

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This has been the shortest school fortnight for some years because of Easter occurring during the term. Our Easter Celebrations began with an awesome whole school Holy Thursday Liturgy. A big thank you to all of the teachers and in particular Whaea Linda, our D.R.S., for their work in preparing the students for a very moving liturgy.

I must now take this opportunity to apologise for failing to inform everyone officially, that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always and was, a school holiday. I hope this did not cause too much inconvenience for those who were not aware of this.

It has been a very unusual occurrence having the Easter break during term time, but I hope everyone took the opportunity to commemorate Our Lord's Death and Resurrection, as well as enjoy time with their family.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

28 March

Room 1: James Brennan—for showing 'Special Character' during Holy Week.

Tiraha Nepia—for working hard during Reading time and helping others in her group.

Room 2: Joshua Kirkham—for 'Special Character' - understanding of Holy Week and the importance of Easter plays in our lives.

Zane Neill—for switching on to Maths and being enthusiastic about Maths.

Room 4: Seini Vakameilalo—for sharing with us her gift of prayerfulness.

Michael P.—for showing responsibility in a leadership role.

Principal's Awards:

Maake Tukuafu—for 'Spiritual Energy' and taking the lead role in Holy Thursday Liturgy.

Peronne Grut & Deon Vandy—for volunteering to Altar serve at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Sam Powell—for Altar serving at two of the Easter services.

Goal Setting/Portfolios

This term, in Week 11 on Monday 14th of April, the junior children will be bringing their individual portfolios home, along with their Goal Setting Sheets if you have not already received it. Portfolios will need to be returned to school during that week. This year I have decided that it would be far more beneficial for children, teachers and parents, if the Rooms Three and Four students take home all of their exercise books for you to view. The children's books will have to be returned the next day, but the goal setting sheet, which will accompany their books can be kept at home.

Friends of the School

A number of parents have already given their names to Julie as wanting to become part of the 'Friends of the School' group, which is very pleasing. I know that every parent wants to assist their child/children's education whenever they can through supporting all aspects of school, however it is not always possible to attend meetings due to work commitments. On Thursday 10th April at 3.15p.m., we are going to have an informal get together of those people who are able to attend and would like to take an active part in the 'FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL' group.

DIARY

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.
May	5	First Day of Term 2.
May	27	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women 2008 Retreats

Arise Women of God is the theme for the 2008 Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women retreats to be held in Taupo, Auckland and Christchurch in April/May. Dove comes under the authority and has the blessing of the Bishops of New Zealand. Bishop Pat is their current chaplain and Bishop Collin was a previous national chaplain. The speakers this year are their four past National presidents. The vision for these weekends is to inspire, encourage and challenge women through the stories of the speakers' faith journeys to rise up in their lives as women 'bonding together in the power of the Holy Spirit, to becoming instrumental in building up parish and family life, providing effective support for each other.' These women will be easy to relate to as they are ordinary, everyday women—daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, grandmothers. They are Catholic women who have a passion for Jesus. Each has answered and continues to answer His call to lead others to a deeper relationship with Him, growing in His Love, and living that Love in families, parishes, workplaces and communities. Mary Rose, Helen, Sharon and Carleen are women of faith, women of courage....women of God. All women are invited to come! Be blessed, be encouraged, be strengthened in the call for your life as women....women of God.



Women
of God

www.dove.org.nz

*Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run
and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31*

Taupo 25th-27th April

Contact: Sybil Simpson Ph: 07 839 3330

Auckland 16th-18th May

Contact: Anne Marie Thom Ph: 09 838 5051 (evenings)

Christchurch 23rd-25th May

Contact: Cheryl Reed Ph: 03 312 0365

Uniforms

The changeover date for children to go into their Winter Uniform, is the week after Queen's Birthday. All children must be in their full winter uniform on Tuesday 3rd June. If you are needing new winter uniform, please make sure you order it before the holidays as sometimes it can take a number of weeks to arrive. As the weather is so variable at the beginning of the second term, it is optional to wear either the full summer uniform or the full winter uniform from the beginning of Term Two up until Queen's Birthday—a mixture of winter and summer uniform is NOT permitted. Black covered in shoes are the required footwear for winter uniform.

HOUSE POINTS

Term Totals to Date

Pompallier	48,450	Poynton	26,150
Barbier	33,050	Gaines	38,300

Weekly Points Winner

Pompallier with 7,800



April Kids Camp's

Tui Glen Horse Riding Camp

Kiwi farm Experience Camp

&
Show Jumping Clinic
with Tom Tarver-Priebe

www.tuiglen.net.nz

Camp B From 20th of April [5 to 7 days]

Camp C 27th of April [5 to 7 days]

Suitable for 9 years and up and especially
intermediate & secondary school students

Horse riding for Beginners to Advanced

Pickup available from Rotorua airport and
Intercity Bus stop, Kawerau

Registrations now open for
April Holidays

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From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a wonderful Easter! The weather was amazing. Services and masses were beautiful - whether here in Huntly or at the Cathedral. I personally went to the Cathedral on Sunday morning. It was the last mass there until October. They are refurbishing the Cathedral which is rather exciting and needed too I might add.

Holy Week at School was very prayerful. Lots of activities around the school show how wonderful and blessed we are at being able to share our faith openly. Thursday's liturgy was beautiful. I thank those families who joined us. It would have been wonderful if more parents could have made it however we know we live busy lives. Each area of the school took on a part of the Passion - junior school did the washing of the feet. They have an amazing display in their area - why not go and have a look at it. Room 3 did the Pass-over/Last Supper and Room 4 did Veneration of the Cross. I was very proud of all the children and thank them for their participation.

Alleluia He is risen. He is alive. Sing for joy now Jesus is alive Alleluia.

Looking ahead - senior class is going to Mass next Thursday and afterwards will be cleaning the church as part of Young Vinnies Service

Linda Belczacki

A POEM BY MOTHER THERESA...

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
It is between you and God;
It was never between you and them.



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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.....