

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2nd December 2008—Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Athletics Day was a wonderful experience as we were blessed with a gorgeous sunny weather and everyone participated with much enthusiasm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who volunteered their services, as it is this awesome support that ensures the successful outcomes of school events. The Athletics Cup was won by Gaines with 16,300 points, followed closely by Barbier with 13,300, then Pompallier with 12,900 and Poynton with 12,500. The Poynton Parent Relay team were extremely competitive and 'pushed' to their limit to ensure that they would win the 'Supreme Award' (yet to be purchased by myself—I would welcome any suggestions?). This award will be presented at the end of each sporting event to the House which has the winning Parent Relay Team. Swimming will be the first sporting event for 2009, so it's time to invest in some training in preparation for this upcoming, exciting event!

Our final School Mass was a special celebration with an excellent attendance by children and their families. This Mass was organized with the assistance of Mary-anne Hall and the Liturgy Group who have greatly helped with ensuring the religious education and Catholic ethos of our school is maintained and grown. It has been wonderful developing such strong links between the Parish and School communities and I look forward to this becoming a real strength of St. Anthony's Catholic School. Mass was concluded with the Vatican Experience Group giving a short overview of their faith journey and presenting the Parish with a framed tapestry of the Last Supper, which was brought back from Italy. The Parish Council has decided that they will hang this beautiful tapestry in the Parish Centre for everyone to view and enjoy.

Exciting news!!! Yes, the Office/Administration Upgrade has finally begun so by the end of Term One next year, we will have a flash new Office/Admin area. Unfortunately, we will need to go through a period of upheaval while this process is taking place—but you can't make an omelette without cracking eggs! What this will mean, is that in the last few days of this term we will need to re-house the entire contents of the present building. School will be open until 12.30p.m. on 19th December, if you will be sending your children to school in the last week, please ensure they are in mufti on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as we will be doing a lot of cleaning up and organising. Any additional assistance would be greatly appreciated and if you are available to help with this task, please give your name to Julie at the Office.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

21st November (Virtue—Faithfulness)

- Room 1:** Tania Ivory-Tauroa—for her faithfulness to her family and friends.
Ka pail (V).
Samantha Rowney—for her fantastic work in Maths with her Facts to Ten.
- Room 2:** Joshua Kirkham—for showing a deep devotion to God and faithfulness to his classmates and school (V).
Marc Capistrano—'Good Work Award' for improvement in all areas of his school work.
- Room 3:** Savahn Morgan—for showing faithfulness to her friends (V).
Jayden Vandy—for showing faithfulness to his friends (V).
Tira Nusipepa—'Super Work Award'.
Jaynie Yang—'Super Work Award'.
- Room 4:** Jahmin Nepia—for using his initiative and problem-solving.
Emily Dufty—for working consistently in Reading.

28th November (Virtue—Goodness)

- Room 1:** Sean Hancock—Welcome to St. Anthony's Catholic School.
E.J. Hizon—for always looking at the good in people and displaying goodness to others (V).
Storm Rahman—who is 'wild about reading'. For always being enthusiastic with her Reading and for making great progress.
- Room 2:** Jade Ivory-Tauroa—for showing goodness and kindness to others for being helpful (V).
Rheed Beverland—for completing set tasks quickly and to a high degree.
- Room 3:** Uinise Moeakiola—for showing goodness to others.
Blake Powell—for showing goodness to others and for being sharing and caring towards others.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday December 6	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday December 13	Emily Dufty & Paige Beverland
Saturday December 20	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki

St. Anthony's Athletics Day Results

- 5 Year-old Champion: James Brennan
5 Year-old Runner-ups: Storm Rahman & Tania Ivory-Tauroa
6/7 Year-old Girls' Champion: Jemma Goodall
6/7 Year-old Girls' Runner-up: Stella Bredenbeck
6/7 Year-old Boys' Champion: Zane Neill
6/7 Year-old Boys' Runner-up: Jamie Rowney
8/9 Year-old Girls' Champion: Natasha P.
8/9 Year-old Girls' Runner-up: Renee Peden
8/9 Year-old Boys' Champion: Moses Vakameilalo
8/9 Year-old Boys' Runner-up: Kristoffer Saki
10/11 Year-old Girls' Champion: Jasmine Strawbridge
10/11 Year-old Girls' Runner-up: Annie Yang
10/11 Year-old Boys' Champion: Danny O'Hara
10/11 Year-old Boys' Runner-up: Maake Tukuafu
12/13 Year-old Girls' Champion: Michaela Hodge
12/13 Year-old Girls' Runner-up: Sam Powell
12/13 Year-old Boys' Champion: Sione Vakameilalo
12/13 Year-old Boys' Runner-up: Maico Sotelo & Michael P.

**Welcome to...
...Sean Hancock & Aisha Turton.**

Sean and Aisha have had a great start to their years here at St. Anthony's by taking part in the recent Athletics Day. They totally enjoyed participating in the events. At home, Aisha likes to play with her pony set and Sean likes to fly paper planes with his Dad. We welcome both the Turton and Hancock families to our school and parish community and look forward to the many happy primary years ahead.



Author/Illustrator Visit

The New Zealand Book Council runs a programme called *The Sky is the Limit When You Read*. This programme is presented in schools throughout New Zealand with the help of the Ministry of Education and Learning Media. On Friday 14th November, we were very privileged to have Tracy Duncan visit our school. She spoke to both the junior and senior syndicates about her role as an artist and illustrator of children's books. Our students were in awe of her artistic skills. She showed us illustrations in their draft stages and in their finished state. One of the books she showed us was called *Kei te Pehea Koe? How do you feel?* This book is a bilingual book, written and illustrated by Tracy Duncan. It helps us to be able to describe how we are feeling. The illustrations were wonderful and the facial expressions really show the emotion being depicted. Another book we were fortunate to get a preview of was *The Apple*. This book was also illustrated by Tracy Duncan and is due out this year. There were many superb illustrations we saw, such as the troll and the billy goat. Our students have been inspired by Tracy Duncan's visit. In particular, we now see a number of students developing their own artistic skills in their own time.



Pictured helping Tracy are Timothy Kirkham and Brittain Nath.

HPV Immunisation Programme

Next year will see the beginning of a national immunization programme for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which will be offered to 12 year-old girls (Year 8) on an ongoing basis, with the aim of reducing the incidence of cervical cancer. With parental approval, the Ministry of Health will be delivering the HPV Programme through schools. Three doses of HPV vaccine will be given over a six-month period. If you would like to know more about this programme, see the Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation or phone Janine or Bryce at the Ministry of Health on 04 816 4451.

DIARY

December 9	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
December 11	Senior Mass, 9a.m.
December 16	Prize-giving, 6:30p.m. at Huntly Workmen's Club.
December 19	Last Day of School.
January 3	Term 1 Begins.



Presents For 2008

European Spring Festival

And

Christmas Celebration



Te Kauwhata College Hall

Saturday Dec. 13th 7.30 pm
Sunday Dec. 14th 2.00 pm



Proceeds to
World Vision

**CANDLELIGHT CAROLS
& NATIVITY MOVIE**

- featuring Kelsha Castle Hughes

Free sausage sizzle & movie

Bring the whole family and enjoy a night out singing under the stars with your candles.

Sunday 14th December
Movie starts @ 6:15 pm
Carol singing 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Liberty Church
50 Onslow Street



Uniform Wanted

If anyone has a size 10 second hand school dress which they no longer need and would like to sell, please phone Tiffany on 8289311 or 0272410037.

Interschool Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at the recent Interschool Athletics at Huntly Primary School. You all certainly did our school proud - both in your efforts and your behaviour. The results are:

- Sione Vakameilalo: 1st - Senior Boys' Shot-Put & Senior Boys' Discus
2nd - Senior Boys' High Jump & Senior Boys' Long Jump
- Annie Yang: 2nd - Intermediate Girls' Long Jump
Jasmine Strawbridge: 3rd - Intermediate Girls' Discus
Tangi Tukuafu: 3rd - Intermediate Girls' Long Jump
Mike Paki: 2nd - Intermediate Boys' High Jump
Renee Peden: 1st - Junior Girls' Long Jump
2nd - Junior Girls' High Jump
- Natasha P: 1st - Junior Girls' Long Distance & Junior Girls' Sprints
Oceana Kaponga: 3rd - Junior Girls' High Jump



TAKE TIME TO BE AWARE

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is born in the Birthrooms of our homes and daily lives. Take time to slow down, be still, be aware to the Divine Mystery that makes so common and so ordinary, yet is wondrously present."

"An old abbot was fond of saying, 'The devil is always the most active on the highest feast days.'"

"The super-activity of all St. Nicholas helps us to busy ourselves preparing food, practicing music and dancing in preparation for the feast of Christmas that we actually miss the coming of Christ. Hurt feelings, anger, impatience, injured egos—the list of clouds that busyness creates to blind us to the birth can be long, but it is familiar to us all."

Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac



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