

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
6th November 2007—Term 4 Week 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Zoo Trip which was to take place tomorrow, has had to be postponed because of the predicted bad weather. To enable the children to have the best learning experience, we have been advised to attend in good weather, which will enable our children to do the 'hands on' activities which have been planned. The trip will now take place on Wednesday, 21st November.

Last week Mrs. Glenys Hoyes' father passed away so we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Glenys and her family. Glenys was a dedicated teacher here at St. Anthony's for several years. Both Julie and I will be attending the funeral because of our great friendship and as representatives of St. Anthony's Catholic School.

Last Saturday—true to his word—Mr. K returned to school to mark out our Athletics field in preparation for this Friday's Athletics Day. We spent several hours working, along with Mr. Beex and his daughter Harriet, to help ensure that we would have a successful day. Due to a prior commitment to a Religious Education course I am presently doing, I will be in Rotorua on Friday and Saturday, therefore unfortunately I will be unable to be present on this day.

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

- 26 October**
Room 1: Daniel Wilshaw—for a good effort at Athletics.
 Rema-Rose Saki—for improvement in Writing.
Room 2: Grace Beddis—for showing the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit'-kindness.
 Ethan Steiner—for being a kind & caring big brother to Maia this week.
 Isaac Vandy—Birthday Boy!!!
Room 3: Jayden Vandy—the Times Table & Maths Champion!
 Sam Powell—for always being on task & being a hard worker.
 Seini Vakameilalo—for constantly showing kindness to everyone around her.
 Jasmine Strawbridge—for having a strong faith & contributing at Prayer Time.
Room 4: Harriet Beex—for showing kindness and helping others.
 Taylah Paul-Kaponga—for her positive attitude & for being a good role model.

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- Room 1:** Stella Bredenbeck—for constantly giving her best in everything she does.
 Kevin O'Hara—for always giving 100%.
Room 2: Ben White—for an awesome effort in Reading.
 Jordyn Ralph—for fantastic progress in Reading.
Room 3: Hayden P.—for awesome effort & never giving up.
 Mitchell Beddis—for natural leadership in Sports.
Room 4: Terry Wilshaw—for participating brilliantly in Athletics.
 Michaela Hodge—for always giving 110% in her school work.

Baptism Classes

At our School Mass on the 24th November, three people from our school community are to be baptised. This is an exciting time for our School and Parish as we will have the opportunity to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Jordyn Ralph, James and Matthew Brennan will become a part of our School and Parish Community. James starts school on the 26th November. There will be two more classes in preparation for this Sacrament. The next ones will be Wednesday 14 November here at school and the final preparation class will be down at the Church on Wednesday 21st November. We look forward to everyone in our community supporting this awesome Sacrament and being there to witness our children being baptised.

Altar Servers

This Thursday 8th November we will be having an instruction class on how to Altar Serve for our newly confirmed children. Mr. John O'Connell has kindly offered to prepare them. If any Altar Server would like a recap on what to do, you are more than welcome to attend. We will meet down at the Church at 3.30p.m. and should only take 45 minutes to an hour. John and I can take the children down to the Church. Could you please arrange someone to pick them up. We look forward to the children serving our Church Community in one simple way. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Karen O'Reilly at school.

School Mass

Our combined Parish and School Mass will be on Saturday 24th November. There is an expectation of full participation by our school families, as this is a Special Character highlight of term. As part of this celebration, three of our children will be receiving the initial Sacrament of the Catholic faith, Baptism. We would love to see you there. There will be a shared supper afterwards, so please bring a plate of food to share, that would be wonderful.

DIARY

November	6	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.
November	9	School Athletics, 11.00a.m. start
November	14	North Waikato Athletics, Rooms 3 & 4
November	15	Young Vinnies Meeting, 1.00p.m.
November	17	Dragstrip Clean-up
November	21	Auckland Zoo Trip, 8.30a.m.
November	22	Junior Mass, 9.05a.m.
November	24	School/Parish Mass & Baptisms, 5.30p.m.
November	27	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.
November	29	Young Vinnies Meeting, 1.00p.m.
November	30	School/Parish Christmas Gala, 4.30p.m.
December	6	Reconciliation, 9.45a.m. Community Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30a.m.
December	11	School Prizegiving, Huntly Workingmen's Club, 6.30p.m.
December	13	Adoration, 9.45a.m. Young Vinnies Meeting, 1.00p.m.
December	14	World Youth Day Mufti, Gold Coin Donation
December	18	Mass at Church, 9.30a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.
December	20	Last Day of Term

Enrolments

With 2008 approaching very fast, we need to look at the structure of our school such as learning outcomes for all students, special learning requirements, class groups, new curriculum components, etc. To enable us to achieve the best for St. Anthony's Catholic School Children, it is essential that we are aware of all pending enrolments. If you know of any new Catholic children/families that will be enrolling at our school over the next year, please indicate to them the urgency of the need for them to make personal contact with the school. Alternatively, please indicate to us if you are planning on moving from the area and therefore need to transfer to another school, as there are several people on our waiting list.

NOT TO BE MISSED !!

LOCAL SHOWCASE

Student talent at it's best !!

Come and be entertained by our Local Youth:
 Huntly College Students
 Some past students
 along with a few primary school items

Hear them sing Watch the bands play

Saturday 10th November

7 pm

Huntly College Hall

\$3 entry

(Preschoolers free)

Tickets available at College office
 or DOOR \$10.00

Proceeds towards Performing Arts at
 Huntly College

Athletics Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our start time for Athletics will now be 11.00a.m. Children will change into their House colours at morning tea in preparation for the later start. Thank you to the two parents who have offered their assistance, we will be requiring several more to ensure a successful day. Please let Julie know as soon as possible if you can help. Parents who are able to help are requested to be at school at 10.30a.m. so they can be informed of the various activities which have been assigned to them. Please ensure that your children are wearing hats and that they have a water bottle and a packed lunch as their will be no orders for bought lunches on this day.

**ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL & PARISH
 TWILIGHT
 GALA**

**Friday-4.30p.m.
 30th November**

Fun for all

**Candy Floss, White Elephant, Raffles, Games,
 Lucky Dips, Craft Stalls, Chocolates, Christmas
 Treasures, Pony Rides, Competitions, Books,
 Variety of Cuisine, something for everyone!!!!**

LUCKY DRAW

Welcome to ...

... Maia Steiner who joins her brother Ethan here at St. Anthony's. Maia is enjoying doing her work in the classroom, but she especially likes playing on the Junior Playground.



Altar Serving Roster

Saturday November 10	Jasmine Strawbridge & Sam Powell
Saturday November 17	Emily Dufty & Samuel Saki

From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Wow! Week Five—the term is half over!

In Religious Education we are finishing off our Communion of Saints strand. We then will be beginning to focus on Advent and Christmas.

Last week we celebrated two important days in the Church's calendar, that being All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day. On Thursday we had a wonderful Mass with Father Keane and prayed for the Saints in Heaven. We also had a Liturgy on Friday to pray for our loved ones in Heaven—this month of November is a special month in which we pray for and bear in mind our friends and family who have died.

In your family discussion time you could have conversations about:

- The importance of hope in the lives of Christians.
- Imagining what life after death will be like.
- Ways the Kingdom of God is present already on Earth.
- Living life to the full each day.

Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May God bless you and your families
 Karen O'Reilly (DRS)

Volunteers Needed

For events to succeed, we need you to put your hand up to be part of our team to enable our school activities to be awesome. Please think about how you can assist us this term by putting your name forward for the upcoming events. E.g. Athletics, School Gala, School Mass, Morning Tea, Prizegiving, etc.

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FAMILY PRAYER

*Lord of Heaven and Earth,
 We thank you for the gift of sight and of insight.
 In a world that is full of activity, healing and work,
 We pray for the Holy Spirit
 To help us see all situations from different points of view.*

*May we who are working together,
 Continue to listen and to learn from each other,
 Guided always by Your eternal wisdom.
 AMEN.*

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I have received and read my newsletter.
 Poynton _____ Pompallier _____ Gaines _____ Barbier (child to circle name of house) _____
 Name of Child/Children.....
 Parents/Caregivers Signature.....