

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Last week I suffered a great loss with the passing of my Mum. I know, and am comforted by the knowledge that she is now at peace and in a far better place. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all for the support both I and my family have received during this great time of personal sadness. I have felt truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful caring community who have not only shown the true spirit of our Catholic Character/Faith in prayers, but in deeds. It gave me great strength and touched me deeply having a group of children and parents from St. Anthony's Catholic School, present at my Mum's service.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff, especially Julie, for continuing to do such a great job for our children in my absence.

Our first Mass celebrated last Thursday was a wonderful occasion and it made for a very special return to school for myself. Father Keane and I were very impressed with how well the junior children read and the beautiful singing by the whole school. A Big Thank You must go to Willemien Wennekers, our new Religious Support Person, and all the teachers who prepared the children so well.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

13th February (Virtue—Self-control)

Room 1: James Brennan—for showing self-control by being more focused (V)
Timothy Kirkham—for showing self-control by waiting politely (V).
Sean Hancock—for offering up thoughtful prayers.

Room 2: Daeja Kaponga—Welcome: a great start in a new school.
Merekara Simon-Wharakura—for showing good self-control and working hard (V).

Room 3: Moses Vakameilalo—for showing self-control at Swimming (V).
Benjamin White—for showing great swimming skills.
Paige Beverland—for having great self-control in the classroom (V).
Oceana Kaponga—for a great start with her classwork.

Room 4: Logan King & Tiaan Nepe—for showing academic excellence.
Jessica Peden & Mike Paki—for showing leadership at House Meetings.
Tatjana Kaponga—Welcome.

20th February (Virtue—Generosity)

Room 1: Rainald Valondo—for showing generosity by helping others (V).
Tiraha Nepia—for completing her story successfully.

Room 2: Sean Hodge—for showing generosity to classmates (V).
Sara-Louise Turton—for being an enthusiastic class member.

Room 3: Samantha Proud—for her neat Hand-writing.
Tangi Tukuafu—for showing generosity by helping others with their duties (V).

Room 4: Samantha Powell—for showing academic excellence.
Jasmine Strawbridge—for showing generosity (V).

ST. ANTHONY'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Wanting to BUY or SELL uniform
Cash paid for boys or girls uniforms.
Call Tiffany on 828 9311 or 027 241 0037

Welcome to...
...Amy Wichtel
and
Amy Lilley.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students. In Room 2 with Mrs. Kikham we have Amy Wichtel (left) and Amy Lilley (right).



Also to...
...Tatjana, Daeja and Nyah Kaponga.



In Room 1 with Mrs. Tregoweth we have Nyah (front), in Room 2 with Mrs. Kirham we have Daeja (absent) and Tatjana (back) in Room 4 with Mr. Volkwyn. Our teachers have been impressed by how well all of our new students have settled into class routines and by their bright cheerful smiles. The students have a positive attitude in all that they do! We are sure you will all have a fantastic year in 2009. We also welcome their families into our community and wish them a long and happy association with our school and parish.

Prove's Myth Busters!

"Sports drinks make you run faster"



False!

Sports drinks have been designed to help elite athletes (NZ representatives) recover after training or competition so they are ready for their next session. If we drink them (as non-elite athletes) then we just get sugar (can be up to 14 teaspoons per bottle!), so stick to the water to keep yourself hydrated.



Friends of the School

A reminder that the Friends of the School Meeting will take place at 6.30pm this Thursday. It would be wonderful to see a good turnout for the first meeting of the year.

School Grounds and Gardens

You may have noticed that we now have a new caretaker, Simon Popplestone, who has been working hard on bringing our grounds, pool, etc. up to standard - and they are looking very good indeed! Also a BIG thank you to 'PLANTS AND POTS BOUTIQUE' for supplying some discounted plants to fill the space left by the moving of the Bell Tower. Thank you also to Tiffany Whyte for working so hard with the gardening and the spreading of the woodchips on the gardens.

GARDENING FOR LENT

First plant five rows of PEAS:

- Preparedness
- Promptness
- Perseverance
- Politeness
- Prayer

Next to them plant three rows of SQUASH:

- Squash gossip
- Squash criticism
- Squash indifference

Then plant five rows of LETTUCE:

- Let us be faithful
- Let us be loyal
- Let us be unselfish
- Let us love one another
- Let us be truthful

No garden is complete without TURNIPS:

- Turn up for Mass
- Turn up with a smile
- Turn up with a new idea
- Turn up with real determination

Then see what a wonderful garden you can grow!!!

DIARY	
February 24	Shrove Tuesday
February 25	ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass at Church, 10am 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 15	SCHOOL/PARISH MASS
March 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
March 18	Interschool Swimming Sports
March 24	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
April 5	PALM SUNDAY
April 9	HOLY THURSDAY—End of Term 1

St. Anthony's School/Parish Youth Group

BIG apologies from Manda, Pat and Francis . . . There can be no Youth Group in March owing to other commitments. The group usually meets on the first Saturday of the month after Mass (approximately 6:30p.m.) Anyone aged 10 years or older is welcome to come along, but remember to enter your child's details and contacts in the register in the Church Foyer.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

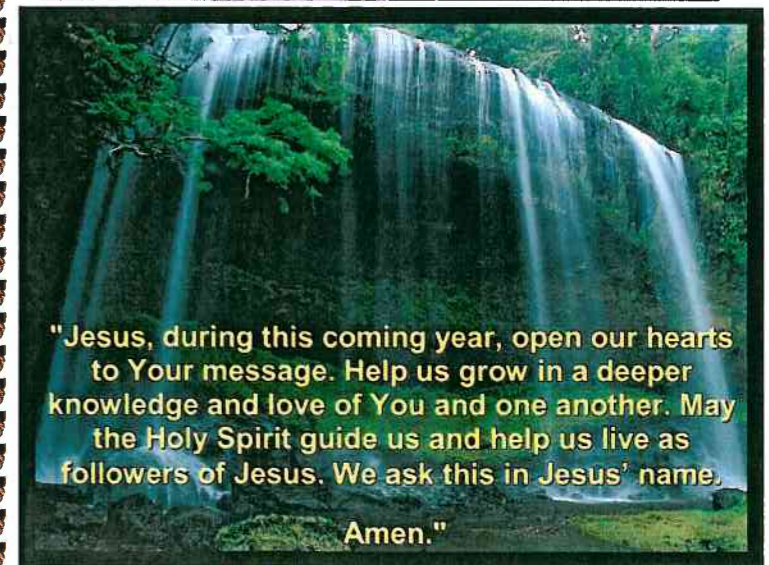
We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday tonight at the Parish Centre at 6:30p.m. Traditionally, all those foods forbidden in Lent may be eaten in pancakes. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a pancake and if possible, please bring along a filling to share. This celebration always precedes Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent, which will be celebrated tomorrow at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 10:00a.m. The whole school will be attending along with St. Paul's Catholic School from Ngaruawahia and it would be lovely to have parents join us for this special Mass as well. If any parents are available to help transport children to and from Mass, this would be greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Programmes

Thank you to those who have sent in registrations for the planned Sacramental Programmes. If you still have not sent your forms into school and wish your child to be baptized or receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Holy Communion/ Confirmation, please return your form as soon as possible. Extra forms are available from Julie at the Office.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday February 28	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday March 7	Emily Dufty & Paige Beverland
Saturday March 14	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki
Saturday March 21	Emily Dufty & Deon Vandy
Saturday March 28	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday April 4	Renee Peden & Jasmine Strawbridge



"Jesus, during this coming year, open our hearts to Your message. Help us grow in a deeper knowledge and love of You and one another. May the Holy Spirit guide us and help us live as followers of Jesus. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.....