

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
5th August 2008—Term 3 Week 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. We have had a very busy, but positive start to Term Three. Although the weather has been far from ideal and a large number of children have been absent through sickness, we have been successful in getting all learning programmes up and running.

The Education Review Visit last week, was a very positive experience for us all. The E.R.O. team were very impressed with the learning programmes, the friendliness and knowledge of the children as learners, staff commitment, community support and last but not least the Board of Trustees. I feel very privileged to inform you that the E.R.O. team are so pleased with what we have achieved and what we have planned, that they are happy to place St. Anthony's Catholic School back onto the normal cycle of a three year visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all the staff and in particular Julie Grut who worked extremely hard with me during the holidays to ensure everything was completed.

Celebration time! The E.R.O. team stated that our children here at St. Anthony's Catholic School are achieving at or slightly above the national average of all children in New Zealand in Reading and this is also the picture for our Maori students. We are very proud of this achievement, but also acknowledge there are always areas for improvement and we will be working on these during the next three years. Once the E.R.O. team send us a copy of their written review, I will ensure you all receive your own personal copy.

God bless,
Hazel Rayner



PEACE WEEK—4th - 10th August

Assembly Awards

25th July (Virtue—Peace)

Room 1: Manuera Nusipepa—for his peaceful attitude to his work (V).
Brittyn Nath—for his fantastic effort with sounding out his words.
Keep up the good work Brittyn, Ka pail

Room 2: Shaun Nath—for his peaceful and caring attitude (V).
Jesca Sotelo—for her positive attitude towards her work.

Room 3: Joshua Hart—for keeping the peace and trying to avoid conflict (V).
Renee Peden—for working well in Writing Time and using the 'thinking hats' correctly.

Room 4: Jasmine Strawbridge & Logan King—for their peaceful attitudes and co-operating within their groups (V).

1st August

Room 1: E.J. Hizon—Certificate of Achievement for his 'FLOOD' Story-Writing ideas.
Maia Steiner—Wow! Keep up the good work with your Story-Writing.

Shakira Cooling-Singh—Welcome.

Room 2: Christian Fabe—for best behaviour in class.

Room 3: Kyle McLuckie—for making a good effort to lead Class Prayers this week.

Savahn Morgan—for behaving really well and working really hard in individual and group work.

Room 4: Sam Powell—for being a very supportive team member.
Maake Tukuafu—for working really hard in Reading and Literacy.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Ross Bland (Natasha's husband) and his father for organising, delivering and dispersing the new soft-fall under our Senior Playground. This will help ensure our children's safety while playing on this popular structure.

Safety Concerns

Please note that ALL children who are being picked up from school, need to wait by the bike stands (or if it is raining they will wait on the decking by the Library). For safety, parents/caregivers are to walk up to these areas (using the walkway) to collect their children - under no circumstances are waiting children to venture past this point unaccompanied by an adult. An unaccompanied child was recently seen running behind a moving car which was backing out of a park in the driveway, to go to an awaiting car.

Italy 'FUN'draiser

The Italy group have requested permission to hold a fundraising activity luncheon at school, similar to the one that was held to support ex-students attending the World Youth Day in Sydney. As a school we have decided that we welcome the opportunity to support this group in their faith journey. And this day will coincide with the Feast of the Assumption on 15th August. After Mass the children will return to school where they will be able to enter different activities and buy different treats, raffles, etc. which will be on sale. American Hotdogs (\$2) and Drinks (\$1) will also be available for lunch (N.B. there will be no lunch orders from the shop on this day). Donations for sale items would be gratefully accepted, e.g. fudge, muffins, etc. as would any volunteers who could spare some time to help out. If you are available, please contact Julie at the Office. Thank you.

Friends of the School Portrait Offer

ONLY \$10 (SAVE \$60.00)

Help our school's fundraising efforts and give yourself a valuable lasting family memory!!! This is a wonderful opportunity to help our school raise money for our needs. At the same time you receive great value and a family/children portrait you will always treasure in either colour or black and white. St. Anthony's Friends of the School has organised a professional photographer to come to Huntly on Sunday 17th August.

DIARY

August	5	Parent Interviews.
August	7	Junior Mass, 9.00a.m.
August	15	Feast of the Assumption Mass, 9.30a.m. at Church. Italy 'FUN'draiser Lunch
August	26	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
August	28	Senior Mass, 9.00a.m.
August	29	School Cross Country.
September	3	North Waikato Cross Country.
September	6	School Mass, 5.20p.m. at Church.
September	23	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.

We have arranged to take either a 10 x 13 inch family or children portrait for only \$10.00 (normally \$70 value), this is great value and our school will receive 100% of the funds collected. We would appreciate as many of you as possible to take advantage of this special fundraising event. Could you please fill in the enclosed Portrait Voucher and place it with your payment, for your child to return to school tomorrow, so we can secure our booking. We will confirm your appointment time after your reply has been returned. Thank you for your participation in the 'Icon Photography' Portrait Fundraiser.

P.S. As a special offer by the photographer, the first three replies (with payments), will get their portrait worth \$60.00 done absolutely FREE, if they photograph 30 sittings.

SO PLEASE HURRY AND SEND YOUR VOUCHER IN NOW AS 30 BOOKINGS ARE NEEDED BEFORE A PHOTOGRAPHER'S SCHEDULED!!!

Missionary Sisters Visit

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will visit our Parish on the 9th August and will distribute copies of their missionary publication Echo from Africa and the other Continents. There is no charge or any obligations, but the Sister would be most grateful if you could give any donation for the missions and also if you would be able to subscribe to their 'Echo from Africa'. It would be wonderful if you could help support this hardworking group by way of either a donation or subscribing to their publication.

Group your food

There is a new way of helping schools and kids to know which food and drinks are healthy.

everyday

These are foods and drinks that you can have every day. These should be your number one choice for school and home.

examples

Sandwiches, rolls, wraps, yoghurts, vegetables, fruit and water

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday August	9	Samuel Saki & Blake Powell
Saturday August	16	Emily Dufty & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday August	23	Renee Peden & Deon Vandy
Saturday August	30	Jayden Vandy & Sam Proud

MAKE THE MOST OF THE HOLIDAY BREAK. SIGN UP FOR A FREE COMPUTER COURSE CURRENTLY ON OFFER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

INTRODUCING THE ONLINE WINTEC CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Gaining computer skills provides you with significant employment and career advantages. These online government funded courses are a fantastic way to gain an Introduction to computers or improve your existing skills for free!

Learn at your own pace, online, wherever you have access to a computer and the internet. Work your way through 10 step-by-step modules from the offered 40+ to make up your certificate. **GAIN A LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE ON COMPLETION. IT COULDN'T BE EASIER!**

Remember access to this course is FREE so get started TODAY by calling Julie at the School Office and she will get you registered and started on your course.

PHONE: 8288516 or 0276489655

Rainbows End Fun Day
The Huntly Police are providing an opportunity for a fun day out at Rainbows end at a minimal cost (see below). If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, consent forms are available at the School Office.



New Zealand Blue Light would like to take this opportunity to invite youth aged 7yrs - 13yrs to attend our annual "Blue Light Rainbows End Fun Day".

COST: Only \$20 PER CHILD— Costs include transport by bus to and from the venue, all day superpass for all the rides, continuous BBQ sausages, bread and sauce, complimentary drinks and spot prizes valued at over \$40 each.

Rainbows end has some new rides including the "Scorpion Karts" and new movie in the motion master "Spongebob Squarepants" (height restrictions apply on most rides)

Buses will be leaving on the day from the Huntly Police Station at 8:00am and returning to the Huntly Police Station for pick ups at approximately 4:45 pm.

Permission slips are required and available from the Huntly Police Station or Local Primary School. Permission slips need to be completed and returned to schools or the police station with the \$20 payment before the 22nd of August 2008 to confirm numbers.

Event Co-ordinator Contact : Ra Bacon 628 0905



PRAYER for PEACE

LEAD ME FROM DEATH to LIFE, from FALSEHOOD to TRUTH

LEAD ME FROM DESPAIR to HOPE, from FEAR to TRUST

LEAD ME FROM HATE to LOVE, from WAR to PEACE

LET PEACE FIL OUR HEART, OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE...

PEACE • PEACE • PEACE

SOLID ENERGY
Coals of New Zealand

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.....