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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers and friends,

Today, on it's anniversary, we remember the tragedy of last year's earthquake; the people of Christchurch have had a very difficult year and today are very much in our prayers.

This morning the children attended Mass for Ash Wednesday which signifies the start of Lent. During this time of Lent, we are asked to spend extra time in prayer, look for extra ways we can help others, and perform some kind of penance in which we either give something up or do something extra that we don't normally like to do. During this time, also, the school will be collecting money for Caritas who will then use these donations to help with Missions around the world. Each class has a donation box for the daily collection of donations - please feel free to contribute.

Sunday March 4th is the new date for the Parish Picnic. On that day we will be holding a school Mass and we would like all children to attend. After Mass we are all invited to go on to the picnic which will be held at Anzac Bay - Bowentown. Children will wear Mufti at Mass and will sit with their families.

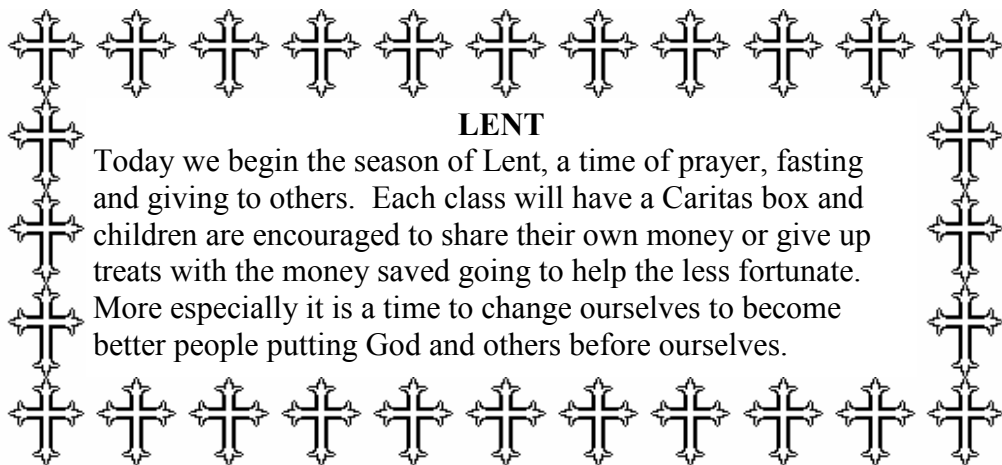
Please note that the date for the School Swimming Sports has changed to Monday March 5th - starting at 1.30pm.

Shaun O'Leary

*Have a great week ahead!*

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**LENT**

Today we begin the season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. Each class will have a Caritas box and children are encouraged to share their own money or give up treats with the money saved going to help the less fortunate. More especially it is a time to change ourselves to become better people putting God and others before ourselves.

**Change of Music time on Monday 5th March:**

As our Swimming Sports will be held in the afternoon, music lessons on Monday will be held in the mornings starting at 8.00 a.m. Individuals and groups will be informed of times for that day.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Netball Stocktaking:** We have been asked if there is anyone able to help with this on Sunday 26th February at 6.00 p.m for about 1 and a half hours. The New World sponsorship helps keep our netball fees low, so it would be great to have a couple of helpers. Please contact Diana if you can help.

**Black Sticks players visit - tomorrow Thursday:**

Two members of the Blacksticks Hockey team will visit our school and take skills sessions with Year 2 - 8 children tomorrow. Please remember your P.E gear and sports shoes.

**P.T.F.A:** Next Wednesday the P.T.F.A is required to cater an afternoon tea for all the people who have helped out in the Op Shop over the past year. Therefore we require offers of baking for this which will be much appreciated. Please note that the Op Shop is one of our Schools main fundraisers each year. Please let Dione know if you can provide baking and also if you are able to help on the day on 8636105. Thanks.

**COMING EVENTS**

- Today 23rd Feb Ash Wednesday B.O.T Meeting at 7.30 p.m
- 1st March P.T.F.A Meeting at 3.00 p.m in the Staffroom "All Welcome" (especially any new parents!)
- 5th March St. Josephs Swimming Sports at 1.30 p.m (note change of date)
- 7th March Waihi Cluster Swimming Sports
- 8-9 March House Leaders Rotorua trip
- 14th March Ohinemuri Swimming Sports (Yr 7&8) in Paeroa
- 16th March North Cluster Swimming Sports
- 19th March St. Joseph's Day
- 21st March TV Swimming Sports (Yr 7&8)

**SCHOOL JACKETS**

\$80.00 each

These are available to order in various sizes this year.

Please see Denise at the school office if you wish to order one.

These are a very good quality jacket from Kukri Sports.



**Waihi Athletic Rugby Youth Muster This Saturday 25th Feb**

Starts 9.00 a.m sharp with fun activities till 11.00 at the Waihi Rugby Club, finishing with a BBQ. For more info contact Clarke Koopu on 027 2329960. Please bring birth certificate and recent photo. Love to see all Mums and Dads too!

**SMART SWAP #4**



**PIES**

Pies are an occasional food as they are high in fat and salt.

Try homemade breadcases instead:

- Using wholemeal bread, press into greased muffin tins. Fill with your choice of fillings and bake at 180C for 10-15 minutes.
- Fillings: cheese, spaghetti, mushrooms, creamed corn, onion, capsicum, ham.

