

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
21st October 2008—Term 4 Week 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Tena Koutou, welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are now revitalized for the final, but busiest term of the year.

It is with much pride and pleasure that I welcome our new Deputy Principal, Whaea Tia Robinson, a committed Christian, a diligent, enthusiastic and vibrant classroom teacher, who excels at getting the BEST from all of her students. Whaea Tia comes to us from Huntly West Primary School where she was Acting Principal for the last three terms and prior to this, she was Deputy Principal there for four years. Yes, we are truly blessed to have such an awesome lady become part of our Catholic Family.

I also have great pleasure in welcoming Noah Rongo Jerome Saki into our community. He was born on 24th September at 12:10a.m. weighing 3995 grams (8lb 11oz). Noah is the baby brother of Jakob, Rema-Rose, Kristoffer and Samuel and his first outing was to the St. Anthony's Catholic School Speech Evening. Samuel made the evening even more special for his family by winning both the Senior Speech Competition and the Bible Reading.

During the last week of Term 3, we received the confirmed report back from the Education Review Office, so we are now able to send out a copy of their letter to our school parents and community. The review team expressed to me that they thought the school had a very positive aura about it, which I attributed to our supportive St. Anthony's Catholic School Community. We can all share and celebrate in the successes we have achieved and will continue to achieve by working together as a team.

On a sadder note, our heartfelt sympathies go out to the Morris family on the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Trish. As most of you know, Trish Morris was our wonderful Room 2 teacher for several years and was much loved by all of her students and the staff alike, she will be dearly missed. Please keep the Morris family in your prayers. School will be helping to provide refreshments after Trish's funeral on Friday afternoon. If you would like to assist by sending along a plate to school on Friday morning, it would be most appreciated. Thank you.

God bless,

*Hazel Rayner*



**Assembly Awards**

**19th September (Virtue—Generosity)**

Room 1: James Brennan—for being a generous person by helping others around him, even if he has not finished himself (V).

Trinity Whyte—'Star Student Award' for excellent Recount Writing.

Room 2: Jesca Sotelo—for displaying the gift of generosity towards her classmates by helping out when people are stuck or just need a hand (V).

Alexander Dufty—for attempting to write more words independently.

Room 3: Ethan Steiner—for helping his classmates (V).

Cullum Barclay—for working well at Written Language time.

Room 4: Michael P.—'Sports Award' for his P.E. skills.

Seini Vakameilalo—for being a generous and supportive friend (V).

**26th September—Duffy Book Awards**

Room 1: Maia Steiner & E.J. Hizon.

Room 2: Stella Bredenbeck, Alexander Dufty & Zane Neill.

Room 3: Chehalis Ralph, Jaynie Yang & Cullum Barclay.

Room 4: Annie Yang, Danny O'Hara & Michael P.

**17th October (Virtue—Joy)**

Room 1: Mia Bredenbeck—Welcome & 'You Really Shine', for showing such joy during Reading. Her enthusiasm is such a joy to see (V).

Storm Rahman—'I'm a Star Student', for taking a risk with her writing when spelling words she is unsure of.

Room 2: Elyon Manatsa—for bringing joy to Mrs. W. for an excellent answer to an R.E. question (V).

Benjamin Tukuafu—for his positive attitude.

Room 3: Tiaan Nepe—for his excellent work habits.

Chehalis Ralph—for showing great self-control.

Room 4: Jessica Peden—for showing such joy (V).

Calvin Mackie-Cooling—for having such a joyful smile and starting off Mrs. Bland's week so well (V).

**Ear & 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 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, not routinely carried out when hearing test is within a normal range.

*Eyes:*

- Long distance vision tests—not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test.

- Colour vision tests (seven year old 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 a hearing or vision defect, they should let the Technician know by leaving a message with the school.

**Photolife**

A reminder that School Photos will take place next Tuesday. If you would like your child's photo taken, please send in your order before Friday.

5+ a day facts

**APPLES**



Did you know the world's largest apple peel was 52.6m long?! And the largest apple ever picked was 1.4kg.

Apples are full of fibre and low in fat therefore make a super healthy snack, so get crunching!!



**Welcome to...**

...Mia.

Mia is thrilled to have started school at St. Anthony's. She joins her sister Stella here at school, who is in Room 2. Learning is her favourite thing to do at school and at home it is homework!!! This little lady will go far!



**School Uniforms**

As the school does not run an accounts system, please do not ask for credit as we are unable to provide this service. All goods must be paid for in full before they are given out. Please also note that we will no longer be selling second hand uniform on parents behalf. If parents wish to donate second hand uniforms, or advertise their items in the School Newsletter, we are more than happy to assist. Next week all children should be wearing their full summer uniform. I have noticed that the children look lovely in their roman sandals, which are compulsory from next week. I would like to thank the parent community for supporting this change in uniform.

**Meremere Rubbish Collections**

Our school has been given the opportunity again to make good money by cleaning up after the Meremere Dragstrip Meetings. We require a reliable team to carry out these clean-ups, so if you think you may be available please leave your name with Julie at the Office. The money raised will be allocated to go towards school costs of the people who help out, such as payment for next years camp, fees, trips, etc.

**Altar Serving Roster**

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| Saturday October  | 25 | Sam Powell & Paige Beverland |
| Saturday November | 1  | Samuel Saki & Blake Powell   |

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

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*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**

**HUNTLY SWIMMING CLUB**

**Huntly Riverside Rooms**  
(Behind Tatler Office)

**Wednesday 22nd October 2008—5:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Registration Night for all interested in all levels of Swimming**

**Includes:**

**Babies and Preschool—6 months - 4 years**

**School Age—5 years - 12 years**

**Teenage—13 years - 18 years**

**Adult**

**If you have any questions or if you can not make registration night and you wish to register, please contact:**

**Lynne Arnold 828 7243 or Ian Richard 0275 042 082**

**Accounts**

It has come to my attention that there are still a number of items not paid for from the beginning of the year. If you still have monies owing to school and are having difficulties paying these, please make an appointment to come and discuss this with me.

**DIARY**

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| October 23  | Junior Mass, 9am.   |
| October 27  | LABOUR DAY.   |
| October 28  | Children Change into Summer Uniform. B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.          |
| October 31  | Young Vinnies Day. Toastmaster Speech Final at Huntly Civic Centre. |
| November 8  | ELECTIONS.  |
| November 10 | Ear & Vision Testing.   |
| November 13 | Senior Mass, 9a.m.  |
| November 14 | Vatican Group Assembly, 2.15p.m.                                    |
| November 17 | Free Ear Clinic Service, Main Street, Huntly.                       |
| November 21 | School Athletics.   |

**Prayer for Mrs. Morris**

*Almighty God,  
We remember before You today,  
Your faithful servant Patricia Morris;  
And we pray that,  
Having opened to her the gates of larger life,  
You will receive her into Your joyful service in Heaven,  
That, with all who have faithfully served You in the past,  
She may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ Our Lord;  
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God for ever and ever.  
With faith and hope in eternal life,  
Let us assist her with our prayers.  
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,  
May she rest in peace.  
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.....