

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The last few weeks have been very busy with a number of special events being celebrated by our school community. Our School Swimming Sports, which began with a family picnic, was a wonderful fun afternoon for both participants and supporters. We were one of the few schools in the Huntly district, who held their own swimming sports, as the town pool was closed. We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful pool facility at our school. Competition amongst the houses for the Swimming Cup, was as fierce as ever. The winning house was Poynton (3,990) followed by Barbier (3,950), then Gaines (3,250) and Pompallier (2,800).

Last Friday, St. Anthony's became a sea of green with all of the staff and children wearing green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There was such an awesome response to the green theme fundraising, that our school raised a great total of \$415.40 for Caritas and we were also able to make a presentation of 'Green Goodies' to the residents of Kimihia Home. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for being so generous with both your time and gifts.

On Saturday we held our first School/Parish Mass which was beautifully celebrated for Palm Sunday, with a large gathering of the school and parish community beginning with a procession around the Church. I would like to take this opportunity to say a SPECIAL thanks to Linda Belczacki, our wonderful D.R.S., for all of her hard work preparing the children and for her wonderful voice. It was also heartening to see so many families coming along to support their children in their faith journey.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

7 March

Room 1: Storm Rahman—for showing kindness and compassion to others, "Well done!"

Room 3: Hayden P.—for picking up the bird and putting it outside. Charlee Cox—for academic excellence.

Room 4: Annie Yang—for her excellent progress in Swimming. Jessica Peden—for showing virtue and compassion to her classmates and the younger students in the playground. Michaela Hodge—for showing excellent leadership.

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Room 2: Christian Fabe—for completing all of his work to a high standard. Alexander Dufty—for always giving his best and trying hard.

Room 3: Tangi Tukuafu—Super Swimming Award. Mitchell Beddis—Great Writing Award.

Room 4: Jasmine Strawbridge—for representing our school with enthusiasm and dedication.

Maico Sotelo—for House leadership and fundraising skills.

Principal's Awards:

Whaea Linda—for a wonderful job organising the First Term School/Parish Mass.

Ben White—for attending School Mass on his birthday.

Michaela Hodge—for being an excellent role model.

Calvin Mackie-Cooling—for an excellent effort during Swimming Sports.

Soccer for All Ages

If you are interested in playing soccer, go and join the Huntly Thistle Soccer Club in Huntly. All primary and college ages are most welcome. It's fun and a great way to meet people and learn new skills. Training starts shortly so please call or text Loretta Rutene on 027 290 4350 or 828 7822 in the evening.

Interschool Swimming Sports

The North Waikato Inter-school Swimming Sports was held at the Te Kauwhata Pools on Tuesday of last week. We had nineteen participants from Rooms Three and Four. The day started out well with our Nine Year Old and Under Mixed Relay Team winning! We had a number of places spread across the age categories and different events. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the day immensely. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend, carry out jobs and provide transport. We have some very good swimmers at our school and congratulations to everyone who participated:

Blake Powell, Danny O'Hara, Deon Vandy, Emily Dufty, Jasmine Strawbridge, Jayden Vandy, Jessica Peden, Logan King, Luke Foster, Maake Tukuafu, Moses Vakameilalo, Oceana Kaponga, Renee Peden, Sam Powell, Sam

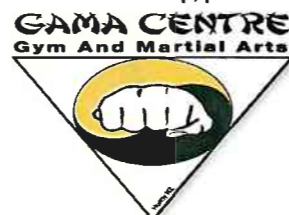
Proud, Samuel Saki, Sione Vakameilalo, Tangi Tukuafu and Tiaan Nepe.

DIARY

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| March | 25 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.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. |

Kids Klub

GAMA (Gym & Martial Arts) Centre, have been approached by a number of parents to assist with getting their children active and eating properly. Therefore they are now happy to offer a Kids Klub on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m., at 178 Main Street Huntly. Please note that at present they are only looking at children that need to be active. If you're interested then please go in and see them. The cost is \$28.00 per month. Ask for Kenia or Phillip, phone 828 7700.



The Funky Monkeys

N.Z.'s very own musical super-group for kids, The Funky Monkeys, are excited to announce they are finally touring New Zealand in a BIG way to celebrate the release of their new album, 'Get Up Go!'. This April School Holidays, the Hamilton show takes place at the Gateway Christian Centre, Thursday 1st May at 10a.m. Tickets are on sale now and available at www.ticketmaster.co.nz. Group discounts are available. One of the funky monkeys, Joe McNamara, is yet another past pupil of St. Anthony's Catholic School!!! They also have a competition running in partnership with the Children's Radio Show "That's the Story" aired on Classic Hits—our school could win a Free Funky Monkey Concert by voting at www.thatsthestory.co.nz. So make sure you lodge your vote!



Open Day

Wednesday 9th April, 2008
Tours at 1.00, 1.30 and 2.00 p.m.

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- Open Day is at the College on Wednesday 9th April, 2008. Tours are at 1.00, 1.30, and 2.00 p.m. All welcome.

- Places are available in Years 7 and 8 in 2009 with a limited number of vacancies available at other levels.

- Applications are prioritized according to the enrolment scheme - please refer to www.sacredheart.school.nz/enrolment.htm

- Full-time and weekly boarding is available in Years 9 - 13.

- Applications for both day boys and boarders close Wednesday 30th April, 2008.

- Enrolment Packs available - phone (09) 529 3660 extn 800 or e-mail vohrien@sacredheart.school.nz.

- For more information email admin@sacredheart.school.nz.



Saint Patrick's Day

A sea of green goodies were on offer at school last Friday on St. Patrick's Day. Pictured above is Father Pat resisting temptation and partaking of a healthier option—unlike Mrs. Rayner pictured right!!!

Welcome to . . .

. . . Brittyn and Shaun. Brittyn and Shaun's first day here at school was last Friday (St. Patrick's Day), so they had a fun-filled day. They both enjoy playing soccer and watching T.V. Their favourite activity at school so far, is playing on the Playground!!!



From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Holy Week has arrived already. How did you all go during Lent? We all know our God is a loving God and whatever we manage to do means we are blessed and whatever we fail to do, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

St Anthony's School had an amazing day last Friday; raising funds for Caritas. Over \$400 was raised and what a fantastic day. A big thanks to all the parents who supported us with baking, making and buying.

This is my favourite time of year. A time to remember what Jesus did for us. He died to set us free. Through His Resurrection, He conquered death and gave us the gift of eternal life. It is a time of remembrance, special masses, liturgies and prayers. It is also a time for family and in our very busy lives, taking time out for God and family is precious. Please join our parish family on Good Friday at 3pm and Easter Sunday for mass at 9am. Bring along flowers to lay on the cross as a sign of resurrection. It will be wonderful to share Easter with you all.

This Thursday at 1.30pm, we are having a Holy Thursday Liturgy. We will be looking at the different aspects, such as, the washing of the feet, Passover and Stations of the Cross. Please come along and share this liturgy with us.

God bless you and your family over the Easter Season,

Linda Belczacki


| HOUSE POINTS Term Totals to Date | | | |
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| Pompallier | 40,650 | Poynton | 21,050 |
| Barbier | 28,250 | Gaines | 31,300 |
| Weekly Points Winner Pompallier with 11,800 | | | |

LENTEN PRAYER

Christ who called Lazarus from the tomb,
You look on all people with compassion.
Give us courage to work for new life
for all those who experience hardship.

AMEN.



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

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton

Pompallier

Gaines

Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....