

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
16th July 2007—Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another busy term of school. It is with a very heavy heart that I must inform you that Mr. Fritz Karshagen has resigned from his teaching position at our school, to take up one at Ngahinapouri. He is very sad to be leaving St. Anthony's Catholic School but he feels he needs to be working closer to his home in Cambridge to allow him more family time. Fritz has contributed greatly to the development of the special character, and the excellent learning and sporting environment which we now so proudly have. He has always gone the extra mile to ensure our children receive the best, and that they are proud of their school. There have been many examples of this, the most recent being the organisation of North Waikato Schools' Winter Soccer Sports Day. I know that all the children (especially Room 4), the parent community, Board of Trustees and the staff, would like the opportunity to thank and farewell Mr. K. so I will be organising such an event in the next few weeks. Tentative dates have been placed on the Parent Overview.

Now it is my pleasure to welcome two new teachers, Miss Jane Hull and Mrs. Patsy Wisniewski. Miss Jane Hull, who will be teaching in Room 4, comes to us highly recommended from relieving at Morrinsville Intermediate. Room 4 will be pleased to know that Jane is also a keen sportsperson who strives for the best in all aspects of life. Room 2 are extremely lucky to have Mrs. Patsy Wisniewski, who is a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary and who has just completed a long term relieving position at Marion. Mrs. Janine Kirkham is also joining our school staff this term as a teacher aide. She will mostly be working in Room 3 assisting Mrs. Regan with her numeracy programme from Monday to Friday. Mrs. Jean Beverland will also continue working as a teacher aide with her major focus being helping Mrs. Regan with her literacy programme. Mrs. Margaret O'Hara will also be joining our staff and her focus will be the Library. Mrs. Cox, our lovely ex. D.R.S. will be teaching Room 1 while Miss Karen O'Reilly is in Europe for the first two weeks of term.

Yes, I think everyone will agree that St. Anthony's Catholic School has been very fortunate to have been able to recruit such excellent staff at such short notice!

God bless you all.

Hazel Rayner

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### Assembly Awards

#### 15 June

Room 1: Elyon Manatsa—for an awesome effort in Spelling & Writing.  
Sara-Louise Turton—for a wonderful attitude in school.

Room 2: Sam Proud, Ethan Steiner & Blake Powell—for wonderful results in STAR testing.

Room 3: Quaid Bould—for demonstrating maturity and being co-operative.  
Chehalis Ralph—for her bright, bubbly personality & friendly manner.

Room 4: Michaela Hodge & Peronne Grut—for their wonderful results in STAR and their great effort in St. Anthony's Powerpoint.

#### 22 June

Room 1: Katy Yang—for an awesome attitude to her work.  
Dylan Morgan—for a great improvement in his school work.

Room 2: Nathan Baars—for his great Reading effort.  
Rheed Beverland—for his quiet achievement in class.

Room 3: Tira Nusipepa—for their competent & diligent work in Report Writing.

### New Curriculum

The fourth key competency is 'Thinking'. Thinking is about using creative, critical, metacognitive, and reflective processes to make sense of and question information, experiences, and ideas. These processes can be applied to research, organization, and evaluation for all kinds of purposes—developing understanding, making decisions, shaping actions, or constructing knowledge. Intellectual curiosity is at the heart of this competency. Students who have well-developed thinking and problem-solving skills are active seekers, users, and creators of knowledge. They reflect on their own learning, draw on personal knowledge and intuitions, ask questions, and challenge the basis of assumptions and perceptions.

### Toolbox Parent Inc.

Mary and Ian Grant, founders of Toolbox Parent Inc., are holding a 'Parenting With Confidence' course at St. Paul's Catholic School in Ngaruawahia. This will begin on 24th July at 6.30pm and will run for six weeks. There are two courses available, one covers six to twelve year olds and the other covers teenage years. The facilitators are Roger and Kathy Brown, with the cost being \$90 per couple or \$67.50 per single. If you would like to attend but money is an issue, Toolbox Parent Inc. can provide some financial support. Childcare is available. For more information ring Annelies van Dam on (07)824 6955. Be quick—first in first served!!!



## Get that calcium kick

- Growing kids need two serves of high calcium foods each day
- One serving =  
Glass of milk    Slice of cheese  
Pottle of yoghurt    Handful of nuts
- Bones are like piggy banks they need deposits now for later

YUM! YUM! YUM!



### ENROL

St. Anthony's will be implementing the Ministry of Education's ENROL programme in our school this term. You will find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the ENROL brochure. This brochure is designed to explain to parents and caregivers, what ENROL is and the obligations around enrolment of children in New Zealand schools.

### Catholic Caring

Also included with this newsletter is a pamphlet on Caring Sunday from Bishop Browne. This is requesting your support to help the Catholic Care Foundation which provides funding to organizations who are working to help those most needy in our society, so please take time to read and consider the request to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

### Altar Serving Roster

Saturday	21 July	Celeste Sturch & Kylee Levin
Saturday	28 July	Sam Powell & Emily Dufty

### School Production

It is with great regret that we will have to cancel the School Production for 2007. This will enable the new staff to settle in and focus on their classroom programmes, and to ensure that all children's learning remains paramount.

### The Waikato Coalfields Museum

The Waikato Coalfields Museum is currently engaged in a project to build a new museum and heritage park in Huntly. To assist with fundraising for this project, Toll New Zealand have donated two return trips for two on the Tranz Scenic Overlander between Auckland and Wellington (or any stops in between) for a competition. Questions to be answered by entrants are covered in information given on the entry form (enclosed), in accordance with their aim to raise community awareness of the heritage and history of our area. Each entry will attract a fee of \$2, \$1 of which is retained by our school with the remaining \$1 to go towards the Museum. Please support this project as it will benefit our school as well as the Huntly Community.

### DIARY

July	24	Board of Trustees Meeting—7pm
August	2	Junior Mass
August	3	Farewell for Mr. K.
August	7	Junior Syndicate Parish Mass
August	15	Feast of the Assumption/Michael Manigan Concert at St. Paul's, Ngaruawahia—cost \$3.50/ea or \$9/family

### PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Lord God,

You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
By paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,  
But only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.