

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
4th March 2008—Term 1 Week 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term is flying by. To date there has been a tremendous amount of testing carried out by the teachers in order for them to plan suitable programmes for all students to achieve their full potential. The teachers are working extremely hard to establish positive relationships and great learning environments within their classes and for our school. Even at this early stage of the year, every classroom has wonderful displays, reflecting their class culture of excellence. I am sure you will be impressed, as I have been, when you attend the Goal Setting Interviews next Wednesday afternoon.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

22 February

Room 1: Timothy Kirkham—for showing respect to others.
Katy Yang—for great word recognition.

Room 2: Victoria Whyte—for showing respect to both teachers and fellow classmates.

Merekara Simon-Wharakura—Welcome.
Jemma Goodall—for showing great improvement in her swimming—a true mermaid in the making!

Room 3: Tangi Tukuafu—for being an awesome swimmer.
Michael Paki—for his improved attitude.

Room 4: Logan King—for always being respectful and polite to everyone.
Michaela Hodge—for having a mature and respectful attitude and excellence in her academic results.

29 February

Room 1: Rainald Valondo & E.J. Hizon—for their good effort in settling in to the school.

Room 2: Sara-Louise Turton & Joshua Kirkham—for working to a really fantastic standard.

Room 3: Maake Tukuafu—for obtaining 100% in his Basic Facts Test. Well done!

Tiaan Nepe—for being a responsible class member.
Joshua Hart—for being responsible and for his improved behaviour.

Room 4: Quaid Bould—for his progress in Reading and his excellent results.

Emily Duffy—for her excellent work ethic and her independent capabilities in all areas.

School Swimming Sports.

The children have been learning a lot of new skills, and reinforcing existing techniques, during swimming lessons this year. They are really looking forward to showing you at swimming sports this Friday afternoon, 7 March, how they have progressed. This event will be held at our School Pool at 1.00p.m.; there will be a picnic lunch beforehand on the field. All parents are invited, just pack a picnic lunch for you and your children and get to school by 12.00 noon. The programme outline is as follows:

1.00p.m.—1.30p.m: Rooms 1 & 2 Group Demonstrations
1.30p.m.—2.00p.m: Room 3 Demonstration
2.00p.m.—2.30p.m: Room 4 Demonstration
2.30p.m.—3.00p.m: House Relays

Selected children will be representing our school at the Interschool Swimming Sports at Te Kauwhata on Tuesday, 11 March. A note will go home for those children that have been selected on Thursday. We hope you can make it along on Friday to support your children. This event is designed to be fun and we hope you enjoy it as much as the children will.

Condolences

Our sympathies go out to Marc, Katherine, Zane and Jordyn Ralph and their family, who have recently lost a much loved Father, Father-in-Law and Poppa. Lou Ralph passed away suddenly last Thursday. He was also the cherished Uncle of Julie Grut our Secretary, and Cousin to Dianne Beanland our Room 1 Teacher. He will be deeply missed by many and I ask that you keep him in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Spring Bulb Catalogue Orders

Thank you to those of you have returned your bulb orders. If you still wish to

make an order, please have your orders in to Julie at the Office by this Friday. There are some wonderful items for sale, which would enhance any area of your garden!

DIARY

March	6 Senior Mass, Room 4 at 9.05a.m.
March	7 School Swimming Sports.
March	11 Interschool Swimming Sports, Te Kauwhata.
March	12 Parent Goal Setting Interviews.
March	15 Palm Sunday & School Mass, Church-5.20p.m.
April	10 Senior Mass at Church, 9.30a.m.
	Mobile Ear Clinic, Kimihia Primary School.
April	17 Huntly Main Street.
April	18 Last Day of Term.

Student Leaders for 2008

We are very pleased to be able to announce our new Student Leaders for 2008. As these people have been voted into their positions by their peers and teachers, we know that they already have respect within the school community. We look forward to seeing them represent St Anthony's Catholic School at sporting, and wider community events, as well as showing great leadership within the school. Congratulations go to the following people:

Prefects: Deon Vandy and Kylee Levin

House Captains:

Barbier: Captain – Calvin Mackie-Cooling
Vice Captain: Jessica Peden
Gaines: Captain - Luke Foster
Vice Captain – Sione Vakameilalo
Pompallier: Captain – Logan King
Vice Captain – Dion Vandy
Poynton: Captain – Kylee Levin
Vice Captain – Sam Powell



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Youth Resource Co-ordinator

We are seeking an enthusiastic, energetic and creative person for this permanent, fulltime position. The Youth Resource Co-ordinator is responsible for youth resources and formation material, both online and hardcopy, in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. The Youth Resource Co-ordinator also works in support of the Catholic Youth Department, supporting events and activities, and working alongside the Catholic Youth Mission Team.

The preferred applicant will:

- Have experience in Catholic Youth Ministry, either volunteer or paid.
- Have a burning desire to see young peoples lives grow and deepen in the Catholic Faith.
- Possess top notch communication and presentation skills.
- Be an incredible team player.
- Be proactive.

Applications close March 7

For an application package please contact:

Reception
Catholic Diocese of Hamilton
PO Box 4353
51 Grey St
Hamilton
Phone: 07 8566989

St. Vincent de Paul Society

This term we have formed a 'Young Vinnies' group. 'Young Vinnies' are a group of young people who show their community how they care by doing services. We will be doing fun events to raise money for Safiatou and other people in our community. We would be more than grateful for any kind donations to help us carry out good works in and around our community. This term we are going to make cards with Easter eggs for the people in Kimihia home. Can we please have donations for Easter eggs and for art supplies to make cards? These are the four main positions in 'Young Vinnies': President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The elected people were:

President: Kylee Levin.
Vice President: Luke Foster.
Secretary: Logan King.
Treasurer: Peronne Grut.



From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are about to have our first Senior School Mass on Thursday at 9.15a.m. Hopefully you can come and join us in Room 4. The Junior School Mass was wonderful and a credit to Room 1 and 2 teachers and students. We are indeed blessed at St. Anthony's Catholic School, being able to celebrate Mass at school.

We are halfway through Lent already. The children are praying the Stations for Morning Prayer—Junior School pray the Children's Stations and the Senior School are praying a version that encourages us to step into the shoes of those who were present when Jesus was walking to be crucified. I am impressed at the reverence of all of the students. It is a beautiful way to pray and remember the reason for our freedom as Catholics today.

A Thought for the Season

We can't go back two thousand years to help Jesus on the first Good Friday, but we can remember some of Jesus' words:

"You are not My servants—you are My friends and I have chosen you to carry on My work of loving the world better. Love one another as I have loved you. If you do this then everyone will know that you are My friends. They will know that I am alive in you and you are alive in Me."

God bless,

Linda Belczacki (D.R.S.)

HOUSE POINTS

Pompallier	16,000	Poynton	10,300
Barbier	12,900	Gaines	13,400

LENTEN PRAYER

O good and dearest J̄esus, I kneel before your face.
With all my heart I ask you to place in my heart
more faith, hope and charity.
Give me a true sorrow for my sins
and a strong will to do better.
With great sorrow and grief
I look upon your five wounds and think about
them.

Before my eyes
are the words that the prophet David said of you,
O good J̄esus:

*"They have pierced my hands and feet
They have numbered all my bones."*

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.....