

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
6th May 2008—Term 2 Week 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. These past holidays have been tinged with great sadness. Ex-pupil Benjamin Vakameilalo, (18 years old) passed into Our Lord's hands on the morning of Sunday 20th April. I would like to thank those of you who were able to help us support the family in various ways, but most importantly for your presence at Ben's Farewell Services.

Linda Belczacki, our D.R.S. also suffered a huge loss when her newborn grand-daughter passed away after only a short time. The knowledge that the baby experienced nothing but love while she was here, has helped ease the pain of loss for her whanau. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to the Pearson family on the loss of a much loved Father/Grandfather. May they rest in peace.

Dianne Beanland's husband David, is recovering well but still has a long way to go. Dianne has requested a terms leave to assist her husband in his recuperation, so to help maintain continuity Louise Trousdale will become the Room 1 teacher for Term 2.

We welcome Nicola Cook to the position of Room 3 Classroom Teacher. We are very lucky to have Nicola on board this term, as she is an experienced and committed classroom teacher.

For the next three terms, the focus for the entire school will be 'Journeys'. The main journey for each of us (children, staff and community), is that of becoming life-long learners with Jesus Christ as our model. We will conclude this term with a whole school journey to Waitomo Caves, which will be partly sponsored by a generous donation from Solid Energy. The students that are going to see the Pope in Sydney, will also be coming into school to relay to our children some of the experiences of their journey. Likewise in the fourth term, our own students will be able to share their 'Vatican Experience' with us all. We look forward to a fruitful and rewarding term.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Duffy Book Assembly Awards

18 April

At our final Assembly for Term One, a number of students from each class were presented with the 'Caught Being Good Duffy Books'. They were chosen because of their excellent effort and achievements throughout the term. The following awards were given to children for constantly working well, in all areas of their schooling:

Room 1: Katy Yang.
Timothy Kirkham.

Room 2: Sara-Louise Turton.
Jemma Goodall.
Shaun Nath.
Liam Wilshaw.

Room 3: Samuel Saki.
Tira Nusipepa.
Hayden P.
Charlee Cox.
Jayden Vandy.

Room 4: Logan King.
Deon Vandy.
Michaela Hodge.

Welcome Certificate: Shekainah Marsh.

THANK YOU

Telesia and Ofa Vakameilalo and their family, have asked me to thank the St. Anthony's Catholic School Community for all of the prayers, donations, and the kindness and support given by staff and school families, with the tragic passing of their son Ben.

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.

Picking Up and Dropping Off of Children

Please remember that children are NOT to be at school before 8.30a.m. The teachers have meetings first thing in the morning and are not in the classrooms until after this time. It would also be appreciated if parents collecting children at the end of the day could wait outside, not in the cloak bay areas, as the children are still working up until the bell actually rings. Your co-operation with this would be greatly appreciated.

Whanau Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting held this Thursday at school, for

parents/caregivers of children of Maori descent. The meeting will take place in Room 4 at 6.30p.m.

Italy Trip

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.

Uniforms

We are in the process of changing over into winter uniform. Children May wear either their full summer or full winter uniform (NOT A MIXTURE OF BOTH) over the next couple of weeks. After Queen's Birthday Weekend, all children must be in full winter uniform. A limited number of second hand uniform items are available for sale, on behalf, as well as new items. Please see Julie at the Office if you need to purchase or sell items. **Remember ALL items of uniform must be clearly named.**

Stationary Requirements

With the start of a new term, it is a good time to check that all children have the tools they need to work at school. Please check that your child has the appropriate pens, pencils, rulers, etc. that they need and purchase more as required. If you need a stationary list, please ask Julie at the Office. Remember, again all items must be named!

DIARY

May	8	Whanau Meeting, 6.30p.m. at School.
May	17	School Mass at Church, 5.25p.m.
May	27	Vision/Hearing Testing at School. Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00p.m.
May	29	Junior Mass, 9.05a.m.
June	2	Queen's Birthday—Holiday.
June	3	All Students Change into Winter Uniform.
June	12	Senior Mass, 9.05a.m.
June	13	St. Anthony's Feast Day.
June	18	North Waikato Winter Sports Tournament
June	20	Teacher Only Day

Friday Assembly

Friday Assemblies will once again be held at 2.20p.m. All parents are more than welcome to attend this.

Bell Times

Bell times are as follows:

8.55a.m.	Warning Bell (Get ready for class).
9.00a.m.	Start of the day.
10.40a.m.	Morning Tea.
11.00a.m.	Start of mid-morning session.
12.30p.m.	Lunch time.
1.25p.m.	Warning Bell (Toilet time, etc.).
1.30p.m.	Start of afternoon session.
3.00p.m.	End of the school day.

**Welcome to...
Shekainah.**

Shekainah comes to us all the way from Australia! Shekainah joins Room 3 and we welcome his family into our St. Anthony's Catholic School Community.

Shekainah likes rugby and his favourite sports team are the All Blacks.



**Waikato District Health Board
HEALTH WAIKATO DIVISION**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Free Mobile Ear Clinic Service for Children
Term 2-2008**

- Glue Ear Assessment and Management.
- Treatment of Discharging Ears
- Grommet Checks
- Wax/Foreign Body Removal

Central & Northern Waikato Team - Suzie Cairns Ear Nurse

DATE	VENUE	CLINIC HOURS
8 th & 7 th May	Waipa Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
8 th May	Huntly Main Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm
13 th May	Pekerau Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
16 th May	Huntly West Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
21 st May	Ngaruawahia Main Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
22 nd May	Cambridge East Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
29 th May	Kihikahi Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
3 rd June	Huntly Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
4 th June	Huntly Main Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm
6 th June	Cambridge Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
10 th June	Te Whare Kura O Rakaumangamanga	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
11 th June	Ngaruawahia Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
12 th June	Raukura Hauora. Hekanoa Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm
17 th June	Kimihia Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm.
18 th June	Raglan Area School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
19 th June	Raglan Area School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
24 th June	Laamington Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
25 th June	Ngaruawahia Main Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm
26 th June	Te Awamutu Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
1 st July	Hamilton Whitiara Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
2 nd July	Hamilton Whitiara Primary School	9.00 am - 1.00pm
3 rd July	Huntly Main Street	9.00 am - 1.00pm

For enquires regarding this service please contact the Mobile Ear Clinic.
Mobile: 021 930 463 phone: (07) 824 8646 Ext 109 Fax (07) 8248693

- P.O. Box 84 Ngaruawahia Ph 07 824 8646
- P.O. Box 505 Hamilton Ph 07 838 3565
- Private Bag Tokoroa Ph 07 860 0020
- P.O. Box 2 Te Kuiti Ph 07 878 8755
- P.O. Box 707 Thames Ph 07 658 6550

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EAR AND VISION SCREENING IN SCHOOLS

Community Services Vision Hearing Technicians regularly visit schools to carry out routine ear and eye checks. The objective of these tests is to identify previously undetected ear and eye defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- All five year old children enrolled since the Vision Hearing Technician's last visit, receive hearing, tympanometry and vision checks.
- Children, absent from previous visit, and re-tests.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry—hearing test.
- Tympanometry—middle ear function test.

Eyes

- Long distance vision tests—not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test.
- Cover and penlight tests—to detect squints (Year One students only).
- Colour vision tests (Year Seven boys only)

N.B. all these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results.
- Enter results on school student enrolment register.

The Vision Hearing Technician will need to obtain personal details from the school, i.e. names, dates of birth, ethnicity, etc. If the Technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required. Community Services may share this information with other Health Professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parent or caregiver does not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for an ear or vision defect, they should let the Technician know by leaving a message with the school.

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

*Into Your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life You embraced them with Your tender love;
Deliver them now from every evil
And bid them enter eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away;
Welcome them into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow,
No weeping nor pain,
But fullness of peace and joy
With Your Son and the Holy Spirit
For ever and ever.*

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.....