ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
3rd June 2008—Term 2 Week 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

From today, all of our children officially wear the St. Anthony's Catholic School Winter Uniform. This year, thanks to Mrs Grut, we have had no problem ensuring that all uniforms required, have been—and are, available for parents to purchase. Even though winter is truly upon us we are still able to get outside and enjoy school-wide activities for fitness, such as Jump Jam. Our children will be putting on a Jump Jam display as part of the St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations, which we hope many of you will be able to attend.

Last Friday afternoon, at our usual School Assembly, I informed our children that I had an extremely difficult time deciding which class was to get the Principal's Award, as it was to go to the class that brought the most joy to their teacher for class excellence. I am pleased to say all of the teachers were sharing wonderful successes about their individual classes, however, a decision had to be made so Room 2 were the well deserved recipients.
God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

23rd May
Room 1: Rainald Valondo—for his outstanding effort with completing his Homework..
Timothy Kirkham—for showing great self-control.
Room 2: Isaac Vandy—for showing great self-control and using good judgement.
Sean Hodge—for a big improvement in attitude to school and school work.
Nathan Baars—for completing and handing his Homework in on time.
Room 3: Natasha P.—for completing all Homework tasks well.
Samantha Proud—for listening to instructions and concentrating on tasks..
Room 4: Peronne Grut—for consistently completing Homework to a high standard.
Annie Yang—for good self-control.

30th May *(V. = Virtue Award)*
Room 1: Brittyn Nath—for a positive attitude with his Handwriting.
Tania Ivory-Tauroa—for making her teacher absolutely joyful with her words during Poetry *(V)*.
Room 2: Dylan Morgan—for making his teacher extremely proud and joyful with the excellent effort he is putting into Handwriting *(V)*..
Elyon Manatsa—for coming up with some good words in Reading and Religious Education.
Room 3: Brianna Hodge—for showing progress in completing Homework tasks *(V)*..
Blake Powell—for being very well behaved and working hard.
Room 4: Maico Sotelo—for sharing the virtue of joy and laughter with us all *(V)*.
Hayden P.—for progress in Reading and an awesome effort in Language.

School-Wide Testing Results

For your information, you will find accompanying this newsletter, overviews of achievement for St. Anthony's students, with additional reporting relating to the 2007 year. You will find below, reporting relating to the Basic Facts area of the school-wide results:

Addition: In November 2007, 90% of all children in Years 3-8 were achieving at or above their chronological age for Addition. This was a huge shift from February, when only 33% of children achieved at or above their chronological age. This result shows the best results over the last few years, which reinforces the value of including a ten minute component at the beginning of all Math lessons. These Addition results were the best of all the Basic Facts results, which is expected as this operation is the one which everyone learns first and is the most frequent one used.

Subtraction: In November 2007, 82% of all children in Years 3-8 were achieving at or above their chronological age for Subtraction. This again was a huge shift, with an increase of 60% of children achieving at or above, from the February results. This was also the best result for Subtraction seen over the last four years, which is excellent. Once again this achievement shows the value of Basic Facts as a key component of every Math lesson, as well as being a part of Homework.

Multiplication: Only Years 4-8 are tested in February, therefore they are the only group for which we can compare. The children made a 32% movement from the beginning of the year, achieving 64% at or above their chronological age in December. This is a relatively low achievement, it was however, better than that achieved in 2006.

Division: Again, only the Years 4-8 children are tested in February, therefore they are the only group for which we can compare. As always, Division is where we have very poor achievement levels and sadly, 2007 is a reflection of this. In February of 2007 students level of attainment was 29% at or above their chronological age, only reaching 38% in November 2007. This was the lowest increase (9%) across all curriculum areas. This is an area we will need to focus on to ensure that there is a greater movement in level of achievement in future years.

Welcome to...
...Solomone.

Solomone joined his sister Tangi and two brothers, Ben and Maake, here at school last week. Solomone has taken a liking to our School Sandpit, and this is where he can usually be found playing during the Lunch break.

DIARY

June	3	All Students Change into Winter Uniform.
June	13	St. Anthony's Feast Day.
		Senior Mass, 9.05a.m. at School.
June	15	Working Bee, 10am—1pm.
June	20	Teacher Only Day.
June	24	BOT Meeting, 7pm—visitors welcome.

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

Tip Three: 10 Tips for Feeding Kids Right!

Eating Breakfast

- Like switching on a computer, breakfast starts the whole system operating
- Research shows children think and concentrate better after eating breakfast
- Modelling is important – eat breakfast with children
- If grains, fruit and dairy are included, three important food groups have been eaten

St. Anthony's Youth Group

A reminder that 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 next Saturday, 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.

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice reported at school recently. If you could please inspect your children's hair and treat if necessary, this would help to keep these parasites in check.

Working Bee

We will be having a 'Woking Bee' on Sunday 15th June, between 10:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. The more helpers we have the lighter the workload will be, so please consider coming along to lend a hand, even if you are only able to help for an hour or two.

From the DRS

Kia koutou katoa.

We celebrated a beautiful mass in Room 1 last Thursday; hosted by the Junior Syndicate. I thank all the children for their participation and also thank parents and parishioners for supporting us as well. The theme was the Holy Spirit which was very appropriate for us at the moment as we are learning all about the Holy Spirit in RE.

We have our Feast Day coming up on the 13th June and plan to start the day with a School Mass; hosted by the Senior Syndicate and continue to celebrate all day with some exciting events planned. Please continue reading for more information.

Invitation

To all the parents, parish and friends of our School - join us on our Feast Day. You are welcome to come for the day or a part of the day to celebrate with us. Events are as follows:

- Mass
- Jump Jam presentation and challenge
- House Challenge/Activity
- Shared Lunch
- Tabloid Sports

More information will come home closer to the day.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki
Whaea Linda

BRAINtastic! READING success

Our school is participating in the **BRAINtastic Reading Success** *Community Software Plan (CSP). It includes an Introductory Offer to purchase the* **entire six product Reading Success series (RRP $419.70) for less than the price of one CD (CSP price $37.95).** *Many students at our school have benefited from EdAlive software l;n the past. Download demos at www.edalive.com*

Please consider makin an investment. As part of the plan our school will receive a **FREE Unlimited School Site Licence** *for the Edalive software title of our choice. If we receive a strong response from families we will also receive an* **additional FREE Unlimited School Site Licence.** *Return your orders to the school by Friday, 13th June 2008.*

The leaflet has been handed out with this Newsletter.

HOUSE POINTS
Term Totals to Date

Pompallier	**38,250**	**Poynton**	**28,975**
Barbier	**29,050**	**Gaines**	**38,200**

Weekly Points Winner
Gaines with 14,000

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Good Saint Anthony,
In God's providence you have secured for His people, many marvelous favours.
You have been especially celebrated, good Saint Anthony,
For your goodness to the poor and the hungry,
For finding employment for those seeking it,
For your special care of those who travel,
And for keeping safe from harm all who must be away from home.

You are widely known also, good Saint Anthony,
For securing peace in the family,
For your delicate mercy in finding lost things,
For safe delivery of messages,
And for your concern for women in childbirth.

In honouring you, Saint Anthony,
For the many graces our Lord grants through your favour,
We trustfully and confidently ask your aid in our present need.
Pray for us, good Saint Anthony,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

May it be a source of joy, O God, to Your Church,
that we honour the memory of Your Confessor and Doctor, Saint Anthony.
May his spiritual help always make us strong,
And by his assistance may we enjoy an eternal reward.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
AMEN.

I have received and read my newsletter.
Poynton Pompallier Gaines Barbier (child to circle name of house)
Name of Child/Children.....
Parents/Caregivers Signature.....