

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
20th November 2007—Term 4 Week 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I feel very privileged to have been appointed to the permanent position as Principal of St. Anthony's Catholic School. I look forward to all of the challenges that lie ahead, knowing that with the support of our School/Parish Community, we will together further develop and grow our school to ensure it is a thriving Catholic learning centre.

Last Tuesday the Parishioners held their usual monthly luncheon at the Parish Centre, but this month they were thrilled to be given the opportunity to listen to Samuel Saki's winning speech. They were very impressed with both the content and the manner in which Samuel delivered his speech. It pleased them greatly to know just how proud our students felt about being Catholic.

Yesterday, a group of students who did well at our School Athletics, attended the Interschool Athletics held at the Huntly West Sports Complex. They had a very successful day and achieved some excellent results for St. Anthony's Catholic School, with several wins including the Senior Girl's Relay. A big thank you to all those who assisted with transport, supervision, etc. ensuring a successful day for all. Special thanks must go to Miss Hull who contributed greatly in the planning, running and organisation of teams for both our own School Athletics and the Interschool ones.

Tomorrow we will be going on our much awaited trip to the Auckland Zoo, so the whole school will be there. Please remember that your children must be wearing their correct uniform including their hats, as the weather is going to be lovely and sunny. The children will need to take their morning tea, lunch and a drink as they will not be permitted to buy items at the Zoo. As we had to change dates, the children will not be having formal class sessions at the Zoo and they will be required to stay with their adult supervisor for the entire day. The bus will now be leaving promptly at 8.30am, so please ensure your children are at school by 8.15am. We will be returning by 3.00pm.

*Hazel Rayner*

**Assembly Awards**

**16 Novmeber**

- Room 1:** Timothy Kirkhams—Welcome to St. Anthony's.  
Rema—Rose Saki & Alexander Dufty—for consistent work ethics.
- Room 2:** Room 2 Class—for making their teacher very proud and doing well in their tests.  
Luke Foster—for showing exceptional leadership skills.
- Room 3:** Quaid Bould—for success in his school Spelling test, with a top mark of 62/67.  
Danny O'Hara—for showing leadership and a top attitude.
- Room 4:** Deon Vandy—for his improvement in Numeracy.  
Sione Vakameilalo—for excellent Sportsmanship at Athletics.  
Jasmine Richards-Keagan—for wonderful improvement in her S.T.A.R. test.

**Athletics**

Friday 9th November was a beautiful hot, sunny day for our School Athletics. Children competed in High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, 100 metre and 200 metre Sprints, with the Juniors doing 60 metre Sprints. Frisbee Throwing and Target Throwing were also popular events. House Points for the day came in with Poynton in fourth place (14,800 points), in third place was Pompallier (25,000 points), in second place was Barbier (29,600 points) and the winning house for the day was Gaines (35,100 points). Thank you to all of the Parents that helped make the day such a great success and also to Miss Hull for organising a great day!



DIARY	
November 21	Auckland Zoo Trip, departs 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

**New Library Books!!!**

\$10,000 – a lot of money, right? Well thanks to the National Library, St. Anthony's Catholic School was granted this generous amount for new books for our Library. On Friday, Karen O'Reilly and Margaret O'Hara (our wonderful librarian) went up to Auckland and selected \$10,000 worth of fantastic books for our School Library. It was a wonderful day and the children are going to love the new additions to our library shelves! A huge thank you must go to the National Library. The children are going to benefit from 713 more non-fiction, fiction, picture books and comics in the Library. With all of these new books, there comes the job of covering them to help protect them from damage. If there are any parents who could spare a few hours to help out, Margaret would be most appreciative! There will be a 'How To . . . Hands On Workshop' at Kimihia School Hall on Thursday 29th November to help train people in the art of Book Covering and basic repair to damaged books. If you are available to attend the course to enable you to assist in the covering of our books, please let Julie know at the Office before this Friday 23rd November.

**Huntly Plunket Christmas Party**

You are invited to join Huntly Plunket celebrate Christmas at the Soccer Club, Huntly Domain on 24th November. Celebrations will begin at 11am and finish at 2.00pm, please bring a plate of food to share for lunch!

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you're invited to

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New Zealand has one of the world's highest rates of Asthma  
1 in 8 people are affected by asthma

Do you often have shortness of breath?  
Do you suffer from wheezing & coughing?  
Do you wake up at night with breathing problems?

Join us for informal conversation  
Personal assessments will be available

Where: Memorial Hall, Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia  
When: Wednesday 21 November 2007  
Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm  
Information sessions at 10:00am, 12:00pm and 2:00pm

Refreshments Provided

Proudly Supported by WDEHS, Community Health Services, Sign Miro Health and the Waikato Asthma Society  
For more information or a personal assessment with an Asthma Educator, please phone: Wynne Tibbets (07) 824 5128, Charm Elliott/Jacqui Rowan (07) 824 5048, Val Holland (07) 848 4451

**BEAUTIFUL BROWN**

**EAT YOUR COLOURS!**  
CELEBRATING EATING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

**BROWN** Eat and vegetables to help your body fight disease

**EAT ME**

- as marasmium on the barbecue
- as brown peas in your soups
- as bamboo shoots in a stir fry
- as dates and sultanas in a mix pack

For more recipes check out [www.vegetables.co.nz](http://www.vegetables.co.nz)

**WICKED WHITE**

**EAT YOUR COLOURS!**  
CELEBRATING EATING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

**WHITE** Eat and vegetables for a healthy digestive system

**EAT ME**

- as mountain of mashed potatoes
- as aizzling stir fried onions
- as cauliflower smothered in cheese sauce
- as roast parsnips with pumpkin and potatoes

For more recipes check out [www.vegetables.co.nz](http://www.vegetables.co.nz)

**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 . . .**

. . . Timothy who joins his brother Joshua here at St. Anthony's. Timothy likes riding his bike and helping to feed his Mum's horses and of course he enjoys lots of playing!!!



**Altar Serving Roster**

- Saturday November 24 Jayden & Deon Vandy
- Saturday December 1 Kylee Levin & Hayden Pearson

**From the DRS**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Love**—Over the next couple of weeks we will be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit - Love. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Love. What can love do? How can we be more loving to each other? As a school and parish community I encourage you to show love to others in simple ways. This could simply be through prayer, through helping out a friend, serving others and by showing love and kindness to those around us. Christ is the ultimate form of love! He sacrificed his life for each of us - let us remember the love that Jesus gives us each and every day.

In our RE teaching the children will be finishing off the Communion of Saints strand this week. Next week we move into teaching Advent, this being a wonderful time to share that Fruit of the Spirit, Love .

On Thursday we have our Junior Mass, this will be celebrated at school at 9.00am. You are more than welcome to attend.

On Saturday night, it is our final School Mass for the year. All children are expected to be at the Church by 5.20pm for a 5.30pm start. I encourage you all to attend with your children, as this will be a wonderful Mass. We will be celebrating and sharing in the baptisms of Jordyn Ralph, James and Matthew Brennan. James will begin school on 26<sup>th</sup> November and Matthew in a couple of year's time.

May God bless you and your families.

Karen O'Reilly (DRS)

**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

*We thank you, O God,*

*For those people who are channels of Your love in our lives:*

*For those who gave us birth, and,*

*In the weakness of our infancy,*

*Sheltered, nurtured, and treasured us.*

*For those who taught us to walk, to talk,*

*And to explore tastes, smells, sounds,*

*And to experience the warmth of belonging and embracing.*

*For those who overlooked our faults and affirmed our strengths,*

*And the friends young and old who share our tears and laughter.*

*We thank you Lord, for the people of strong faith,*

*Who stretch our minds and enlarge our capacity to explore*

*And understand Your ways.*

*For those at every stage of our journey who teach us trust by trusting*

*us, who enable us to love others*

*Through the experience of being loved.*

*We thank you for those very sincere people*

*Who have demonstrated the joys and disciplines*

*Of the Kingdom of God,*

*And especially people who have taught us to love You,*

*Rather than be afraid of You.*

*God of love, God of Jesus,*

*For those healing experiences of growth and loving,*

*And for the knowledge that the best is yet to come,*

*We praise Your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.....