

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
18th November 2008—Term 4 Week 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Last week was a very exciting one, especially for some of our Year 4 students who were participating in the N.E.M.P. (National Educational Monitoring Project). This project surveys a random selection of Year 4 students nationwide, to identify trends in educational performance and assist educators with their planning. This year the focus was on Oral Language, Reading, Technology and Music. Both facilitators were very impressed with the high standard of behaviour and enthusiasm shown by all of the children in the activities they participated in.

Last Thursday the children celebrated a Senior Mass, the theme being 'All Souls'. I heard that it was a beautiful celebration, unfortunately I was unable to attend as I had a Planning Meeting with other Principals from the P.E.N. (Performance Enhancement in the North Waikato) cluster.

On Friday we were privileged to enjoy an awesome presentation given by the Vatican Experience Group. It was apparent by their power-point presentation and in the manner in which they spoke, that it was truly an amazing faith journey for each and every one of them. I personally was very impressed with the way that each of the students could recount their individual faith enlightenment and how this experience has impacted on them. I know that all those people who assisted in any way, would be very impressed with the outcomes of this truly amazing pilgrimage. On behalf of the school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the group for the ornate Deruta Pottery Eucharistic Set, which was bought in the beautiful mountain-top village of Assisi. Also for the special gifts of Holy Water Fonts (one for each classroom) and the Prayer Candle (for the Staffroom) from Saint Anthony's Basilica in Padua—Holy Water blessed by the Pope was also brought from Rome.

Please remember that we will be celebrating our final Term School Mass, this Saturday evening at 5.20p.m. Unfortunately a number of people were unable to attend the Vatican Experience Assembly, so included in our Mass will be a shorter power-point, concluding with a presentation of a gift to the Parish. It would be wonderful to see as many parents/caregivers as possible there, to join us in this special end-of-year celebration.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner



Assembly Awards

7th November (Virtue—Self-Control)

- Room 1: Samantha Rowney—Welcome to St. Anthony's Catholic School.
Rainald Valondo—'Student of the Week' for a great effort with Reading.
- Brittyn Nath—for showing great self-control in class (V).
- Room 2: Merekara Simon-Wharukura—for showing remarkable self-control this week (V).
- Sara-Louise Turton—'Good Work Award' for her great recall of Basic Facts.
- Room 3: Kyle McLuckie—for showing a lot of self-control, even when things don't always go his way (V).
- Paige Beverland—for excellent Homework this week.
- Room 4: Hayden P.—for showing wonderful self-control in all that he does (V).
- Jasmine Strawbridge—for excellent self-control socially, personally and academically (V).

13th November (Virtue—Faithfulness)

- Room 1: Mia Bredenbeck—for showing faithfulness to God through her great respect towards Class Prayers and R.E. Well done! (V).
- Manuera Nusipepa—for moving up in his Maths.
- Room 2: Zane Neill—for showing initiative and making good positive choices.
- Nathan Baars—for being a faithful and loyal class member (V).
- Room 4: Sam Powell—for showing faithfulness in everything she does (V).
- Sione Vakameilalo—who shows great faithfulness to his family, friends and to his sports (V).

Catholic Boys Adventure Camp

What? Fun, Faith and Formation for 8-13 year old boys

When? Monday 5 January 2009
(4pm) till Friday 9 January 2009 (2pm)

Where? YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua, South Auckland

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Altar Serving Roster

Saturday November 22	Jayden Vandy & Samantha Proud
Saturday November 29	Jasmine Strawbridge & Sam Powell
Saturday December 6	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday December 13	Emily Dufty & Paige Beverland
Saturday December 20	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki

Group your food

Now we know about **everyday**, **sometimes** and **occasional** foods! Think about what you eat now, and what your children eat. How many times a week do you choose sometimes and occasional foods?



remember

our choices should mostly be **everyday** foods.

Welcome to...

...Samantha.

Samantha joins her brother Jamie here at St. Anthony's. At home Samantha enjoys playing with her friends and riding her pushbike. Her favourite part of school so far, is playing on the Junior Playground.



Safety Issues

Owing to some recent 'near misses' concerning our children after school and to ensure the safety of our students, there will now be **NO PARKING** anywhere in the school driveway area for parents/caregivers when picking up or dropping children off at school. A reminder that all junior students who are being picked up after school, must wait for their parent or caregiver to walk up the path and pick them up from the designated area (children's bike-stand area).

St. Anthony's Parish Youth Group

A reminder that the Youth Group's final meeting for the year will be held on the first Saturday in December (6th). This session will have a Christmas theme and will begin with Mass at 5:30p.m. and finish at 9:00p.m. All youth aged 10 years and over are welcome to join us but an adult

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must fill in and sign the register (which will be in the Church foyer), when dropping them off.

Christmas is coming!!



Looking for inspiration? Need to kick-start your present buying? For gift inspiration for all ages and lots of stocking filler ideas, you are welcome to come and shop at the PAUA Christmas night....
Tuesday 18th November, St Peters Anglican Church Hall, Albert Street, 5.00 - 8.00pm. [EFTPOS available]

Athletics Sports

School Assembly will begin at 10:00a.m. this Friday, with Poynton being the duty house for this. At the conclusion of assembly the children will have morning tea before changing into their sports house colours. Athletics will then begin at 11:00a.m. All parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for the day to help cheer your children on! We would also appreciate any help that you may be able to give assisting with the various jobs that which are required to ensure a successful day. If you are able to help on the day, please let Julie know at the Office. The day will conclude with relays and there is a rumour that we have some fit, keen parents willing to participate in this event. There will be a group of seniors that will go forward to represent our school at the Huntly & District Interschool Sports next Wednesday, which will be held at Huntly Primary School. We will also be requiring helpers to assist on this day also, so please let Julie know if you will be available.

Car Wash

Huntly West School will be having a Car Wash this Friday, 21st November from 9:30a.m. until 1:15p.m. This will take place on the court in front of the Huntly West School Hall and all proceeds will go towards their senior students end of year trip to Te Rapa Pools. Cost \$5.00 per vehicle.

DIARY

November 21	School Athletics.
November 22	SCHOOL MASS, 5.30p.m.
November 26	Interschool Athletics.
November 27	Junior Mass, 9a.m. followed by Reconciliation.
December 11	Senior Mass, 9a.m.
December 16	Prize-giving, 6:30p.m.

*Lord Jesus, Son of the Most Holy,
How divinely pure Your thoughts are!
Your Words only reflect wonders,
Parables worthy of searching minds.
We earnestly strive to parallel after You.
Tend to our need of respecting others,
That we may never gossip against anyone.
Gude us in the righteous path of life,
Where sensational gossip is non-existent.
If by Your will, our intervention is required,
Guide us to extinguish the attacks of others.
Jesus, You are the glorious light of truth!*

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.....