



Newsletter 10/03



*Lord, are you trying
to tell me something?
For . . .*

**Failure does not mean I'm a failure;
It does mean I have not yet succeeded.**

**Failure does not mean I have accomplished
nothing;
It does mean I have learned something.**

**Failure does not mean I have been a fool;
It does mean I had enough faith to
experiment.**

**Failure does not mean I've been disgraced;
It does mean I dared to try.**

**Failure does not mean I don't have it;
It does mean I have to do something in a
different way.**

**Failure does not mean I am inferior;
It does mean I am not perfect.**

**Failure does not mean I've wasted my life;
It does mean I have an excuse to start over
again.**

**Failure does not mean I should give up;
It does mean I must try harder.**

**Failure does not mean I'll never make it;
It does mean I need more patience.**

**Failure does not mean You have abandoned
me;
It does mean You must have a better idea.**

Amen



Paper kindly supplied by SBS | Bank (235 Stafford Street, Timaru). Community banking like it should be. SBS | Bank is a building society and a registered bank.

Failure may seem an unusual subject to have as a reflection in a school newsletter but last week I was at a Learning@schools Conference in Rotorua at which a leading thinker in education stated that

*"We need to teach students to **fail wisely**"*

Students who know how to keep trying until they get it right will develop resilience in the 21st Century. When we teach students what to do when they fail, we are developing their key competency of managing self.

The key focus of the conference was the use of digital technologies and e-learning to increase:

- students' learning and achievement through e-learning;
- e-learning leadership and ICT strategic planning capability of principals and teachers;
- the understanding of the educational contribution of e-learning in school communities

The use of such things as wikis and other web2 tools was a huge part of the conference.

St Joseph's School staff are involved in an ICT Professional Development 3 year project which will develop teaching and learning using all technologies available to us.

**Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL**

WELCOME

We warmly welcome
Margaret Cairns (Room 1)
to our school community.

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 3	Week 4
1	Dominic Cockburn	Charli Nevin
2	Isla Young	Quinn Gard
3	Emily Livesey	Nicholas Dowling
4	Lily Morgan	Reagan Ashley
5	Emma Batchelor	Piper Mills
6	Jemma Gormack	Grace Piddington
7	Kelsie Parish	Owen Plant
8	Hayden Timmings	Laura-Madeleine Kuepper

Citizenship Shield

Danielle Jarvie George Duff

Feet First

Danielle Jarvie Matthew Gray

Terrific Tickets

George Duff Jayden Hide

Multi-Purpose Building

The project is moving forward with building consents now being sought. A huge amount of work by the Board, the Building Fundraising Committee and in particular Mervyn Evans, has gone into getting the project to this stage. The School Community Group are also working very hard to support the fundraising, having already raised over \$2000 with the garage sale and hospice fundraisers. This is certainly a community project. Our fundraising ladder and keys which is being constructed by a group of students will be going up soon on the side of Room 7.

Parent Interviews

Interviews are scheduled to be held on **Monday 15 March and Wednesday 17 March**. Your interview times will be sent home with your youngest child on **Tuesday 9 March**.



REMINDER – EARLY CLOSING
Classes will finish at 2:30pm on these two days. The bus will leave for its normal after school run at 2:40 pm.

Board Elections

It is time to begin to think about whether you would like to stand for our school Board of Trustees.

Our Chairperson Craig O'Connor and Board members Vanessa Shearer and Paul Wolffenbuttel are standing down after several years of outstanding service to the school community.

If you are interested you may like to talk to one of our present Board members about what is involved in becoming a part of the Board. Our present Board parent representatives are - Craig O'Connor, Vanessa Shearer; Steven Smith; Debra Still and Paul Wolffenbuttel who are joined in the Board by our Proprietors' representatives, Fr Chris Friel and Joe Feely, our Staff Representative, Megan Cahill and myself as Principal.



IMPORTANT - ELECTORAL ROLL INFORMATION NEEDED

Our Returning Officer for the Board Election is Mrs Angela O'Reilly our Office Manager. Angela is currently compiling the school electoral roll i.e. those people who are eligible to be on the voting roll at school.

Who are they?

Both the natural parents, even if they do not live with the children.

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a third vote may go to a caregiver who cares for the children more than anyone else except the natural parents e.g. a step-father or step-mother who is living with the child.

This third vote does not have to be assigned i.e. Mum & Dad have separated and the kids live with Mum who does not have a partner, therefore 2 votes only.

If you think your family may be entitled to 3 votes, please advise Angela at the office as soon as possible and provide all relevant details e.g. name & address of a natural parent that is not living with the child (these may or may not already be on file) or the details of a step-father or mother that may be entitled to a vote.

School Procedures - Consultation

Attached to this newsletter is a school procedure within the Administration Policy that requires consultation with the school community -

Consultation & Communication Procedure

Any feedback needs to be forwarded to the office by **Thursday 18 March**.

National Standards - Petition

A large group of parents from around New Zealand who have significant concerns about National Standards have recently launched a petition to call for the government to delay the implementation of National Standards. They have a cover sheet, explaining the primary causes for parental concern, with the Petition Signature Sheet.



The cover sheet and petition is available from the school office.

The closing date of the petition is **Monday 22 March**.

This is not binding but they would like to present the petition to the government in the 2nd school term.

School Records Update

It is extremely important that our records are kept up to date. Please notify the office of any changes to personal details e.g. address, phone number or emergency contact number.



The emergency contact number, is very important to us if we are unable to contact immediate caregivers.

Please advise us if you wish to change caregivers for whatever reason, i.e. a neighbour that has moved away or a caregiver that is now deceased.

Cell phone numbers can also change so **please don't forget to advise us.**

Also, please advise us if your child's school medical record needs to be updated e.g. Asthma medication change etc.

First Communion Programme 2010

This Sunday 7 March at the 10:30 am Mass at St Thomas' Church, those children who are to make their First Holy Communion will receive a copy of the prayer called



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On Sunday 21 March at the 10:30 am Mass at St Thomas' Church the children will be presented with a copy of the Ten Commandments.



See you all there.

School Community Group Annual General Meeting

7:30 pm TONIGHT (Thursday) - includes supper at -

OFF THE RAILS CAFÉ, Station Street, Timaru

Monster Garage Sale

A BIG THANK YOU to all those people who kindly offered their time and resources to help with the School Garage Sale. Over \$2000 was raised which will go towards the completion of the Multi-Purpose Building.

Walking School Bus

Many thanks to AMI for providing reflector vests for our walking school buses - it is greatly appreciated.



Casserole Club

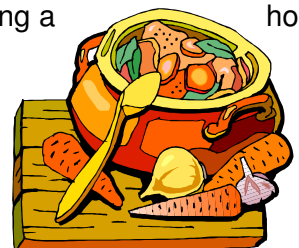
The Casserole Club assists families within the school in times of need by providing a home cooked meal or baking.

The need could be the arrival of a new baby, family member in hospital, death within a family etc.

If anyone would like their name added to the roster, please contact Bernadette Cockburn ☎686-1164.

Don't think you have to be a gourmet chef!! A simple home-cooked tea dish, or baking if you prefer, is all we need. You would probably be called on only once or twice a year.

Also, if you are aware of a situation in which you think we could help, please chat to either Bernadette as above, Debra Still ☎688-4984 or Mrs Carmel Brosnahan-Pye at school. Please don't assume we already know of a situation and be assured that any information is held in confidence.



St Joseph's Hockey

Would your child like to play hockey this year? If so we are calling parents to a quick meeting to discuss changes to the structure this season, and to ensure teams get organised and underway.

Season starts in Term 2.

Meeting to be outside the school library on Tuesday 9 March at 4:30 pm.

If you are unable to attend, please advise Andy Tucker ☎027 2775754 or Lynda Mulholland ☎027 2481028

Celtic Junior Rugby Registrations

Registration Days -

Tuesday 9 March

4:00 - 6:00 pm

and

Sunday 14 March 10:00 -

12:00 noon

Craigie Avenue, Timaru.

All Under 6 players and new players to Club to provide a copy of their birth certificate.

Subscriptions \$25

2 players \$35 or

Family \$40

Rugby/Soccer Boot Sale

Sunday 14 March

10:00 - 12:00 noon at Clubrooms.

Bring along your boots to sell on behalf or to donate sale proceeds to club.

Any enquiries please contact

Gill Taylor ☎ 686 3299



Harlequins Junior Grade Rugby Registration

Tuesday 9 March 5:30 - 7:00 pm at The Clubrooms, 34 Church Street, Timaru.

Boys and Girls 5 - 13 years

Enquiries please contact Garth Le Roy ☎ after hours 688 1166

Northern Hearts AFC Inc Registrations

Junior Registrations 2010 will be taken at

Northern Hearts Clubrooms, Aorangi Park, Morgans Road

Thursday 11 March 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday 13 March 10:00 - 11:00 am

Subs to be paid at time of registration (cash or cheque only)

Contact Sue Kerr ☎ 686 0691 for further information.



Thistle Soccer Club - Junior Soccer Players Registration Day



WHEN: Sat 13 March 2010

10:00 AM TO 12:00 noon

WHERE: Thistle Clubrooms
42 Browne Street

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WHO: Children aged 4 to 13 years.

All enquiries to Janice ☎688-6881

For children aged 4 to 13 years

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WHEN: Tues 9 March

5:30 - 7:00 pm

WHERE: The Clubrooms
34 Church Street

TIMARU

WHO: Boys and Girls
5 - 13 years



Enquiries please contact Garth Le Roy ☎688-1166 after hours.

Guiding South Canterbury

Girls aged 5 - 18 years - BE PREPARED for NEW ADVENTURE



Come along and visit at one of our units.

Contact Ngaire Nicol ☎684-4304

2010 Terms & Holiday

Term 1	Tuesday 2 February to Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April to Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October to Thursday 16 December

2010 - Holidays

Queen's Birthday	Monday 7 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 22 October

Coming Events

5 March	Assembly Prayers R2
10 - 12 March	Room 4 & 5 Camp
12 March	R7 & 8 Camp Assembly Prayers R7
15 March	Parent Interviews
18 March	Summer Tournament
17 March	Parent Interviews
19 March	Assembly Prayers R1