



## Week 6, Term 1 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was wonderful to see a great turnout at our first St Michael's School Community Breakfast. This was an opportunity to welcome new school families as well as a chance to introduce Father Andrew and our youth workers Alice Bates and Shaun Graveston.



Our Year 5-8 classes were privileged to take part in the Earthquake Memorial opening on 22 February 2017. On Thursday the whole school went down to the Memorial to reflect on the events that changed Canterbury forever, paying respect to the those who lost their lives on 22 February 2011 and those who were hurt.

The school's annual Swimming Sports were held last week at Christ's College. It was wonderful to see so many parents come to watch the events. This year saw the Staff Dream Team make an appearance in the last race of the day joining the House Relay. Word has it that the staff team did pretty well. Following

our school swimming a team of fourteen swimmers has been selected to swim at the ISSA Swimming Sports to be held at Wharenui Pool on Friday 17 March. A notice will be sent home nearer the time regarding this.

A huge thankyou to those parents who came in on Tuesday last week to make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. As a school we celebrated by having pancake races and flipping pancakes. Our races finished with a parent, school and staff relay.

Shrove Tuesday is the day that precedes Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent. Our school acknowledged this important date by attending a high mass during which Fr Andrew signed us with ashes. It was lovely to see some grand parents join us. Please remember that our school services are open to all who wish to attend.

A final note that our School Book Fair is running in the library this week. You are welcome to purchase books for the library or the school. It's never too early to start that Christmas shopping.

Jon Russell  
Deputy Principal

## Snapshots from

### Week 4 & 5



**Years 1 & 2**  
**"Earthquake**  
**Remembrance" Art.**  
**Crayon on paper**



**Other news:**

- **REMINDER**, if your child is unwell or late you need to contact the Office as soon as possible
- **The Curriculum Information Evening on 9 March Week 6 is postponed until Term 2**

**PTFA news:**

The PTFA Annual General Meeting 14 March.

**Saint Michael's Church Youth Workers news:**

Thank you to everyone who came along and shared the community breakfast last week. We hope to do it again! We have also been spending some time making a 40 Day Lent Challenge in Children's Church. Each class has a copy and the children can take one home too. Finally, know that you are always welcome as parents to come and join us for the school Mass at 2pm each Wednesday in the church. Alice Bates and Shaun Graveston.

**Music news : Christchurch Schools' Music Festival**



**Auditions for 2017 Representative Groups**

- Applications for individual singers and instrumentalists to audition for one of the Festival's Representative Groups – **Junior or Senior Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra and Special groups auditions - Year 5-8 children** – are now open.
- If your child is interested please visit the Festival website [www.musicfestival.school.nz](http://www.musicfestival.school.nz) where all the information and application form is available.
- Audition applications close on the last day of Term 1, please see Mrs Mahoney if you have any further questions.