget to return permission slips to your classroom teachers and remember, if there is some reason why your child cannot swim for a session, we need to have a note explaining why. Children will be required to wear appropriate swimming togs for the lessons.

It would be great if you could follow up these lessons with making family visits to one of the many swimming pools in our area during the year. It's lots of fun, builds children's confidence in the water and is relatively cheap entertainment.

Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 17 March 2.10 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

This is a very important part of our reporting to parents process. Parents, teachers and children meet to discuss the children's learning goals and also think about how they can continue to work together to make our school a happy and safe place to be. Look out for a special notice next week about the goal setting interviews.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

Monday 22 March 7.00 p.m. in the staff room

Prayer for Children

Please pray every day for the children of the world. Through our prayers and love let us bring children into the arms of Jesus with the trust that Jesus will ensure that all are safe and loved and blessed.

"Lord Jesus, we know you love children. You gathered them, embraced and blessed them.

We pray that all children feel your comforting love. We pray for all parents in loving, supporting and protecting their children.

Grant us more compassionate hearts so that we become vividly aware of the needs of all your children, born and unborn, who suffer abuse, disease and poverty.

May we show them your love and hope. Amen."

Source: Open Home Foundation; supported by Caritas, Aotearoa New Zealand.



This week we welcome **Anjali Biju** to Room 1. Anjali joins her older sister, Arathi, who is currently in Room 7 at CTK

TravelWise Walk to School Weeks 1-12 March

CTK is participating in *TravelWise Walk to School* over the next two weeks. Students are encouraged to get to school in a sustainable way during the week by walking, even if it's for only part of the way. Come and see our "Walking Tree" in the foyer with the names of all the children who are walking to school.

St Peter's College Open Day Tuesday 9th March. Assemble 11.00 am or 1.30 pm in the College Hall.

School and Parish Family Fun Day
Sunday 7 March 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. in the school grounds
After 10.00 a.m. Children's Mass

This joint school and parish event is a great opportunity for us all to get together and celebrate the beginning of a new year. Come along and enjoy music, fun and games for the children. Bring a picnic and/or enjoy the variety of food and drinks the PTFA will have available for purchase. Look out for the flyer with more details coming home to you on Friday.

Board of Trustees Election

We will be holding a Board of Trustees Election in May 2010. We are compiling an electoral roll at the moment and we will be closing the roll at 12 noon on 13th March 2010. If you know of a mum, dad or immediate care giver of a child at our school living at a different address to the child we need to know by that date so they can have their name on the roll. Also, if you have changed your address in the holidays we need to know your new address so we can update it on our electoral roll. Standing on the Board of Trustees is a practical way of influencing the quality of our children's education. Being on the Board is one of the most rewarding things people can do for their children. A truly successful school is reliant on a dynamic Board – one that can create the kind of learning environment that drives education achievement. We have **three** positions to fill on the Board for a three year term. Please think about people you would like to see on our Board of Trustees. If you are interested and would like to find out more information please contact the Principal, Mrs. Hahn, or me. We would love to hear from you and answer your queries. Maybe you have financial skills, administration skills, building skills, project management skills or would enjoy being part of a team who can create a supportive learning environment to provide the best education for our children. We need you – so come on – put your name forward.

Nominations will be posted to you in mid April and close at noon of 23rd April. If you are nominating someone, please ensure they know of this and agree to be nominated. Below is a list of all the important dates in the election.

13 March	Rolls close at noon.
15 March	Nominations called for.
21 April	Supplementary roll closed.
23 April	Nominations close.
28 April	Voting papers issued by this date (if we have more than 2 nominations)
7 May	Polls close at noon.
13 May	Votes counted and results declared.
14 May	Board of Trustees published.

We hope this notice has got you really thinking seriously about whether you or someone you know would consider standing for election. We need you. You can make a difference. Many thanks for your help.

Susan D'Silva, Returning Officer

Breakfast Club 2010

The Breakfast Club is run by the Parish and supported by the Catholic Caring Foundation. What a great opportunity this is to start the day with a healthy breakfast (the most important meal of the day!) and to share it with your friends. Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 8.00 am the wonderful helpers of the Breakfast Club are here to provide some brain food which will help children concentrate on their learning. Our thanks go to the Parish and the Caring Foundation for providing this much needed service to our school community.

Winter track pants (payment required)

Pre-orders for the winter track pants are now being taken. The track pants are the same black with gold lettering style that we have had for the last few years. Payment for these is required at the time of placing your order as this order will be placed only once this year and extra stocks will not be held at the school. Your order with payment is required no later than Thursday 18th March. **Late orders will not be accepted.** Please send all orders to the office (see form below)

2010 WINTER TRACKPANT ORDER

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
6	\$25.00		
8	\$25.00		
10	\$25.00		
12	\$25.00		
14	\$25.00		
Adult-small	\$28.00		
Adult-medium	\$28.00		
Total payment enclosed			

Room Number:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature:

Date:

