

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
15th April 2008—Term 1 Week 11

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, we have now completed one of the busiest terms of the year. We have completed a huge amount of testing to enable us to plan programmes and cater for individual needs within the classrooms. Yes, we have come to the end of Term One—the foundations have been laid and now we are able to begin the real journey of building on these foundations, which will enhance the learning of all of our children. By now all parents of Junior Children should have received their child's portfolios, while parents of Senior Children would have viewed their child's Classroom Books. I'm sure you are all very pleased with the way the children have started the year and the calibre of work that is displayed. Please be aware that not all learning is always evident in books and a lot of work in 21st century classrooms is done through inquiry, drama, I.C.T., problem solving, and displays in classrooms.

Thank you to all those who have contributed by giving baking or monetary donations, to help support the Beanland and Vakameilalo families at this difficult time. It is this generosity, kindness and support which shows the Special Character that makes our school unique and a privilege to be a part of. Dianne, Telesia and their families have expressed their appreciation of the support that has been shown.

I hope everyone enjoys their two weeks holiday and takes the time to have some quality family experiences.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

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- Room 1:** Rainald Valondo—for improvement in his Handwriting.
Timothy Kirkham—for showing friendship and kindness to others.
- Room 2:** Jamie Rowney—for showing a willingness to help teachers and classmates, and displaying the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit'.
Dylan Morgan—for good work and for huge improvements in his Handwriting.
- Room 3:** Sam Proud—for being a caring class member.
Kyle McLuckie—for improvement in his work habits.
- Principal's Awards:**
Room 4 Students—for excellent behaviour and for showing great leadership.

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- Room 1:** James Brennan—for beautiful prayers.
Katy Yang—for good work.
- Room 2:** Isaac Vandy—for being a kind and caring classmate.
Ben Tukuafu—for his great improvement in Handwriting & Basic Facts Quick 10.
Sara-Louise Turton—for completing all of her work to a high standard.
- Room 3:** Cullum Barclay—for his awesome work ethic.
Ethan Steiner—for his improved attitude and behaviour in class.
- Room 4:** Michael P.—for 'going the extra mile' as a Young Vinnie, when cleaning our Church.
Peronne Grut—for consistently producing quality and excellence in presentation of her work.
Deon Vandy—for being a wonderful role-model and for always leading in a responsible way.

Prayers

We ask for your prayers for the Vakameilalo family whose son and brother Ben, is critically ill in hospital at the moment. Ben is a past pupil of St. Anthony's and your prayers and support at this time would be most appreciated. Also please pray for Dianne Beanland's husband David, that he may make a speedy recovery.

DIARY

April	17	Mobile Ear Clinic, Huntly Main Street.
April	18	Last Day of Term.
May	5	First Day of Term 2.
May	8	Whanau Meeting, 6.30p.m. at School.
May	27	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.
June	3	All Students Change into Winter Uniform.
June	20	Teacher Only Day

Italy Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting held on Thursday for parents of children going to Italy this year. This meeting will take place in the School Staffroom at 4.20p.m. to confirm the itinerary and organise deposits for bookings, etc. Tickets for a Mothers' Day Raffle are now available to help fund the 'Vatican Experience'. Tickets will not be sent home with the children, but are available from Julie at the Office. If you would like to help sell a book or buy a ticket, your support would be most appreciated.

Summits for Ed Tribute Tour



Early yesterday morning seven of our Senior children and Leaders, braved the rain to join a climb to the summit of Mount Hakarimata, to mark Sir Ed and his work. Our prefects, Kylee Levin and Deon Vandy, took with them a personalised rock bearing the name of our school, which will be taken to Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tongariro and be incorporated into a memorial cairn near where 16 year-old Ed Hillary discovered his love of the mountains and inspiration for an extraordinary life. Being a part of this tribute tour, was a chance to make a personal contribution to an everlasting memorial in Sir Ed's name and once again our students, Kylee Levin, Deon Vandy, Luke Foster, Peronne Grut, Calvin Mackie-Cooling, Michaela Hodge and Logan King did us proud by climbing to the summit and back down again in very uncomfortable conditions. Well done!!! (Photo supplied by North Waikato News).

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School held their first meeting for the year on Thursday 10th April. A good core group of parents attended, with several others expressing a willingness to be involved when needed. Friends of the School is not just a fundraising committee but also a network of people, here to assist the community and support other school groups in anyway that is necessary. Meetings will be advised via the newsletter, so please consider becoming part of this important network group.

Newsletters

Just a reminder that the fortnightly School Newsletters are available for viewing on our website, www.stanthony.school.nz - if for some reason you have not received a copy from your child. We are also able to email you a copy, so if you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Julie in our Office and let her know which email address you would like the newsletter sent to.

St. Anthony's Whanau Meeting

There will be a meeting held in the first week back at school, for parents/caregivers of children of Maori descent. The meeting will take place on Thursday 8th May at 6.30p.m. here at school and will be looking at, (among other things), how best we can raise achievement of Maori students at St. Anthony's.

A Helping Hand From PGG Wrightson

PGG Wrightson Rural Stores in association with Balance Agri-Nutrients, would like to help us with some extra funding. Any farmer who purchases and uplifts selected Balance fertiliser from PGG Wrightson Rural Stores anywhere in New Zealand between 17th March and 30th May 2008, will qualify for a \$2 cash back offer to go to the school of his/her choice for every tonne sold. All the farmer has to do is, at the time of ordering; nominate which school they want to support. So if you are a farmer or know of any farmer who would like to support St. Anthony's please let them know of this promotion.

Earn \$2 cash for your local school every time you buy a tonne of fertiliser.

Give back 2 school

Here's an easy way to do your bit for the community.

We'll give your nominated school \$2 cash for every tonne of super ten, sulphur gain, DCn and Serpentine Super you buy from us between 17th March and 30th May 2008. So you can give your farm all the nutrients it needs, and your local school the support it deserves. To find out more visit www.pggwrightson.co.nz

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HOUSE POINTS
Term Totals to Date

Pompallier	52,850	Poynton	29,250
Barbier	38,554	Gaines	44,400

Weekly Points Winner

Gaines with 6,100

Teacher Only Day

On Friday 20th June, a Teacher Only Day will be held for all schools that are involved in the P.E.N. (Performance Enhancement in the North Waikato) Cluster. Professional development will be given to teachers on this day, on how to raise Literacy levels within our schools. This is advance notice that there will be no school on this day and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

From the DRS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term One is nearly over! It has been a term of ups and downs especially for staff that are new to the area and school. However the rewards far outweigh the stresses this entailed. The Young Vinnies went out in force last Thursday and after celebrating Mass, we all cleaned our Church. This task was done with much enthusiasm and many laughs. I for one was very proud of all the students who wielded dusters, brooms and vacuum. In fact the altar is so clean after being vacuumed three times!! We shared a pretty flash morning tea after the cleaning. What a great way to spend a morning. This Thursday, we plan to go and clean Father Keane's place. Did you realize he has no housekeeper! I wonder if there is a wonderful soul out there who would help? I will leave you to ponder on that.

As we are approaching the Pentecost Season and birth of our Church, I thought I would share with you a beautiful old prayer as preparation and as a blessing for you and your family over the holidays.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.
O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For those Whanau who are in the midst of crisis, I ask God's blessing on you all. May He hold you in the palm of His hand. Have a wonderful break and come back all refreshed in Term 2.

Linda Belczacki

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Merciful Jesus, during Your life on earth You showed great concern for the sick and the infirm. Have compassion now on all those who are sick or in pain. Grant them a healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit. Comfort them with the knowledge that we are praying for them, and give them peace with a sense of Your presence.

Bless too, those who take care of the sick, In their own time of need, bestow on them a hundredfold the blessings they have given to others. Amen.

Taken from "Prayers for Today" published by Leaflet Missal Co.

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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.....