

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. It has been an extremely challenging and busy fortnight, with the St. Anthony's Catholic School's Swimming Sports, Interschool Swimming Sports, St. Patrick's Day, plus our normal classroom programmes and Masses!!!

On Tuesday 17th—St. Patrick's Day, it was a sea of green, with staff and students alike all dressed to celebrate St. Pat's special day. There was an awesome amount of green product for sale, obviously a lot of people had put a large amount of work and thought into the goodies that were sent along to sell. Much competition was had between the different houses, in order to make the most profit for the day. Gains won the House Competition, raising over \$150.00, but Caritas was the main winner, as a total of \$629.80 was raised for this Catholic Agency which promotes Justice, Peace and Development throughout the world. On conclusion of this fun day, our School Prefects went to visit the residents at the Kimihia Rest Home and presented them each with some St. Patrick's Day 'goodies' for afternoon tea. A number of the residents asked if they could come to our next St. Patrick's Day, so it will be an even bigger celebration next year!!!

Interschool Swimming Sports was held on Wednesday 18th March. Twenty of our students were selected to represent our school at this event and as usual, they tried their best and did our school proud—both in performance and behaviour. Unfortunately Kimihia School, the organising institution, has not yet furnished us with the official results so we are unable to relay this information to you. Once again I would like to thank all of those parents who assisted on the day, supported our children and helped out with transport.

It is wonderful to be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for a number of our students this Thursday. This will take place at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at the 9.30a.m. Mass, followed by morning tea at the Parish Centre. It would be lovely if you could join us for this special occasion and it would be greatly appreciated if you could help out by bringing a plate of food to share.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

### Assembly Awards

#### 13th March (Virtue—Kindness)

Room 1: Katy Yang & Brittyn Nath—for showing kindness towards others (V).

Samantha Rowney—for knowing many high frequency words.  
E.J. Hizon—for learning to use labels and adjectives in his Story-writing.

Room 2: Alexander Dufty—for being a kind and considerate classmate (V).  
Amy Wichtel—for showing kindness (V).

Jesca Sotelo—for always having beautifully presented work.  
Daniel Wilshaw—for a big improvement in Handwriting.  
Zane Neill—for working hard in every subject.

Room 3: Brianna Hodge & Kristofer Saki—for showing kindness towards classmates and others (V).

Jamie Rowney—for great, neat work in class.  
Renee Peden—for showing a great attitude towards her work every day.

Room 4: Emily Dufty—for showing kindness (V).

Michael P.—for always helping.  
Annie Yang—for consistently doing well.  
Quaid Bould—for academic excellence.

#### 20th March (Virtue—Joy)

Room 1: Aisha Turton & Manuera Nusipepa—for showing joy throughout the day in their general attitude (V).

##### Junior Swimming Awards:

Maia Steiner Samantha Rowney Rainald Valondo  
James Brennan Solomone Fosita Trinity Whyte

Room 2: Dylan Morgan, Shaun Nath & Rema-Rose Saki—for having a joyful attitude in class (V).

##### Swimming Stars:

Merekara Wharakura Amy Wichtel Joshua Kirkham  
Marc Capistrano Isaac Vandy Daeja Kaponga  
Rema-Rose Saki Amy Lilley Ben Tukuafu

Room 3: Charlee Cox & Cullum Barclay—for always being so happy every morning (V).

Room 4: Danny O'Hara, Mitchell Beddis & Samuel Saki—for doing the 'right thing'.

### Sacramental Programme

Following on from the Baptisms on Thursday, First Reconciliation will take place this week on Friday at 7.15pm at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Reconciliation will also be available for anyone else in preparation for the Easter Celebrations.

### Debt / Money Owed

Unfortunately, St. Anthony's Catholic School is like any other educational institute, organization or family—we too must pay accounts. I know and appreciate in this time of economic hardship, it is sometimes difficult to meet all financial commitments on time, therefore we always make special arrangements so that over time, these financial commitments can be met. However, families do need to consult with me regarding outstanding debt so we can make special arrangements. To date, there has been no contact regarding overdue payments and there are still a number of outstanding balances owing for things such as Camp, Manual Training, Stationery, Bus Levy, Swimming, etc. Future planned events will depend largely on payments being recovered for events/activities which have already taken place. It would be appreciated if all overdue payments can be made by the end of this term.

### Friends of the School

The Friends of the School (F.O.S.) meet each second Wednesday evening of the month in Room 2. At our recent meeting held on 11th March, a very enthusiastic group of people discussed the up-coming historic Steam-Boat Festival to be held at Puketerini (Weaver's Lake) on Saturday, 18th April. We have been invited by the organizers to run two stalls, one selling Old Fashioned Lemonade and Home-Made Sweets, and the other selling slices, biscuits and cakes. This is a great way to fundraise, as we don't have to pay to have the stall! We will be asking for volunteers for the day and donations of sweets/cakes, etc. nearer the time, so mark this in your diary! Prior to this, however, we are planning a shared meal following the School Mass on 4th April. All those attending the Mass are asked to please bring a plate of food to share, which can be left in the Parish Centre, prior to the service. We are asking for volunteers to help set out the food and to clear up and load the dishwasher afterwards. Please give your name to Julie at the Office or see Mrs. Kirkham if you can help. Thanks.

### Senior Swimming Champions



9 Year Old Champion Renee Peden  
10 Year Old Champion Tangi Tukuafu  
11 Year Old Champion Jayden Vandy  
12 Year Old Champion Sam Powell

ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Everyone needs 30 mins  
of Push Play a Day"



### False!

Adults need to push play for 30 minutes each day, but children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. This means the kind of physical activity that makes you want to huff and puff.



PUSH PLAY

### Huntly Junior Rugby

Rugby practices are held at 4pm every Wednesday at the Alexandra Street clubrooms. New players are urged to attend. Players can be aged from three to thirteen years and both girls and boys are welcome. Subs are only \$15 per child, with all playing uniform provided free. If you are interested, please contact Neil on 828-4681 or 027-206-7077.

### Prayer Bags

Your child will sometimes bring home a Prayer Bag from his/her class. This is to help your child familiarize him/herself with the prayers we say in class and to enable them to share their Prayer Time with the family. Please support your child in this practice and ensure that they return the Prayer Bag and its contents to school the next day, to allow another child to enjoy the same experience.



### HUNTLY KINDERGARTEN DESSERT EVENING

SOCIAL EVENING  
2nd April 2009

Huntly Workingmen's Club  
William Street, Huntly

6.30-7pm—Meet & Greet  
7-8pm Dessert Tasting  
8-10pm Disco

\$10.00 per adult: This includes dessert tasting, disco  
and complimentary recipe booklet.

Tickets available to purchase at  
Huntly Kindergarten  
9 Onslow Street  
Huntly  
Phone: 828 7819

### Altar Serving Roster

Saturday March	28	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday April	4	Renee Peden & Jasmine Strawbridge
Saturday April	11	Sam Powell & Paige Beverland
Saturday April	18	Samuel Saki & Blake Powell
Saturday April	25	Emily Dufty & Chehalis Ralph

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton Pompallier Gains  
Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/

### DIARY

March	26	Baptisms at Church, 9.30am
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@xtra.co.nz

### Parish Family Group Calendar

Date	Event
29th March	Kite Making/Flying & Fish 'n' Chips
12th April	Easter Morning Tea (after Mass)
27th June	Mid Winter Dinner
24th July	Movie Night
23rd August	Games/Afternoon Tea/Mass at TeKaupohata
12th September	Quizz Night & Pot Luck Dinner
3rd/4th October	Car Rally
1st November	Tramp

### PERFECT

The Law of the Lord is perfect;  
It gives us new life.  
His teachings last forever,  
And they give wisdom to ordinary people.  
The Lord's instruction is right;  
It makes our hearts glad.  
His commands shine brightly,  
And they give us light.  
Worshipping the Lord is sacred;  
He will always be worshipped.  
They are worth more than the finest gold  
And are sweeter than honey from a honeycomb.  
By Your teachings, Lord, I am warned;  
By obeying them, I am greatly rewarded.  
None of us know our faults.  
Forgive me when I sin without knowing it.  
Let my words and my thoughts  
Be pleasing to You, Lord,  
Because You are my mighty rock  
And my protector.

Psalm 19:7-12, 14