



# CAMPION COLLEGE

## GISBORNE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

### Chanel Shield 2010 Cancelled

Early this week we received the very sad news that a student at John Paul College had died from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident that happened several weeks ago. The funeral for the student will be held at John Paul College this coming Saturday and subsequently John Paul College withdrew from the Chanel Shield competition to be held this coming weekend. Out of respect to the College the other schools agreed to cancel the Chanel Shield for 2010 as we did not want to run a competition which did not include all the secondary schools in the Diocese and there is no alternate date available for the rest of this year. Thank you to the students who prepared so thoroughly for this competition and to those involved in the organisation. We appreciate that a great deal of time and planning had gone in to host the other schools and while there is obvious disappointment the overriding sentiment is our support and prayers for the community of John Paul College. Our expression of support may help provide strength to those in the John Paul community who are most affected by this tragedy.

### Enrolments 2011

Enrolments for 2011 officially opened on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. Enrolments close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Enrolment forms will be sent home to all families from St. Mary's Primary School. Families with children in other schools can contact the office for an enrolment form to be sent to them.

Please note that the College no longer holds an Open Afternoon but we offer the opportunity for parents to come and view the "College in Action" in the week 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of September. All

students coming into the College will be given an orientation tour in November and parents are very welcome to join us on that occasion as well. As part of the enrolment process all students and their parents meet with the Principal during Term Four to discuss how we can best meet the educational needs of your child for the next year. Dates and times for these meetings will be circulated to families at the beginning of next term. A number of families have enquired about the process to confirm the enrolment for their child. I enclose a brief summary:

- **Preference status.**  
Before any enrolment can be confirmed the College is required to verify those who hold preference status for enrolment. A committee of three parishioners confirm preference for enrolment. These three people are: Anne Dimery, Ross Gregory and Jack Taituha. They will be available to meet families on Sunday afternoons during September. The meetings are arranged via the College.
- If more students are enrolled than can be accommodated then acceptance is based on the following priorities:
  - First priority is given to students from St. Mary's School.
  - Second priority is given to students from other Catholic schools.
  - Third priority is given to students who are siblings of current students.
  - Fourth priority is given to students who are the children of Board employees

and all Board members.

- Fifth priority is given to students who are siblings of former students.
- Sixth priority is given to all other applications.

The complete enrolment scheme and preference of enrolment criteria are available from the College office.

If parents would like to visit the College during September prior to sending in their enrolment form please contact Raewyn in the office so we can arrange a convenient time.

### Parent Afternoon – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Next Friday afternoon, 27<sup>th</sup> August, we will be holding our fortnightly parent-teacher afternoon. These are held between 2.30pm and 3.20pm every second Friday. If any parents are interested in meeting with teaching staff please phone Sue in the office to make an appointment.

### Aquinas Sports Exchange

Campion College students are competing at Aquinas College, Tauranga on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Eighty-two students are travelling with departure time 9.30am from Campion. The students are competing in Rugby, Soccer, Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball. They will travel to and from Aquinas College in school uniform and are expected back between 5.30 and 6pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. The emergency contact is Mr Phil Rowland on 027 364 4746.

### Year 12 Ski Trip

Thanks to families and friends who have supported the Year 12 Ski Trip Fundraising Scratchy raffles over the last few months. Winners were: Ami Gordon, Gill Harding and Faye Allen.

### **Study Skills**

On Monday 16 August Champion College will be running a Study Skills seminar during Period 4 for Years 11, 12 and 13. Any students who miss out on this seminar can attend Period 6 on Tuesday, where the information will be repeated. Students will be given a Study Skills booklet which will guide them in terms of what, when and how to study. It is hoped that this guide will give students the skills to do even better academically.

### **Campion Idol**

Campion Idol will be held at the Boys High School Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the Campion office. You choose your winner to go on to represent Campion College at the Grand Final which will be held at the War Memorial Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **P.T.F.A. Fundraiser**

The P.T.F.A. will be holding a Garage Sale on 11<sup>th</sup> September. This is to raise funds for the seating and

equipment in the new gymnasium and we would be grateful if you could start sorting out at home and bringing your surplus into the College office.

### **Gisborne Festival of Orchestras**

The Campion College Orchestra will be performing at the 30<sup>th</sup> Gisborne Festival of Orchestras on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the YMCA stadium. There are two public concerts – 1pm and 6pm - \$6 adults, \$2 students and \$12 for a family. Various schools and orchestras will be performing so an afternoon/evening of great music is to be had.

### **BMX World Championships**

Recently three of our students , Monique, Taylor and Lewis Smith travelled to South Africa for the World BMX Championships. With only two hours to get used to the hot conditions, Lewis and Taylor raced on the first day along with their younger sister Jesse (at primary school). Lewis went through the heats with all 1<sup>st</sup> placings and Taylor with all 3<sup>rd</sup>

placings. Taylor went straight through to the final and came 6<sup>th</sup> while Lewis had to go through quarters and semis to make the final. He came 5<sup>th</sup> in the final. Monique raced on day two in slightly cooler conditions and went straight through to the final in which she came 5<sup>th</sup>. The family came home in the end with four trophies, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Jesse) two 5ths and a 6<sup>th</sup> placing IN THE WORLD!!! Congratulations Smith family!

### **Lost Property**

At the College office we have several items of unnamed clothing. Please feel free to come and check if any of these items belong to you. We ask also that all student's clothing is named as it is difficult to find the owner if unnamed.

Paul McGuinness  
PRINCIPAL

### **MARY MACKILLOP**

On Monday, 9 August, the whole school gathered for a liturgy in honour of Mary MacKillop's feast day. Our thanks go to the MacKillop House for their organisation of this liturgy. Later this year Mary MacKillop will be declared a saint. Recently the Bishop of New Zealand sent the following pastoral letter on Blessed Mary MacKillop.

"Mary MacKillop, a pioneer Australian woman of the mid nineteenth century, whose respect for the inherent dignity of people led her to found a religious community dedicated to education in its broadest sense, is to be declared a Saint.

The canonization will take place in Rome on October 17, recognizing for the first time an Australian born saint among the great models for Christian living.

The eldest of eight, Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 to Flora and Alexander, Scottish immigrants. A 'down-to-earth' woman of deep personal faith, Mary was drawn to the needs of the isolated, disadvantaged and neglected. She was concerned they be helped to get a 'fair go' and to experience God's compassionate love in their loves.

Trusting in God's providence and convinced of God's protection for herself and the little band of women who shared her vision, she was assisted and encouraged by Father Julian Tension Woods. She wanted her Sisters to live close to those being served, wherever the need was. Farmers, miners, railway workers, shopkeepers – people from all walks of life, struggling to find their way in a new land, were met by the "Sisters of St Joseph" with understanding, practical support and living examples of joyful trust. Hardship, poor health, financial problems and opposition from Church leaders were obstacles she faced with courage and determination, enabling her to identify even more closely with the people on the margins of society.

There is a strong Aotearoa New Zealand connection with Mary MacKillop. Her Sisters established a school in Temuka in 1883, the first of their many schools throughout the country. Mary herself visited Aotearoa New Zealand on four occasions between 1894 and 1902, assisting the Sisters and ensuring their living and working conditions were satisfactory.

She felt very much at home here and was loved by the people she met. She would often speak of them and the country with great affection. In Rotorua, she suffered her stroke, spending six months recuperating with the Sisters at Remuera before returning to Sydney. Many of the MacKillop clan settled in Aotearoa New Zealand; her brother, John, is buried in the Christchurch Barbados Street cemetery.

Mary MacKillop is truly a woman for our time. Her holiness, powered by her deep love of God, together with her street-wise philosophy, make her a model of hope for all who grapple with doubt, misunderstanding and injustice. She brings us the gift of hope.

Pope Benedict, in his 2009 Encyclical, *Spe Salvi* On Christian Hope, tells us that "the saints were able to make the great journey of human existence in the way that Christ had done before them, because they were brimming with hope." Mary MacKillop presents a way of life in direct contrast to the contemporary world of glamour, wealth and power. Her beauty, riches and strength come from within. Her own "great journey of human existence" was a journey of unshakable hope, travelled in the companionship of the God of Jesus Christ, her reason for being.

Saint Mary MacKillop will be especially honoured in the two lands of Australia and New Zealand. We strongly encourage parishes and schools to find ways to celebrate her canonisation on Sunday 17 October, because this is a unique and wonderful event for our two countries.

May Saint Mary MacKillop guide us on our own "great journey", keeping us hope-filled and faithful."