

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
10th February 2009—Term 1 Week 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to everyone, especially to our new families who are now part of our St. Anthony's Catholic School Community. This year we are privileged to have an awesome team of dedicated, enthusiastic teachers, who are committed to ensuring that every child receives the best. The ethos of achieving one's 'Personal Best' through 'Giving It A Go' and Catholic Character are evident in each and every classroom. Each teacher has written a short blurb about themselves which I have included below:

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**Mr. Eugene Volkwyn:** "I graduated from the University of Cape in 1996. I started my teaching career in Cape Town, South Africa. After teaching in South Africa for 10 years, I relocated to New Zealand and have taught here for the past three years. I am married with two sons. My eldest is 10 and we have a little one of six months old. I look forward to teaching at St. Anthony's Catholic School and would like to make a positive contribution to the lives of our children."

**Mrs. Cherry Tregoweth:** "I first became associated with St. Anthony's Catholic School when our children attended for their primary and intermediate education. I also served as a parent representative on the Board of Trustees for part of this time. My father-in-law attended the original Convent School when it was situated on the Main Road and my husband also attended St. Anthony's Catholic School at the old site. Our younger son Matthew now attends St. John's College and our other son Mark (also an ex-pupil) is now a builder. I have taught New Entrant/Year 1 at Huntly Primary for the past year and a half and it will be great to continue sharing my skills at St. Anthony's Catholic School. I am very excited to once again being a part of the St. Anthony's Catholic School Community and am looking forward to getting to know and working with our children and their families."

**Mrs. Janine Kirkham:** "Most of you will already know me, as I have been a part of the staff at St. Anthony's since mid 2007. I am married to Graham and our two boys attend our school (Joshua in Room 2 and Timothy in Room 1). We have lived in Huntly for two years now, after moving from Taranaki, and we think it is a great place to live! I have been teaching for approximately 10 years now, at various levels from pre-school to adult learners. I am very excited about teaching in Room 2 this year."

**Miss Amy Blewman:** "My name is Amy Blewman and I come from Wanganui originally, but moved to Hamilton to study in 2005. I am the youngest of three children, having two older brothers. I was brought up in a Catholic family, attending Church and Catholic schools. Last year I relieved in numerous schools, both Catholic and State. I am looking forward to working in the Catholic school system and with the Catholic community of Huntly."

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Yes, we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team here at St. Anthony's Catholic School. All of the staff have expressed to me how lucky they feel to be part of our Catholic School Community and have requested that I thank the Board in particular for all their support, which has already been given to them individually and as a team.

A number of people from various walks of life have asked what makes St. Anthony's Catholic School so special and my response is—because we are Catholic. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that their children are in a privileged position and as I explained to the children at our start of year Liturgy—with privilege comes responsibility. Parents who enrol their children under the Catholic 'Preference' system, give an undertaking to uphold the Catholic Faith by ensuring their children undertake the Sacramental Programme. Many of our 'Non Preference' children have, and are also welcome, to take part in these programmes. Through attending our school, many children really want to become full members of the Catholic Family. In readiness for the programmes, forms are now available from Julie at the Office for registrations, alternatively you may give her a call and she will send one home. It would be heartening to see as many people as possible supporting the Catholic Character of our school, by taking advantage of this special opportunity.

God bless,

*Hazel Rayner*

**Sacramental Programmes**

**Baptism Programme**

There will be a programme beginning shortly for parents who are considering having their child/ren baptised or accepted into the Catholic Faith (if already christened). Please register your interest at the Office as soon as possible to enable arrangements to be made.

**Reconciliation/First Holy Communion/Confirmation**

The course for these Sacraments will also be beginning shortly for children aged Eight Years and above. These Sacraments are only available bi-annually, so please let Julie know as soon as possible if you are wishing to take part in the programme this year. Enrolment forms for the reception of these Sacraments are available from Julie at the Office.

**Piano Lessons**

Qualified Piano Teacher, Irene Lynch, has a few available spaces left for lessons in 2009. If you would like some more information on available times with this excellent and very experienced teacher, please phone Irene on 828 7061 or 828 7002. Be quick as spots are filling up fast!

**Guitar Lessons**

We have also been offered the wonderful opportunity for our children to receive guitar lessons from Leon Wennekers. Leon has just finished seventh form at St. John's College in Hamilton and is keen to pursue a career in music. He has played in several bands as the lead guitarist and competed in Rock Quest last year, gaining a spot in the finals. Leon has a real passion for music and is keen to instil that passion in his students. Leon is currently teaching at a guitar school in Hamilton but is willing to come into our school to provide either group or individual lessons for our students. The cost of individual 30 minute sessions would be \$15 per lesson, or for a group \$10 per child. Alternative arrangements can be made for lessons out of school hours if this is more suited to your needs. If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Julie at the Office to register your interest. Payment will be required before commencement of the lessons.



**Kia Ora Netball**

Kia Ora Netball Club will be having a muster for all grades on the 11th February. This will take place at Huntly West School between 4.00—5.00p.m. Trials for all grades will be taking place at 10.00a.m. on 14th February at Huntly West School.

**Slingshot 'Better Schools' Programme**

We are now part of this wonderful programme whereby Slingshot customers can choose to have a percentage of their monthly bill donated to the school. Each month, Slingshot will send us a cheque to use as we see fit. How big that cheque is depends on you! If you'd like this easy and pain free way to contribute, please go to [www.slingshot.co.nz/schools](http://www.slingshot.co.nz/schools) or call 0800 892 000 and speak to one of their friendly customer helpers. Who is Slingshot? Slingshot is New Zealand's largest 100% owned phone and internet company. They focus on keeping things simple and providing better service and better value than the big guys.

**Free Ear Clinic Service for Children**

Health Waikato will be providing a free clinic for children on Monday 16th March in Huntly's Main Street. This will take place from 9.15a.m.—2.30p.m. and services are available for Wax/Foreign Body Removal; Glue Ear Assessment and Management; Grommet Checks and Treatment of Discharging Ears. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact Rural And Community Services, Hamilton Family Healthy Team, Phone: (07) 838 3565. All children must be accompanied by a Parent or Caregiver. The Ear Nurse contact phone numbers are 021 858 663 / 021 976 474 / 021 988 373.

**Change to Local Bus Times**

We have been notified by Go Bus this morning that the local town bus will start its run earlier, beginning from tomorrow morning. Owing to the increase in children using the service this year, the run for the town service will be leaving the Bus Depot at 7:40a.m. This will make the pick-up times for children approximately **15 minutes earlier** from now on. There will be no change to the Pukemiro run.

**'Bunting in the Morning' Book Promotion**

To launch the school year, the Bunting in the Morning show will be giving books to parents to launch a great year of reading. They will be sending their show character 'Bronnie the Book Bunny' to the entrance of different schools every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the next seven weeks with the books. You'll recognize her—she'll be dressed as a rabbit and carrying a microphone and an armful of books. A \$500 book voucher will be given away every week to the school with the nicest parents, so we are confident of winning some books for our school!!! The idea of the promotion is to encourage reading and morning courtesy in one hit, so if you spot Bronnie in a Bunny suit with books in her arms, make sure you pop over and say hello and receive a free book.

**Solid Energy 5 & 10km Event**

The sixth annual Solid Energy Puketirini 5 & 10km Event is coming up at Huntly on Sunday 29th March 2009. Puketirini (formerly Weaver's Park) is well-known to many of you as the venue for the annual North Waikato Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. This year some exciting new prize categories of particular interest to our school have been added to the Puketirini Event. These include:

Junior Runners: Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls—5km run  
Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls—5km run

All runners are eligible for the generous spot prize draws on the day. There will be an entry charge for each entrant. Registration forms will be sent home shortly, please return to school with payment as soon as possible if you wish your child to take part.

**Senior Camp—Year 7 & 8**

This year our Senior students will be attending the Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March. This camp is for team building, therefore we require all students to attend and with this in mind, I intend to subsidise the camp so that each child is required to only pay \$60. Those children who have already fundraised for a school camp, will not be required to contribute any more financially. In the case of genuine hardship, please ensure you speak to me (Mrs. Rayner), so we can make alternative arrangements to enable your child to attend. Catholic means universal and that means no child will miss out. A camp letter will be sent home shortly and we will hold a Camp Meeting on Monday 16th February at 6.30p.m. to discuss details. Mr. Eugene Volkwyn and I look forward to meeting all the parents on this occasion, in Room 4.

**Friends of the School**

After the first Assembly on Tuesday morning, it was very inspiring to see

so many keen faces lining up for a Friends of the School get together. A further Friends of the School Meeting will take place next Thursday, 19th February at 6:30p.m. in Room 2. It would be lovely to see a similar turn out for this evening.

**DIARY**

February 10	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
February 19	Junior Mass, 9a.m.
February 24	Shrove Tuesday
February 25	ASH WEDNESDAY
	Parent Goal Setting Interviews
March 2	Vision/Hearing Testing
March 3, 4, 5	Senior Camp
March 12	Senior Mass, 9a.m.
March 13	St. Anthony's School Swimming Sports
March 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
March 18	Interscholar Swimming Sports

**St Josephs Paeroa 5th Annual**

**Cycle Challenge**  
Saturday February 28th 2009

[www.paeroa-stjosephs.school.nz](http://www.paeroa-stjosephs.school.nz)

**Events**

**10k, 30k, 75k.**

**Starting at Wani Rd. Paeroa**

Spots Prizes Galore, including a Bauer Mountain bike  
Sponsored by Paeroa Marine and Cycle



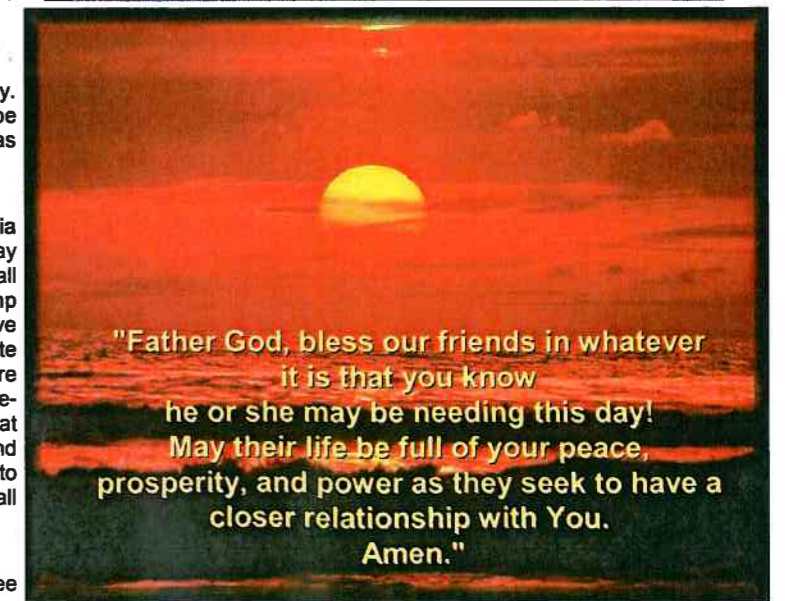
Entry forms are available from St Joseph's School  
200 Normanby Road, Paeroa

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For More Information Ph: 07 862 8994  
or visit website at [www.paeroa-stjosephs.school.nz](http://www.paeroa-stjosephs.school.nz)

**Altar Serving Roster**

Saturday February 14	Jayden Vandy & Samantha Proud
Saturday February 21	Jasmine Strawbridge & Sam Powell
Saturday February 28	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday March 7	Emily Duffy & Paige Beverland



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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.

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Gaines

Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....