



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

This week I have enjoyed visiting our Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 children at their camps. Our children never cease to amaze me in the way they push themselves out of their comfort zones as they master all of the activities on camp as well as the great support and encouragement they give each other. A huge thank you to our Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 teaching teams as well as the many parent helpers.

### School Dates

4 May - Eastern Zone Cross Country  
4 May - Yr 4 visits Canterbury Museum  
6 May - Zone Cross Country postponement day  
13 May - Numeracy Day  
14 May - Yr1-3 Cross Country  
14 May - Portfolios come home  
17 May - Rms 19 & 21 visit Art Gallery  
21 May - Rm 21 visits Art Gallery  
4 June - Mufti/Wacky Hair Day  
4 June - LEAP  
9 June - Canterbury Cross Country  
14-25 June - Yr 1-6 Swimming programme

### Welcome

Welcome to the following children who have joined us this week:

**Rm 5 - Kaitlyn Courtney, Tamia Fenika, Tom Visscher**

**Rm 21 - Dakota Te Rupe**

We hope that you have already made new friends and that your time at Queenspark will be a most enjoyable one. Welcome also to all the new mums and dads. We are looking forward to getting to know you and seeing you become involved in our school.

### ERO Report

We have just posted the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on our school onto our website. Check it out on the homepage at [www.queenspark.school.nz](http://www.queenspark.school.nz)

### School Uniforms

Both Mainland Uniforms and Postie Plus have stock of our uniform with the old logo.

Mainland Uniform are offering **50% OFF** all stock with the old monogram, while stocks last (mainly sweatshirts, sweat-cardis with a few polo shirts & fleeces).

**Please note - the old logo is still acceptable after 2012 provided it is on our updated uniform.**

### Maths Celebration Day

**Thursday 13 May**

We invite you to join us to celebrate and showcase the work Queenspark has been doing in maths, particularly the Numeracy Project.

**9.30-10.30: Open morning**

Come and see maths in action in the classroom, and let your children share the activities, games and learning that are part of our maths programme. Please feel free to go in and out of classrooms during that time.

**11.00-12.00: School and syndicate activities**

'Drop everything and do maths' - on the courts, paths, any hard surface. This will be followed by activities organized by syndicates.

**7.00-8.30 p.m.: Parent information evening**

What is numeracy?

Why was the numeracy project developed?

What are the key features of the numeracy stages?

Workshops: an opportunity to look in more detail at specific stages, the resources and key ideas, and to ask questions.

### PTA News

#### • Entertainment Books

We still have Entertainment Books available. They can be purchased from the office at \$65.00 each.

#### • Movie Night

For all 'Sex and the City' fans - call all your girlfriends, dust off your high heels and make sure you put the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> June in your

diaries because Sex and the City 2 is coming to cinemas soon and the PTA is organizing a great night that you and your mates won't want to miss! A hot movie, food, drinks, spot prizes, a raffle, hanging out with friends - what more could you ask for?

More info about how you can get tickets to the fantastic evening will be coming your way after these school holidays, so look out for it.

- **Quiz Night**

The PTA has tentatively set aside **14 August** for this year's Quiz night. However before they confirm this date can you please contact Tina on 383-6007 or email [frostman3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frostman3@xtra.co.nz) if you know this date conflicts with any other local community events.

- **Paul Kelly Motors Numberplates**

IF you see a numberplate with a Paul Kelly Motorplates surround, write it down and email it to [lynnehall@xnet.co.nz](mailto:lynnehall@xnet.co.nz) We could be in to win \$10,000 for school.

Kind regards

Ross Willocks  
Principal

## Parenting Advice

### Hot Tips From Parents Inc

#### Preparing For The Big Day

Starting school is a big event for parents and children!

Your quiet confidence that they will be okay goes a long way to establishing confidence in your child. It helps not to hype school up too much but to put the energy into exploring the school, the playground and whereabouts of the toilets etc. The most important message your child needs as they head into this new arena is: You will be fine, we are always here for you, and there is no problem too big to solve!

#### Who Relies On Your Child? By Michael Grose

*"What does your child do that someone else relies on?"*

Most people shift a little uneasily when I ask this question in parenting seminars!

***It's not meant to make you feel guilty. It's meant to provoke some thought and make a point about developing responsibility in kids.***

I'm often asked by parents how to develop responsibility in kids.

The answer is simple - **give responsibility to them!** Let them feed the family pet, empty the dishwasher, clean up the living area at the end of the day.

Most kids rise to a real challenge when it's sincerely given, and backed by realistic expectations.

We tend to give responsibility to the kids who don't need it - the easy kids. ***But we often ignore the kids in our family who really would benefit from giving them some trust*** - the difficult kids, those that require following up, or some parental work.

Kids belong in **two ways in families** - they either belong due to their positive contribution or they belong through poor behaviour. The family pest has as much cache as the responsible child - their parents know they are around!!!

It makes sense for parents to work hard to provide opportunities for kids to contribute to their family so they feel valued for what they

bring to their family, rather than for what they take.

Here are five practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:

**1. Start early:** Children as young as three are keen to help and take some responsibility but we often push them away and say, 'You can help when you're older.' Train your kids from a young to help themselves and others.

**2. Make sure the responsibility is real:** Setting the table, making beds, tidying rooms are jobs that others benefit from. Jobs for the sake of jobs just don't cut it with kids.

**3. If a child forgets then no one else does the task:** If a child doesn't empty the dishwasher then it still there when they come home from school. Sounds tough but that's how the real world operates. When you empty it, it becomes your responsibility.

**4. Place help and responsibility on a roster:** The use of rosters has the advantage of placing responsibility on to kids - remind them to check the roster, not to do their jobs!

**5. Don't give kids jobs where you have an emotional attachment:** Give them tasks that you know that you can live without if they are not done, or not done to your standard.

And another thing! Many parents call this type of responsibility 'jobs' or 'chores'. I prefer to call it 'help'. It's just a little rebranding, but it reflects what it's about.

## Community News

### High School Open Nights 2010

#### St Margaret's College

Monday 3 May, 10.30am - 1.00pm

Principal's address 11.45am in the school chapel

For more information phone 379-2000 or visit their website [www.stmargarets.school.nz](http://www.stmargarets.school.nz)

#### Rangi Ruru Girls' School

Monday 3 May, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Principal's addresses are at 1.15pm and 2.00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Insight into Rangi Information Evening

For more information phone 983-3700, email [p.clegg@rangiruru.school.nz](mailto:p.clegg@rangiruru.school.nz) or visit their website [www.rangiruru.school.nz](http://www.rangiruru.school.nz)

#### The Cathedral Grammar School

Tuesday 4 May, 10.00am - 2.00pm

For more information contact Linda Marsh on 365-0385 or visit

[www.cathedralgrammar.school.nz](http://www.cathedralgrammar.school.nz)

#### Mairehau High School

Tuesday 4 May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

The evening will begin with a welcome and

short address by the Principal, in the

Assembly Hall, at 7.00pm, followed by a tour of the school

For more information phone 385-3145, email [admin@mairehau.school.nz](mailto:admin@mairehau.school.nz) or visit their website [www.mairehau.school.nz](http://www.mairehau.school.nz)

#### Middleton Grange School

Tuesday 4 May, Thursday 6 May, Monday 10 May, Tuesday 11 May & Tuesday 18 May.

Bookings essential.

Please phone 348-9826 or email [office@middleton.school.nz](mailto:office@middleton.school.nz) to book your tour.

Visit their website [www.middleton.school.nz](http://www.middleton.school.nz) for more information.

#### St Bede's College

Wednesday 5 May

Open Day - 9.00am-2.00pm

Information Evening - 7.30pm

Parking in the school grounds. On arrival please go to the Performing Arts Centre.

For more information phone 375-1871, email [rector@stbedes.school.nz](mailto:rector@stbedes.school.nz) or visit [www.stbedes.school.nz](http://www.stbedes.school.nz)

#### Rangiora New Life School

Thursday 6 May, 6.00pm

Principal's address in the School Auditorium followed by guided tours.

For more information phone 03-313-6332 or visit their website [www.rnls.school.nz](http://www.rnls.school.nz)

**Catholic Cathedral College**

Tuesday 11 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

For more information phone 982-1690, email [admin@cathcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@cathcollege.school.nz) or visit their website [www.cathcollege.school.nz](http://www.cathcollege.school.nz)

**Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti**

Tuesday 11 May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

School tours run every Thursday 10.15am. To book phone 377-7773 or visit their website [www.unlimited.school.nz](http://www.unlimited.school.nz)

**Hagley College**

Thursday 13 May, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Hagley Student Centre Café

For more information contact 0508HAGLEY or visit their website [www.hagley.school.nz](http://www.hagley.school.nz)

**Burnside High School**

Tuesday 18 May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

For more information phone 358-8383 or visit their website [www.burnside.school.nz](http://www.burnside.school.nz)

**Papanui High School**

Thursday 20 May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Please meet in the hall at 7.00pm

For more information phone 352-6119, email [admin@papanui.school.nz](mailto:admin@papanui.school.nz) or visit their website [www.papanui.school.nz](http://www.papanui.school.nz)

**Christchurch Boys' High School**

Thursday 25 May, 4.00pm - 7.00pm

For more information phone 348-5003 or visit their website [www.cbhs.school.nz](http://www.cbhs.school.nz)

**Christchurch Girl's High School**

Thursday 27 May, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

The Principal will speak in the auditorium at 2.00pm, 2.30pm and 3.15pm

For more information phone 348-0849, email [cghsadmin@chgirls.school.nz](mailto:cghsadmin@chgirls.school.nz) or visit their website [www.chgirls.school.nz](http://www.chgirls.school.nz)

**Kaiapoi High School**

Thursday 27 May, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

The evening begins in the School Auditorium with the Principal's address followed by guided tours.

For more information phone 327-6129, email [learn@kaiapoi.school.nz](mailto:learn@kaiapoi.school.nz)

**Aranui High School**

Tuesday 1 June, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information

**Cashmere High School**

Tuesday 1 June, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

The Principal, Mr Mark Wilson will give addresses at 4pm and 5pm in the McCombs Performing Arts Centre. Guided tours around the school will be available at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

For more information phone 332-9129, email [office@cashmere.school.nz](mailto:office@cashmere.school.nz) or visit their website [www.cashmere.school.nz](http://www.cashmere.school.nz)

**Shirley Boys' High School**

Wednesday 2 June, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

School Assembly Hall

For more information phone 375-7057

**Avonside Girls' High School**

Thursday 3 June, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

The evening will end with an address by the Principal in the hall at 7.00pm.

For more information phone 389-7199

**Linwood College**

Monday 10 June, 6.30pm

Meet in the hall for a brief presentation by the Principal and students followed by tours of the school.

For more information phone 982-0100 or visit their website [www.linwoodcollege.school.nz](http://www.linwoodcollege.school.nz)

**Energisers Youth Programme -Register Now!**

10- 13 year olds . Craft night, Ten Pin Bowls, Bouncy Boxing, Roxx, Gymnastics, Science alive  
Book your place by registering at the Parklands Community Centre [meeting room](#)

On **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** between 5.30 to 6.15 pm. Programme costs \$35

Further information contact Kay on 3834695 0273423915

**Avon Hockey Club - Mini's Teams**

We are looking for a handful of wee mini hockey players (5-7 year olds) to play in two of our teams. Boys and girls welcome. These teams are 6-aside. The girls need a few extras to cover illnesses and the mixed team needs a couple of boys and a couple of girls for the same reason. Please contact Shelley on 021-332-991. Practice is at Porritt Park, Avonside Drive, on Thursday from 4.00pm til 4.45pm

**Postie Plus - School Tex Sale**

Thursday 29 April - Sunday 2 May

Take advantage of their 25% off School Text Sale. 4 days only. Postie Plus Northwood

**Noel Leeming - Supporting Our Community**

Friends and families of Christchurch schools are invited to a Cost + 10% + GST sale at Noel Leeming, Moorhouse Ave for 2 days only - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 9.00am - 6.00pm.

To take advantage of this great offer please call in to the office for a flyer which must be presented.

**Gifted Child?**

Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. The two sessions will be for children aged 5-12 years and will be held on **Friday 7 May 2010** at Kendal School, 53 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch. The cost is \$30 per child.

Places are limited and bookings are essential!

For more information, or to book a place for your child, ring Andrea on 021646963 or email [andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz](mailto:andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz)