

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
19th February 2008—Term 1 Week 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to firstly welcome everyone back from what I hope was a fantastic summer holiday and an especially warm welcome to all the New Families joining us here at St. Anthony's, we look forward to getting to know you all in the coming year.

Most of you already know me but for those of you who don't, my name is Hazel Rayner and it is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Principal of St. Anthony's Catholic School. I have taught in various year levels at several different schools for more than 20 years but this is my first year being Principal. I have lived here in Huntly for more than 20 years, I am married to Grant and have two adult children both of whom attended St. Anthony's. St. Anthony's has great special character and I love being part of the Catholic Family both within the school and in the wider community and Parish. I have a wonderful staff this year and am excited about the year ahead.

Now it is my absolute pleasure to introduce the Teaching staff for 2008:

Tena koutou katoa. My name is Linda Belczacki born and raised in Invercargill, Southland. However I have spent my adult life in the North Island. I have taught at St. Joseph's, Levin and St. Matthews, Marton. I am now living in Huntly and have the pleasure of teaching the year 7 and 8 students in Room 4. They are a wonderful group of children and made my transition into St. Anthony's an easy one. Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

My name is Patsy Wisniewski and I am the teacher in Room 2. Originally from Taranaki, I made the move to the Waikato two years ago. I have two children, a daughter who is at Sacred Heart and a son who has just completed his secondary school training. I came to St. Anthony's in Term 3 of last year, after completing a long term relieving contract at Marion school in Hamilton. It is my pleasure to be back at St. Anthony's this year.

Hi, I'm Dianne Beanland, I'm back from my leave and my daughter Paige is doing well. Having taught in Room 3 in 2006 I'm really looking forward to working with the new entrants in Room 1. I'm married to David who is a Senior Fire Fighter at Central in Hamilton and we have three teenage children. I am really excited about my return to teaching and looking forward to working with the junior students this year.

Hello, my name is Jan Wolstenholme and I am the teacher of Room 3, which is a composite class of year 4, 5 and 6 children. I live in Hamilton and commute daily. I am an experienced teacher and have taught year 7 and 8 students over a number of years in a variety of schools. Originally from Auckland I trained at Auckland Teachers College. I am a keen photographer and love reading, writing, travelling and the beach.

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

15 February

Room 1: Trinity Whyte, Storm Rahman, Tiraha Nepia, Rainald Valondo, E.J. Hizon, Manuera Nusipepa—Welcome. Maia Steiner—for being supportive in class.

Room 2: Jade Ivory-Tauroa & Liam Wilshaw—for being helpful and responsible in class. Victoria Whyte & Ben Tukuafu—Welcome.

Room 3: Jayden Vandy & Samuel Saki—for being helpful in class. Maake & Tangi Tukuafu, Jahmin Nepia, Wendy Moeakiola—Welcome.

Room 4: Calvin Mackie-Cooling—for settling in well and welcome to school. Sione Vakameilalo—for giving good support to new members of our school. Kylee Levin—for encouraging and supporting everyone in class.

Parish News

Evangelisation Evening: Everyone is invited to attend the Evangelisation event featuring David Payne (an English Evangelisation expert). There will be two events, one in Hamilton and one in Mt. Maunganui at:

St. Thomas More, Wednesday 20th February at 7.00p.m.

St. Joseph's Fairfield, Thursday 21st February at 7.00p.m.

The event will be highlighted by a film made in Israel specifically for our Diocese and a cameo by Fr. Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household, and local input. The focus will be how we can evangelise in this modern age. The Bishop will be present at both presentations.

Understanding the Catholic Faith Classes: Fr. Keane will be holding classes on 'Understanding the Catholic Faith' as a preparation for those who may wish to become Catholic. At present, three adults have expressed a desire to take part, but Father Keane would like to extend an invitation to all that wish to have a greater understanding of the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in attending these classes, please let us or Father Keane know.

DIARY

- February 21 Junior Mass, Room 1 at 9.05a.m.
- February 26 B.O.T. Meeting, 7.00p.m.
- March 6 Senior Mass, Room 4 at 9.05a.m.
- March 12 Parent Goal Setting Interviews
- March 13 St. Anthony's Swimming Sports at School
- March 15 Palm Sunday & School Mass, Church-5.20p.m.

Thank You

I would like to thank the Goodall family for the generous donation of a new rugby ball for our students. I'm sure it will be put to good use on the football field!!! Also a huge thank you to Pat Steiner, Zane Vandy and his boys, John Woodman, Sharon and Grace Beddis, Rebecca Barclay and Dianne Beanland for their help with the Working Bee we had to tidy up our grounds for the beginning of the year. House points will be allocated to your children's houses next week. Your hard work was most appreciated!

Term House Points

Pompallier	8,500	Poynton	3,400
Barbier	5,600	Gaines	4,800

Swimming

This term, while the weather remains beautiful and sunny, all children will be given swimming lessons every afternoon. Swimming is an essential skill and is part of our N.Z. Curriculum, therefore children are required to have a note if they are unable to take part. To ensure all children are able to swim in the afternoon, the lunch hour has been changed to 12 noon until 1p.m. Please note that Assembly for Term 1 will be held at 9a.m. each Friday morning to accommodate the swimming programme.

Free Mobile Ear Clinic Service for Children

Ear Nurse, Suzie Cairns, would like to inform all families that this free community service will be available shortly in our district. The clinic will provide Glue Ear Assessment and Management, Treatment of Discharging Ears, Grommet Checks and Wax/Foreign Body Removal. The Mobile Clinic will be available between 9.00a.m.-1.00p.m. at the following venues:

Huntly West School	20th February
Huntly Primary School	21st February
Kimihia Primary School	10th April
Huntly Main Street	17th April

For enquiries regarding this service, please contact the Mobile Ear Clinic on: Mobile—021930463; Phone—(07)8248646 Ext. 109; Fax (07)8248693

Uniform and Jewellery

A reminder that the correct uniform must be worn at all times, with only blue or black hair ties and black sandals allowed. If for any reason correct school uniform is not worn, a signed note from home explaining the reason must be brought to school on the day. Please ensure children wear their footwear to and from school. A reminder also that no jewellery other than a wrist-watch; gold, silver or blue ear studs and neck chains depicting a faith or cultural symbol may be worn (at the discretion of the school). Any other jewellery worn, will be confiscated until the end of term.

Farewell Kazuya!

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Kazuya Kurosawa. Kazuya joined us from Japan in April of 2007 and has been an invaluable help in the classrooms, teaching the children about Japanese culture and language. Unfortunately Kazuya has to return to Japan. We will be saying goodbye to Kazuya at Assembly next Friday at 9.00a.m. if you would like to come along to join us.

Welcome to... all of our new entrants in 2008. We have been blessed with several new families joining our community and a number of past pupils returning. We welcome you all and we are sure you will have a long and happy association with St. Anthony's Catholic School.



Back row— Victoria Whyte, Wendy Moeakiola, Maake Tukuafu, Mere kara Simon-Wharakura, Tiraha & Jahmin Nepe, Calvin Mackie-Cooling.

Front row— Trinity Whyte, Manuera Nusipepa, Ben Tukuafu, Storm Rahman, Rainald Valondo, Ericho (E.J.) Hizon, (Absent—Tangi Tukuafu).

Refugee and Migrant Service

In April, the Refugee and Migrant Service are expecting three more families to arrive in Hamilton—one of which will be a young Colombian family with a new born! If you missed the training for the last intake of refugees—the Migrant Service have a new training course starting on the 5th March. If you're interested, please contact Clare or Rachel on (07) 853 2195 or mms-ham@mms.org.nz. For more information visit www.mms.org.nz.

Mountain Bike Event

Doing anything next holidays? Start it with a blast by doing the Ohope Ordeal. This is a fun 25 or 50km mountain bike ride through the beautiful Ohope region, happening on Saturday 19th April. They have great spot prizes and plenty of entertainment for your support crew. They even have professional childcare available so you can share the experience with your partner. Register by the end of February and get discounted entry plus go in the draw for earlybird prizes such as trips to White Island and luxury accommodation. See www.ohopecordeal.org.nz for details and registration.

You Save Three Lives When You Donate Blood!!!

The N.Z. Blood Service will be visiting our town again at the TRINITY CHURCH HALL, Corner of William and Onslow Streets, on Thursday 21 February 2008 between 3.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. 80% of us will need a blood product in our lifetime. This means that fewer than 5% of the people in our communities are supporting 100% of blood needs. A common misconception is that donated blood goes mostly to accident victims in need of a blood transfusion. In reality, in New Zealand 27% of blood products go to cancer patients, 18% go to surgical patients and heart disease patients use 14%, only 7% go to accident victims. N.Z. Blood need blood and blood product above and beyond that for emergency procedures—they need it for everyday procedures too. Add to this the fact that blood lasts 35 days and the ongoing need for it is further highlighted. Please remember to bring your Donor Card or Identification, i.e. blood donor card, drivers licence, passport. Please call to arrange an appointment on 0800 GIVE BLOOD (0800 448 325), or Sue Nix from N.Z. Blood can be contacted on 0275 402 933 or email sue.nix@nzblood.co.nz. Thank you in advance for supporting this vital community service.

Fundraising

The 'Friends of the School' is a school group formed to help support school ventures and carry out fundraising activities to raise money for different school events/equipment. We would like to re-activate this group again this year, so we are asking for names of people who would like to be involved to be left at the Office for 'Mrs. W. who will be the staff representative. We can then form a committee and get things going. We will start the ball rolling with a Spring Bulb fundraiser which is included with this newsletter. Buy these great gift plants for Easter (Sunday 23rd March) or white flowers for Mother's Day (11th May). Whatever the occasion, flower bulbs make a wonderful gift! Please obtain as many orders as you can to make this a worthwhile fundraiser, then return your order to the Office. Separate to the 'Friends of the School' is a parent group formed to raise funds for their children's trip to Italy—this is called 'St. Anthony's Vatican Experience' and they will be doing their own independent fundraising which may be advertised through our school newsletter from time to time. They currently have a Cadbury's Chocolate fundraiser going, with an ipod up for grabs for the person who sells the most. There are only a few boxes left - if you would like one of these they are available from Julie at the Office.

Ohinewai Netball Club

A muster for all primary school aged children will be held on Wednesday 20th February, 6.00p.m. at St. Anthony's School Courts. If you are unable to attend the muster but wish to play, please notify Karen Wightman on 828 4681 or Trish Foy on 828 9042.

Wanted Urgently—House to Let

A house is wanted urgently to rent for one of our parents and her two school children. Can pay between \$150 - \$250 per week and up to \$500 bond. Please phone 021 215 9056.

Parent Appointments with Teachers

If parents/caregivers wish to see their child's teacher for any reason, all teachers will be available in their classrooms every morning between 8.30a.m. and 9.00a.m. If this is not a suitable time for parents/caregivers, they will need to make an appointment which is suitable for both teacher and parent/caregiver.



Looking for your First Home?

Not sure where to start?

You're invited to come along to our annual

FIRST HOME BUYERS SEMINAR
TUESDAY 26TH February 2008
At 7.00p.m.
Harcourts, 80 Main Street, Huntly.

An informal information evening for those looking to enter the property market. Speakers include a mortgage broker, solicitor and real estate professional, outlining their individual roles in the purchasing process, what to expect and what to ask.

An absolutely no obligation evening, to register your interest please call:

Michelle Earby on 828 8426 or email
michelle@harcourtswaikato.co.nz

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday February	23	Kylee Levin & Tiaan Nepe
Saturday March	1	Sam Powell & Deon Vandy

From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Firstly, let me introduce myself. My name is Linda Belczacki; known to the children as Whaea Linda. I was born and raised in Invercargill, however I have lived in Taranaki, Manawatu and Horowhenua. I have moved into the beautiful warm Waikato over the holidays and into the town of Huntly early February. My role as D.R.S. I see as a privilege and a joyful challenge. I hope to share some insight and information in each newsletter on what we are learning and sharing for Religious Education. I can honestly say St. Anthony's is a beautiful school, very welcoming and we are blessed with some amazing children and staff.

We had a wonderful first day prayer assembly and afternoon liturgy where we all received the ashes as preparation for Lent. Lent as we know, is a time for prayer, fasting and alms-giving, a time to renew our relationship with God and with each other. Our students have made some Lenten promises and around the school there are some great displays depicting this season.

Finally, I found this prayer I would like to share with you as the first teachers of our students.

Jesus, Teacher most wise, make your home in us and help us to make our home in you.

You have no body now but ours.

Help us to use our hands to reach out in love to the students we teach.

To use our feet to do good wherever we walk.

To see, as You do, with eyes of compassion And to act with tika, pono and aroha in all we do.

Help us teach who we are, by who we are.

We ask this, confident in Your promise

That You are with us always until the end of time.

Amen.

God bless,
Linda Belczacki (D.R.S.)



I have received and read my newsletter.

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

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....