

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Halfway through the term and wow, isn't it speeding by! Last week it was my privilege to be part of the Senior Camp which was held at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp. The children were extremely fortunate to have such awesome 'camp helpers' who ensured that they all had an enjoyable, but challenging experience. With 100% attendance, team building (which was the main aim) was obvious by the way everyone interacted, sharing and using their talents to achieve whatever challenge was set down before them. On the last evening of the Camp, an invitation was extended to all families to come together to celebrate a beautiful Mass which was led by Father Keane. This was followed by a delicious meal, rivalling the best of restaurants! We then gathered together so the children could present musical items, interspersed with the presentation of Camp Certificates. Leon, our new guitar teacher, received the greatest accolades as not only did he spend his free days taking the children for kayaking, flying fox, archery, taking 'Jam Sessions' - he also provided the final 'midnight feast' during his sleepover. The camp ended with a scrumptious smorgasboard luncheon at the Huntly Workingmen's Club which all the children thoroughly enjoyed, stating that "it was the best restaurant that they had ever eaten at". A special thanks must go to The Huntly Workingmen's Club who provided their van to transport children to the camp venue. On behalf of the Seniors I would like to thank all of the people who helped by either giving their time to supervise games, cook meals, etc. as well as parents who provided transport and delicious baking.

Unfortunately we have found it necessary to postpone our Sunday School Mass, which was to be part of the blessing and official opening of our new Administration Building. This will now take place next term on the first Sunday of May (3rd). Term One School Mass will now be held on Saturday 4th April at 5.30p.m. (Palm Sunday), as usual children will be required to wear school uniform and will need to be at the Church by 5.15pm to take part in the procession.

Swimming Sports will take place this Friday, beginning with a family picnic at the Huntly Aquatic Centre at 12 noon. The day will begin with a full School Assembly, therefore children will be required to be in their uniform, but they will be advised to bring along their house coloured T-Shirt to wear between races in the afternoon. Transport will be required, so if you are able to assist with this please see your child's classroom teacher. This being the first HOUSE sporting event of the year, I am sure this is going to be an awesome competition. Make sure you support your child's house by wearing the appropriate colours, as unfortunately this year we may not have time for the much awaited Parent/Staff Relay Race (*bring your togs just in case!*). I look forward to seeing you all there.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

13th February (Virtue—Generosity)

Room 1: Nyah Kaponga—for showing generosity of spirit towards other class members (V).

Maia Steiner—for always coming to school with a smile, ready to learn.

Room 2: Victoria Whyte & Ben Tukuafu—for their improvement in Reading. Isaac Vandy & Nathan Baars—for being generous to classmates

(V).

Room 3: Blake Powell—for showing generosity in class (V).

Natasha P.—for doing a fantastic recount story of her holiday.

Room 4: Jessica Peden & Logan King—for showing generosity (V).

Seini Vakameilalo—for making excellent progress.

Jayden Vandy—for showing academic excellence.

St. Patrick's Day

Next Tuesday we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by fundraising for Caritas. This will have a competitive aspect, with each child dressing in their house colours and houses running stalls and selling 'green' goods. We are asking for donations to be sent along on the day, for the children to sell on their stalls. Any saleable items would be appreciated—green if possible, e.g. coconut ice, fudge, toffee, slices, popcorn, toffee apples, etc. Items will be sold during the lunch hour, with parent/parish/school community being invited to join us. We are hoping to have a B-B-Q or hotdogs available to purchase for lunch. We will let the children know beforehand. This proved to be a very popular and fun day for all last year and we welcome you to get into the swing of things, by coming along and dressing in something 'green'!

Sacramental Programme

We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs. Margaret O'Hara and Mr. Kevin O'Hara lead the 2009 Sacramental Programme which begins this afternoon at 3.15pm. So far we have 27 children registered to take part which will make for a very special occasion indeed. If you know of anyone who would like to enter their child for this programme and has not already done so, please get them to contact the school as soon as possible as these Sacraments will not be available in our Parish for another two years.

2009 School Leaders



Congratulations to all of our School Leaders for 2009. The successful applicants for the positions were:

Front Row: Jessica Peden (Barbier House Captain); Samuel Saki (Barbier Deputy House Captain); Jayden Vandy (Pompallier Deputy House Captain); Annie Yang (Pompallier House Captain); Jasmine Strawbridge (Gaines Deputy House Captain); Seini Vakameilalo (Gaines House Captain); Danny O'Hara (Poynton Deputy House Captain); Quaid Bould (Poynton House Captain);

Back Row: Emily Duffy (Deputy Prefect); Sam Powell (Prefect); Logan King (Prefect); Michael P. (Deputy Prefect).

Congratulations must also go to our new group of Young Vinnies. Their group's leaders are as follows: Logan King (President); Seini Vakameilalo (Vice President); Tiaan Nepe (Secretary); Quaid Bould and Chehalis Ralph (Spiritual Advisors); Emily Duffy (Public Relations) and Jessica Peden (Treasurer). I am sure we will all be proud of our Student Leaders as they represent St. Anthony's Catholic School. Well done.

Proje's Myth Busters!

"An egg a day is okay"



True!

The yolk of an egg contains cholesterol which causes people to think eggs are bad for us. However research shows that cholesterol from eggs does not increase the blood cholesterol but it is the saturated fat in foods that increases blood cholesterol. So unless you have cholesterol problems, an egg a day is ok!



Friends of the School

Friends of the School will be holding another meeting this Wednesday, 11th March at 7:00p.m. An opportunity has arisen to raise funds, by having a stall at the Steamboat Festival on Saturday 19th April. A number of people have indicated that they are not able to make meetings, but are more than willing to lend a hand with manpower or baking, etc. at different fundraising events. If you would like your name added to this list of supporters, please let Julie know at the Office—your help would be very much appreciated.

Huntly Rugby Club Weigh In

Huntly Rugby Club Junior Boys Weigh In will be held on Sunday the 15th March at 11:00a.m. at their clubrooms on Alexandra Street. All primary school girls and boys are welcome, as well as 13 year old college students weighing under 60kg. New players need to bring a birth certificate. For further information contact Neil Wightman on 828-4681 or 027-206-7077.

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Taupiri Junior Rugby Weigh In/Muster/Training

On the 19th of March, Taupiri Rugby Club will be having another Weigh In and also all those who have already weighed in need to attend as well, as they will be starting their training on this night at 5:30-6:30p.m. at the rugby club. If attending, please wear some type of enclosed footwear. If you are a new player please take a photocopy of your birth certificate, plunket book or passport. Their club caters for the ages from four years to 12 years old. Fees can be paid on this night, they are: single \$20 and family \$30. Any queries please phone Leah Scott (07)8243894 or 0276869499.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday March	14	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki
Saturday March	21	Emily Duffy & Deon Vandy
Saturday March	28	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday April	4	Renee Peden & Jasmine Strawbridge
Saturday April	11	Sam Powell & Paige Beverland

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton

Pompallier

Gaines

Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....

DIARY

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
March	27	FIRST RECONCILIATION, 7.15pm
March	31	B.O.T. Meeting, 7p.m.
April	4	SCHOOL/PARISH MASS, 5.30pm/PALM SUNDAY
April	9	HOLY THURSDAY—End of Term 1
April	27	Term 2 Begins
May	3	TERM 2 SCHOOL/PARISH MASS/ADMIN BLESSING

Please find below, Parish Group upcoming events. If any families would like to join this group, please contact the co-ordinators Mary-anne and Vern Hall on HALLSRUS@tra.co.nz

Parish Family Group Calendar

Date	Event
29th March	Ritz Making/Flying & Fish 'n' Chips
12th April	Easter Morning Tea (after Mass)
27th June	Mid Winter Dinner
24th July	Movie Night

EQUIPPING WOMEN FOR NEW LIFE

WHEN: Saturday 21st March

WHERE: St. Peter's Catholic Church Centre, Cambridge
TIME: 9:30a.m.—3:30p.m.
COST: \$20.00
BRING: Plate for shared lunch
SPEAKER: Christine Korman
Pam Wood

CONTACT: Wilma Ph: (07)8298616

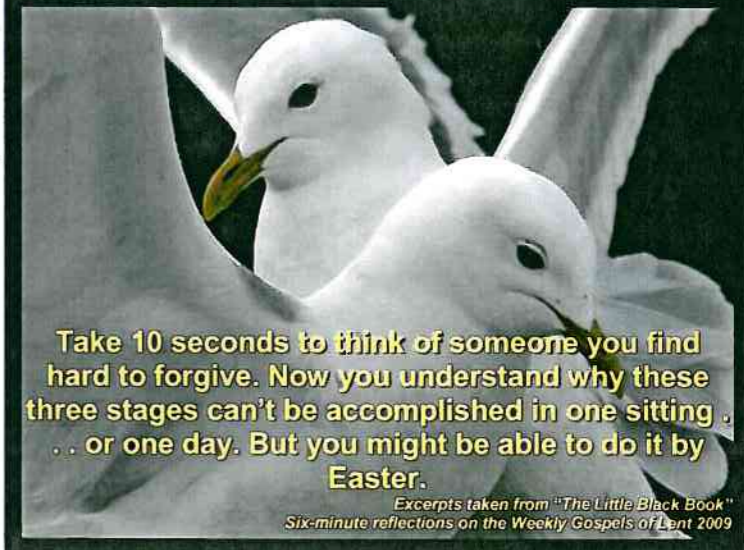
HOSTED BY DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN
- TAURANGA AND HAMILTON

Forgiveness

Louis Smedes, author of several books on forgiveness, notes that we do not forgive simply because we are supposed to forgive. We forgive because we need to be healed—to get rid of the poison in our system.

The three stages of forgiveness

- I don't deny what the person did, or pretend it wasn't wrong. But . . .
- (1) Instead of identifying the person totally with whatever was done to hurt me, I begin to see the person as someone like me—imperfect, but still someone God loves.
 - (2) I give up my "right" to get even. Vengeful thoughts don't make the other person suffer. They hurt me. So, I just plain rinse my mind of those kinds of thoughts.
 - (3) I stand next to the Lord and together with Him, look at the other person. For sure Jesus wants good things to happen to the one who hurt me. So, with the Lord's help (and some struggle), I begin to look at the other person the way the Lord does.



Take 10 seconds to think of someone you find hard to forgive. Now you understand why these three stages can't be accomplished in one sitting . . . or one day. But you might be able to do it by Easter.

Excerpts taken from "The Little Black Book"
Six-minute reflections on the Weekly Gospels of Lent 2009