

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
16th September 2008—Term 3 Week 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. This term has certainly flown by, with our children participating in many and varied activities to assist them on their individual learning journeys. This Friday our Junior students will be taking home their individual Portfolios, while the Senior children will be taking their class books for you to view. I know everyone will gain much from viewing and sharing their child's/children's work, but please remember, it is vital to ensure all class books are returned on Monday, as it is essential they have them to continue their normal classroom programmes.

On Saturday 6th September, we celebrated our Term School Mass with great faith and spirit. This occasion was made even more special because Mr. James Powell (our B.O.T. Chairperson), became a full member of our Catholic Family at this Mass. The Mass was followed by a combined Parish/School dinner, where the food was delicious and the social interaction was wonderful.

Although we only have a few more days left of this term, there are still significant activities to be completed. Tomorrow the whole school will be going on the Waitomo Caves Trip and our School Speech Finals Evening is to be held next Wednesday 24th September, 6:00p.m. at the Parish Centre.

God bless,

*Hazel Rayner*

**Assembly Awards**

**5th September (Virtue—Kindness)**

**Room 1:** Timothy Kirkham—'Super Work Award' for his Reading.  
Katy Yang—for her kindness towards other students and sharing her ideas with others (V).

**Room 2:** Sara-Louise Turton—for being fantastic and kind to Mr. Young on his first day (V).  
Benjiman Tukuafu—for always having a huge smile.

**Room 3:** Tangi Tukuafu—for her superb effort at Sport time, including Cross-Country.  
Brianna Hodge—for being a well-behaved person who works diligently on her tasks.

**Room 4:** Kylee Levin—for putting in 100% towards her speech and for her enthusiasm.  
Annie Yang—for working diligently on her speech.

**12th September (Virtue—Faithfulness)**

**Room 1:** Solomon Fosita—'Star Student Award' for his fantastic Reading.  
Maia Steiner—for showing great faithfulness to her friends and towards her Homework (V).

**Room 2:** Zane Neill—for excellent writing of his speech and Recount Writing.  
Joshua Kirkham—for being responsible and doing what he is meant to be doing and also for showing great faith in God (V).

**Room 3:** Moses Vakameilalo—for an awesome contribution during Prayers and Singing (V).  
Paige Beverland—for her interesting manner in Writing.

**Room 4:** Danny O'Hara—for working co-operatively within a team.  
Mike Paki—for making a great effort in Speeches.

**Congratulations!!!**

Our apologies for omitting congratulations to Sione Vakameilalo and Ben Tukuafu in our last newsletter. Sione was chosen for the Under 13's and Ben for the Under 6 Waikato Rugby League Rep teams. They are also due for a well deserved 'pat on the back'. Well done boys!! Well done also to Tangi Tukuafu and Danny O'Hara, who gained second and third placings respectively, in the Interschool Cross-Country races which were held recently.

**School Uniforms**

Due to the changeable nature of the weather in October, children may have the option of wearing winter or summer uniform from the beginning of Term 4. However, children must wear either FULL winter or FULL summer uniform, not a mixture of both. Please note that all children are required to be wearing black Roman Sandals as part of their summer uniform. It will be compulsory to be wearing full summer uniform after Labour Weekend.

**Fundraising**

One of our suppliers, Modern Teaching Aids, has developed a fundraising initiative which offers you the opportunity to purchase quality toys and gifts at competitive prices, and at the same time, provides a fundraising programme which will enable us to purchase much needed educational materials. The

fundraising programme is called **Chalk** and is simple to participate in. You choose the toys and gifts from the catalogue you wish to purchase, complete the order form in the centre of the catalogue and return it to us, together with your cheque, money order or completed credit card details. We will consolidate the orders and forward these to Modern Teaching Aids, who will then package and individually label each order and deliver them to us for you to collect. We will receive a voucher for 20% of the total value of all orders, which we can then use to purchase educational materials. This is an excellent way in which you can support our fundraising initiative and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase quality products for your children, many of which are not available through retail outlets. Should you require an additional catalogue for either a friend or grandparent, please ask Julie at the Office. You can also order on the internet and our school will still receive 20% discount, otherwise could you please return your order to the Office by 25th September.

**Duffy Book Assembly**



Monday 15th September was the Duffy Books Role Model Assembly. St Anthony's Catholic School was fortunate to have surfing legend Daniel Kereopa speaking to our students. D.K. (as he is known to his friends) encouraged the students to follow their dreams and to always strive to be the best person that they could be. The students were fascinated by his many trips

*Pictured above: Daniel Kereopa catching a wave.*

*Pictured from left to right are: Zane, Daniel Kereopa and Stella.*



**Group your food**

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



**occasional**

These foods and drinks should be saved for treats and special times. They should also only really be available at school once a term.

**examples**

Pies, sausage rolls, chocolates, deep fried food and fizzy drinks

**Altar Serving Roster**

Saturday September 20	Emily Dufty & Paige Beverland
Saturday September 27	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki
Saturday October 4	Emily Dufty & Deon Vandy
Saturday October 11	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday October 18	Renee Peden & Jasmine Strawbridge
Saturday October 25	Sam Powell & Paige Beverland
Saturday November 1	Samuel Saki & Blake Powell

**Waitomo Caves Trip**

This is a reminder that the whole school trip to Waitomo Caves will take place tomorrow. Children will need to be at school by 8.15a.m. as the buses will be leaving promptly at 8.30a.m.—no exceptions. A reminder that parents of bus children will need to make alternative arrangements to ensure their children are at school before 8.15a.m. and also to pick them up on our return at approximately 4.00p.m. Please note that there will be nobody on the school site during the day and SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8.30A.M. AND 4.00P.M. on this day. Children will need to:

- bring raincoats (no umbrellas)
- wear Winter School Uniform with covered school shoes
- bring plenty of food and drink, medication if needed

Please note children are NOT ALLOWED to bring lollies, money, ipods, etc.

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**Reminder Re: End of Day**

Children walking home or being picked up after school need to leave school promptly in the afternoon. We are very pleased to see most students are now waiting for their ride in the correct place—this is inside the school gate, by the bike stands. Students are not permitted to play on the Playgrounds at 3.00p.m. as there is no teacher supervision at this time of the day and some students are arriving home late.

**Social Justice Week 2008**

This week is Social Justice Week and this year the focus is "Poverty in an Affluent Society". I have included below a poignant statement made by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007:

*"Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse."*

This week is a good time to reflect on what we can do for those less fortunate than ourselves and those living in poverty. You may like to think about donating an extra item to the food bank at Mass next Saturday or donate some time to help out at one of our local charitable organisations. We will be having a Mufti Day on Friday (gold coin donation) to raise money for Caritas to help with their works of charity and love.

**DIARY**

- September 17 Waitomo Trip.
- September 19 Social Justice Mufti Day.
- September 23 B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
- September 24 Speech Finals at Parish Centre.

**Parish News**

It is wonderful that in the absence of a D.R.S., we have been supported by members of the Parish Liturgy Committee in the planning and singing of our Term School Mass. A special thank you to both Mary-Anne Hall and Elizabeth Johnson for their assistance.

On behalf of the Vatican Experience Group, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their donation of \$500.00. It is truly wonderful to see our Parish supporting the Faith Journeys of our children. Last Saturday night as part of our Mass, one of our ex-pupils Sjana Levin, gave a moving report of her experiences at the World Youth Day in Sydney. Both the school and parish had assisted her financially. Next Friday as part of the Senior Student Assembly, Sjana will be presenting her powerpoint of the World Youth Day at School, to which you are all most welcome to attend.

The Parish Youth Group get together on the first Saturday of the month, beginning with Mass and ending at 9.00p.m. This is a fun-filled spiritual heightening group for children 10 years and over, which is run by Manda Vandy and Frances Saki.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK**

*You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
Look and look again, but not perceive.  
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
Their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut  
their eyes,*

*For fear they should see with their eyes,  
Hear with their ears,  
Understand with their heart,  
And be converted and healed by me.*

*Matthew 13:14-15*



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I have received and read my newsletter.  
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Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....