ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

23rd October 2007—Term 4 Week 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we return, wearing our summer uniforms and heralding the start of warmer weather. Well - we wait for it in eager anticipation!

Last week I had the privilege of teaching in the Senior Room. Realising that Room 4 were rostered to do the newsletter work, I suggested that we should help write the newsletter as a class project. Hence many of the articles featured below are written by the students, giving them more ownership of what is presented to our community.

I am pleased to announce that I have met with Graeme Roil (the Diocesan Schools' Manager) and he has informed me that our alterations to the Administration Block will be starting in the very near future. Something exciting for us all to look forward to.

On a sadder note, I would like to inform you of the passing of one of our treasured Mission Sisters last week. Sister Gemma was a teacher at St. Anthony's Catholic School for many, many years. She taught a number of our present Parents/Grandparents and was much loved by all who knew her. Sister Gemma passed into Our Lord's hands at the age of 93. May she rest in peace.

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

21 September

Room 1: Stella Bredenbeck & Sara-Louise Turton—for an amazing terms work.

Room 2: Jaynie Yang—for living the 'fruits of the Holy Spirit' by displaying patience and tolerance in a group situation. A great group leader.
Cullum Barclay—for an outstanding effort in completing all Science experiments and getting them written up.
Moses Vakameilalo—for showing great responsibility during classroom clean-up time and being a positive role model for classmates..

Room 3: Seini Vakameilalo, Michael P., Logan King &Hayden P.—for 100% Attendance in Term 3.
Sam Powell & Annie Yang—for 100% in their Times Tables.

Room 4: Celeste Sturch—for awesome achievements in Numeracy.
Michaela Hodge—for maintaining excellent work habits through out all of Term 3—keep it up!.

Twilight Gala

Get your family and your friends together! We're holding a Christmas Twilight Gala on the 30th November and you're invited! The Gala starts at 4.30p.m. and there will be games run by each class. Come along for dinner! Enjoy yourself! The Gala is to raise money to refurbish and buy icons for the administration area. So come along. Have some FUN!!!

Auckland Zoo

Due to the generous funding from Solid Energy, we are able to go on a trip to the Auckland Zoo. This fits in with our term theme, 'Animals and Rainforests'. We are very lucky to have Mrs. McIntyre, who has previously taught at the Auckland Zoo and so will be able to organise some activities for us. Children need to be at school by 8.30a.m. on Wednesday 7th November. We will be departing at 9.00a.m. sharp. As the entire staff will be attending, the legal adult to child ratio of 1:7 will be met, therefore we will not be requiring extra parental assistance. Parents are most welcome to make their own arrangements for travel and entry, as bus seating is limited.

Welcome to . . .

. . . Erin McIntyre who joins the Year 5 group in Room 3. Erin's favourite hobbies are riding bikes and horses. Her sister has three horses named Ryan, Noddy and Happy that Erin is allowed to ride, so she has plenty of horses to choose from. We welcome Erin and her family to St. Anthony's Catholic School and Parish community. It is a pleasure to have you here.

Athletics

On Friday 9th of November our school will be holding our yearly Athletics Day. The events last the whole day and parents are welcome to come and watch their children participate in the games and join in the extra events.

Junior Mass

To all of the people that came to the Junior Mass on Thursday 18th October ...Thank You!!! It was lovely to see a lot of parents and caregivers there to see how beautifully the Juniors read those meaningful prayers and to sing along with the children to our school songs. It was a time to reflect on Jesus but also to think about family and how very important they are to our lives. An accident occurred recently just out of Huntly, where the parents of a boy were killed in a car crash. The boy, from St. Pius Catholic School in Hamilton would be devastated at this terrible time, so during Mass we prayed for that boy who no longer has his Mum or Dad around. At Junior Mass we sung, prayed and responded, knowing about our faith and how just by talking to God we can pray for our families and ask God to keep them safe. Thank you again to the parents and caregivers that came and also a HUGE!!! thank you to God for our families!!!

Mrs. Jackson's Farewell

Last Friday we farewelled Mrs. Jackson who has been the Principal of St. Anthony's Catholic School for about four years. We celebrated with a shared afternoon tea and an assembly. Mrs. Jackson had a speech and a slide show about all of her memories of our school. We wish Mrs. Jackson good luck for the future.

Club Group Day

On Thursday 18th October 2007, schools combined together and had something like a calf club, but a lot bigger and they called it 'Group Day'. Entrants had to be at group day by 9.00a.m. The judging started at 10.00a.m. Luke Foster went down with his calf and gained second place for leading. Zane Ralph received fifth place, Zane Neill came fourth, Jordyn Ralph got second and Samantha Proud got fifth. Next was rearing so entrants entered the ring. While they were there, they received notice that a hail storm was coming and Luke Foster and his calf got wet. Luke came fifth for rearing, Zane Ralph got first, Zane Neill got fourth, Jordyn Ralph received a first and also Champion, Samantha Proud received second place. The sun then came out and the last event for the calves was Dairy Type. Luke Foster received first place. The last group event was with the lambs - three people walked together and lead their lambs. It was the end of the day and everyone packed up and went home.

Summer Uniform

It is compulsory for your children to have a school sunhat, as we are a 'Sunsmart' school and it is a vital part of their school uniform. It is now also compulsory for every child to be wearing their full summer uniform. Boys' uniform being black sandals (preferably Roman) school shorts and polo-shirt with the girls' uniform being the black sandals, school dress and blue or black hair ties. Year 7 & 8 girls have the option of wearing the school skirt and polo-shirt. Any child whose hair is longer than shoulder length, is required to have their hair tied up.

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St. Anthony's Catholic School wishes to acknowledge and thank Solid Energy for their generous support.

Young Vinnies Update Report

Welcome to the last term of 2007. This year the Vinnies have done a lot of work to try and entertain St. Anthony's School pupils, such as the Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. This was a great success and we all enjoyed ourselves. Especially the Vinnies who had a lot of fun organising this special day and seeing all the smiles on people's faces when they went hunting for those yummy Easter eggs. This term the Vinnies are planning to clean the St. Anthony's Catholic Church. We know that this would not be their first choice of jobs to do, but they do this to show their appreciation to the Parish who let us use the Church every term for our School Mass. They will also be visiting the Kimihia Rest Home as they normally do each term. As it is the last term and it is near Christmas, they may plan something for the Rest Home such as a Christmas Card or singing some Christmas Carols. At their last meeting of the term, the Vinnies will be having a shared lunch. Unfortunately for some, this will only be for the Vinnies and not the rest of the school, as Sally Scott (Vinnies Co-ordinator) would like to present certificates to the members and talk about everything they have done this term. This will also be an occasion to say goodbye because some Vinnies will be leaving at the end of the year to head off to College. The St. Vincent de Paul group would like to thank the students for an awesome year and also to thank all the teachers and staff for their support.

Pass it On . . . Join the Library Now! . . .

The Library offers you a wealth of information and recreation.

Their Junior Collection:
- ▶ Board Books
- ▶ Picture Books
- ▶ Languages
- ▶ Bilingual
- ▶ Te Reo
- ▶ Readers
- ▶ DVD
- ▶ CD
- ▶ CD-ROM
- ▶ VIDEO

Their Adult Collection
- ▶ A collection of topics to suit all interests
- ▶ Maori Collection
- ▶ Reference Collection
- ▶ Genealogy
- ▶ Language Tapes

Fiction
- ▶ Graphic Novels
- ▶ Large Print
- ▶ Books on CD or Cassettes

Fiction/Non-Fiction
- ▶ Graphic Novels
- ▶ Young Adult Collection

The Library Pay Collection consists of DVD, CD-ROM, Music CD and Video collections. Other benefits include free internet for members, free online databases on numerous subjects which Waikato District Libraries subscribe to, newspapers and magazines to suit all tastes.

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Baptism Classes

The introductory session to our Baptism Programme will begin this week. The first class will be held on Wednesday in Room 1 at 3.30p.m. If you have not yet registered your interest and would like to come along—feel free to join us, as this first get together will be an informal meeting to discuss the programme and answer any questions which you may have.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday October	27	Kylee Levin & Deon Vandy
Saturday November	3	Tiaan Nepe & Celeste Sturch

The Watties Cans Film Festival

Lights, camera, cans! The 14th Annual Wattie's Cans Film Festival is coming soon to a cinema near you! Just by taking along a can of food to your local participating cinema, you'll get entry into one of the latest blockbuster movies. The big night is on Wednesday November 7 but you can pick up tickets from Monday October 29. All donated cans will help the Salvation Army Christmas food banks so even if you can't make it to the movies, be sure to donate a can or two for the cause. Wattie's also matches every can donated by the public, to help give the food banks a much needed boost. The Festival is a great night out with the family while at the same time helping out a great cause. Movies on show include The Simpsons Movie, Bridge to Terabithia, Shrek the Third and heaps more! Check out your local cinema for session times.

Sacred Heart Girls' College Reunion (1980)

If you started at Sacred Heart Girls' College in the 1980 intake or joined them later on, they would like to invited you to a reunion being held in Hamilton on Saturday 3 November. They have arranged for a tour of the college, starting at 4pm, which will then be followed by an informal dinner in town where everyone can have a good catch-up. For further details please contact either Paula White, phone: (07)8495364, email: theplayles@paradise.co.nz or Vicky Fabling phone: (07)8491167, email: vicki.fabling@xtra.co.nz

Wearable Artz Winner

Featured below is Kathryn Ralph wearing St. Anthony's Catholic Schools' winning entry 'Faces Within a Face' at the recent Wearable Arts Awards. This entry won First Prize of $500.00 in the 'As Black As Coal' section which was kindly sponsored by Solid Energy. The entry also took the Novice Prize to the value of $200.00, which was sponsored by The Old Courthouse Café' and the B.P.W. Thank you to Dianne O'Hara, Jean Beverland and Kathryn Ralph for making this possible.

DEON'S PRAYER
Dear Lord,
Thank You for having healed Father Keane,
he can now resume our Masses -
such as the great Mass he held last week.
You have really blessed him
and us here at St. Anthony's Catholic School.
Thank You Lord.
AMEN.

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton **Pompallier** **Gaines** **Barbier** (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....