

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Saturday evening we celebrated our Term 2 School Mass at which all of our staff and School Leaders were commissioned. A big thank you to all those people who attended and made our celebration of the Eucharist such a special occasion. Special thanks must also go to Linda Belczacki, our D.R.S., for preparing the children so well and enlisting the services of her family to enhance the singing, which was beautiful.

I acknowledge that there are always going to be clashes with other family commitments and therefore students are sometimes unable to attend our School Masses. It is wonderful that most people let the school know prior to the Mass of their non-attendance, however as this is an integral part of our special character we request that ALL absences are notified.

This term there is a real enthusiasm and positive aura about the school. I am really please to report that all children are settled and focused on their learning journey. To help enhance this, several senior students have been moved to Room Four. A letter was sent out to parents of senior students informing them of the rationale for this move.

Some exciting news!!! We welcome the arrival of Shamiso Manatsa who was born in the wee hours of last Sunday morning. Shamiso is a long awaited sister for Shaddai and Elyon—our congratulations to all of the family.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner



### Assembly Awards

9th May

- Room 1: E.J. Hizon—for brilliant work with his Maths.  
Trinity Whyte—for being a caring and supportive friend.
- Room 2: Rema-Rose Saki—for being a kind and caring friend.  
Kevin O'Hara—for the improvement in his attitude towards Maths.
- Room 3: Unise Moeakiola—for being a helpful friend.  
Jayden Vandy—for excellent work in Maths and Homework.  
Samuel Saki—for showing excellent leadership skills.
- Room 4: Sam Powell—for being a hard worker in class.  
Seini Vakameilalo—for showing kindness to friends in class.

16th May

- Room 1: Rainald Valondo—for having a fantastic week.  
Maia Steiner—for being a positive member of class.
- Room 2: Rheed Beverland—for a huge improvement in Handwriting.  
Stella Bredenbeck—for consistently working hard and giving 100% in class.
- Room 3: Charlee Cox—for working well and doing tidy book work.  
Chehalis Ralph—for showing great self-control and focus in class.  
Ben White—for making a fabulous effort on Homework tasks.
- Room 4: Jessica Peden—for showing self-control.  
Logan King—for awesome skills in self-management.  
Deon Vandy—for helping with organisation in the classroom.

Welcome Certificate: Tania Ivory-Tauroa.

### Whanau Meeting

Our first ever Whanau Meeting was held on Thursday 8th May, which was a very successful evening for the small group that attended. Lots of ideas were discussed regarding learning and achievement. The Whanau group also requested that future meetings become inclusive, whereby all ethnicities at our school are welcomed to be part of the make-up of this group.

### North Waikato Winter Sports Tournament Cancellation

As we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, it has been decided that the senior students will not be participating this year in the interschool sports tournament, which is being held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This decision was made as we feel it is important that our students do not miss two days of learning in one week.



### Oakden School of Dance

Oakden School of Dance classes for Term 2 have commenced, but there are still a few spaces for 5 & 6 year olds in the Beginner's class. The introductory syllabus is similar for all genre' of dance except Hip Hop. To enrol phone Pam Oakden 826 4441.

### Welcome to... ...Tania.

Tania has joined her sister Jade here at St. Anthony's. Tania loves doing 'Jump Jam' at school and at home her favourite thing to do is playing in her tree house with Jade.



### The Vatican Experience

A big thank you to those who supported the Mothers' Day Raffle by buying or selling tickets. Congratulations to Kathryn Ralph who was the winner of the raffle, with ticket number 080. A total of \$595.30 was raised to help the Italy group meet their target. It is wonderful to see our community getting behind this 'Vatican Experience' as it is a huge opportunity to enhance our children's faith journey and learning. The full support of St. Anthony's community will enable the continuation of additional trips in the future.

### 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.

### DIARY

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	20	Teacher Only Day

## Tip One:

### 10 Tips for Feeding Kids Right!

We are constantly bombarded with information through various media about what and how we should be feeding our kids. Over the next ten weeks we will be providing tips aimed at making these decisions a little easier.

#### Eat a wide variety of food

- Encourage children to eat by colours or rainbows
- Aim for a range of different foods daily
- Try superhero foods e.g. blueberries

This will ensure all necessary vitamins and minerals are eaten daily

### Marbles Are Back!

With the weather turning cooler and the playing fields being too wet to play on, the children are now testing their skill in the marbles arena. It is pleasing to see how much the children are enjoying the challenges of marbles. It is giving the kids a chance to play with and compete against other kids they would not normally mingle with. However, some rules have had to be put in place:



- Rooms 1 and 2 will compete with each other on a "friendsies" basis only.
  - Rooms 3 and 4 can compete for "keepsie" or "friendsies" among themselves (not with the juniors).
  - Marbles are not to be brought out during class time. If this happens the marbles become the property of the classroom teacher for a specified amount of time.
- These rules have been put in place for the children's safety and the teacher's sanity.

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### From the DRS

We are learning about the Holy Spirit Strand for the first 4-5 weeks for RE. We will be looking at the Fruits and Symbols of the Spirit and how we are empowered by the Spirit's power to serve and make a difference in our world.

We mark the end of the Easter Season in the Church with three awesome Feast Days; Ascension, Pentecost and the Trinity. Our School Mass, on the 17<sup>th</sup> May - Trinity and the children enthusiastically practiced their prayers and songs.

**Ascension** - as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. We believe that Christ is still present among us - we believe that Christ's ascension is all about presence not absence.

**Pentecost** - You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:9)



Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus fulfilled his promise to be with his followers, through Church, Word and Sacrament.

**Trinity Sunday** - The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost revealed the Trinity and the Church and enables people to live like Jesus and to know the Father.

It is so great to be back and hear the children sing. I have personally found it very healing and comforting. I would like to express my thanks to those who have supported my whanau with prayers, cards or food at a time that has been both sad and challenging for us. This is what church is truly about.

God Bless you all.

Whaea Linda

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### PUKEMIRO SCHOOL GALA

24 MAY 2008 - 10.00a.m... - 1.00p.m.  
SCHOOL GROUNDS (TOP OF PUKEMIRO HILL)  
17 km west of Huntly



Mouth Watering Ice Cream



Fresh Steak Sandwiches

Sausage sizzle

White Elephant Stall / Cakes, sweets / Soft drinks  
Face painting / Helium Balloons

Plus lots of FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Delicious Hangi Raffles

\$50 Note, Meat Pack, Mystery raffle and a BBQ Table kindly donated by Solid Energy

Entertainment A display by the Huntly Fire Brigade



Enter the "Puke" Idol Competition

### Winning House

Congratulations to Pompallier who were the winning house for Term 1!!!!

### Friends of the School

The Friends of the School will be meeting this Wednesday, 21st May at 3:15p.m. in Room 2. You are all most welcome to come and join us!!!

### Waikato Rugby Union

W.R.U. are holding open skills assessments and physical testing in order to identify potential rugby talent. The skills sessions are open to all athletes (not restricted to rugby players) who were 12 years of age as at 1 January 2008 (no weight restrictions). The Waikato Northern Zone session will be held at the Taupiri Rugby Club on Monday 26 May between 4:30p.m. and 6:00p.m. Please bring training gear, boots and mouth guard.

### St. Anthony's Youth Group Starting!

A new Youth Group is starting up for children aged ten years and above. This will take place at the St. Anthony's Parish Centre on the first Saturday of the month, beginning June 7th with Mass at 5:30p.m. followed by dinner and get together, ending 9:00p.m. To register please contact Manda Vandy, Pat Steiner or Francis Saki via email: vandyz@xtra.co.nz or 8286668.

### TEACHERS' PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the young lives entrusted to us.  
Help us to be good role models for them.  
Help us to understand them,  
Especially when they do not understand themselves.  
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.....