

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. We are fast approaching the end of Term One, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all - parents, grandparents and whanau alike, for your support of our children in every aspect of their school life. Remembering, with our Special Character and our children as our focus, we will achieve much. Last Saturday, St. Anthony's Catholic School celebrated the Term One Mass in conjunction with the celebration of Palm Sunday with the Parish. There was a wonderful procession around and into the Church by the school children and the parishioners. The Mass was a beautiful occasion, made even more special by the presence of so many School and Parish families, who played an active role in all aspects of the service. A big thank you to Willemien Wennekers, who took a very active role in preparing the children for the Palm Sunday Mass. This Mass was followed by a combined School and Parish shared dinner which saw the Parish Centre overflowing with wonderful people enjoying both conversation and yummy food. A special thanks to everyone, especially Graham Kirkham, Sharon Beddis, Frances Saki and Tiffany Whyte, who assisted with the meal preparation. It is with great excitement, the staff are looking forward to moving into the new Administration Block, which is looking awesome. We have been very blessed and are most grateful to the Bishop, for building such a wonderful facility for us here at St. Anthony's Catholic School. We will be able to express our gratitude personally to the Bishop during his formal visit to our School/Parish on June 5th, 6th and 7th or at the planned official opening of the Administration area on Sunday 3rd May, if the Bishop is able to attend.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

27th March (Virtue—Joy)

Room 1: Mia Bredenbeck—for being a joyful person to have in the classroom. (V).

Nyah Kaponga—for writing good stories.

Room 2: Kevin O'Hara—for consistently working hard on all tasks.

Amy Lilley—for improvement with Handwriting.

Rheed Beverland—for being a joyful member of Room 2 (V).

Room 3: Savahn Morgan—for always coming to school happy and full of life (V).

Ethan Steiner—for trying really hard with all of his school work.

Room 4: Jamin Nepia & Chehalis Ralph—for progress with academic work.

Hayden P.—for always having a joyful nature (V).

Samuel Saki—for having a positive and joyful spirit (V).

3rd April (Virtue—Peace)

Room 1: Katy Yang—for showing the beauty of peace from within, by always being thoughtful towards others (V).

Trinity Whyte: for neat presentation of work and using amazing colour in her art.

Room 2: Liam Wilshaw—for a great improvement in Reading.

Elyon Manatsa & Stella Bredenbeck—for showing calmness within Room 2 (V).

Room 3: Uinise Moeakiola—for always being peaceful in class and showing good manners. (V).

Joshua Hart—for showing great ethics.

Vanessa Limosnero—Welcome to St. Anthony's.

Room 4: Mitchell Beddis—for his progress on Mathematics.

ST. ANTHONY'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM

FOR SALE

Assorted Uniform Items

1 x winter trackpants—size 10

2 x winter skivvies—size 14

1 x polarfleece pullover—size XL

2 x summer shorts—size 12

2 x summer ploshirts—size 12

All garments are in very good condition.

Polarfleece is in excellent condition

All enquiries to Mrs. Tregoweth—Room 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

What a great start to our school year! A warm welcome to our new teaching staff—your enthusiasm and commitment to our school is clear and much appreciated. A very busy Term 1: Senior Camp, Swimming Sports, St. Patrick's Day fundraising, Goal Setting Interviews, Interschool Swimming, appointment of student leaders... All have been well run and very productive. We thank Hazel Rayner and all the team for the great effects they are having on our children. We have had a great turnout also for the Sacramental Programme—a record number of our students are receiving the Sacraments this year, with many Baptisms and First Reconciliations already completed—thank you to Margaret and Kevin O'Hara for running the programme for us. The Board of Trustees welcomes Caryn Peden as a parent trustee—thank you Caryn for volunteering your time to support our school. James Powell, (BOT Chairperson).

Interschool Swimming Sports Results

Following are listed our place-getters at the recent North Waikato Interschool Swimming Sports. I think you will agree that our representatives did amazingly well!

Jayden Vandy	1st -11 year old boys 50m breaststroke 2nd -11 year old boys 25m breaststroke 3rd -11 year old boys 50m backstroke
Sam Powell:	2nd -12 year old girls 50m breaststroke 2nd -12 year old girls 50m backstroke 3rd -12 year old girls 50m freestyle 3rd -Open Medley 3rd -12 year old girls 25m backstroke 4th -12 year old girls 25m freestyle
Renee Peden	3rd -9 years & under girls 25m breaststroke 4th -9 years & under girls 25m backstroke 3rd 9 years & under boys 25m breaststroke 3rd -11 year old girls 25m freestyle 3rd -11 year old girls 50m breaststroke 3rd -11 year old girls 25m breaststroke 3rd -11 year old boys 50m breaststroke
Ethan Steiner	4th -10 year old girls 25m breaststroke
Tatjana Kaponga:	4th -12 year old boys 25m breaststroke
Emily Dufty	4th -Grand Relay 3rd -12 year old girls relay 4th -9 year old & under relay 4th -11 year old girls relay
Danny O'Hara	
Tangi Tukuafu	
Samuel Saki	
St. Anthony's	
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ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Fresh fruit and vegetables are best"



False!

If you like eating raw fruit and veg than go for it - it's a much better snack than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned are great options too. Just watch the syrup in the canned fruit (it's mainly sugar), but otherwise go nuts!



Junior Squash

Huntly Squash Club will be holding a Junior Squash Registration night at their premises in Wright Street. This will take place on Monday 27th April and is open to children seven years and older. If you require more information please phone Rose Fletcher on 828-9620.

Friends of the School

The next meeting for Friends of the School will be held tomorrow night (Wednesday 8th April) from 7-8:00pm in Room 2 (Children may come and activities will be provided). Everyone who is interested in helping the school in any way is encouraged to attend. Apologies can be given to Mrs. Kirkham or Mrs. Grut in the Office.

Duffy Book Assembly

Last Tuesday morning we were treated to a visit from Feana Tu'akoi for our Duffy Role Model Assembly. Feana is a children's author who lives in Hamilton. She has written numerous children's books which have been published in many countries, and in several languages. She has also written many stories, articles and poems in our School Journals. She was very inspiring, and we all learned a lot about how focused an author has to be to get things written, and the time it can take to write what may seem like a simple story. Feana finished by handing out some books to two representatives from each class. Once back in class all the children received their own two books to take home and keep.



School Uniform Changeover

The changeover date for all children to be in Winter Uniform is the Tuesday following Queen's Birthday Weekend (2nd June). However, from the beginning of Term 2 until changeover, children have the option of wearing either their summer or winter uniform—but NOT A COMBINATION OF BOTH UNIFORMS.

Closure of Aquatic Centre Over Winter

Council are now asking for submissions for your views on local issues. If you would like to have an input on the closure our new heated pools over winter or any other issue, you will find a submission form attached.

Altar Serving Roster

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

Gaines

Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....

DIARY

April	9	HOLY THURSDAY—End of Term 1
April	27	Term 2 Begins
May	3	TERM 2 SCHOOL/PARISH MASS/ADMIN

Pianos For Sale

School has two pianos for sale that we would like to have removed before the holidays. If you are interested please contact Julie at the Office and 'Make an Offer!!!'

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
12th April	Easter Morning Tea (after Mass)
27th June	Mid Winter Dinner



DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

RETREAT 2009

Celebrating 25 Years

We would love you to come and be part of a weekend of sharing memories and stories of women's lives that have been touched and enriched by God's amazing love.

If you are new to Dove—Come and See!

And if you have been blessed through Dove—Come and Celebrate.

Tui Ridge, Rotorua 1-3 May 2009 or
Willow Park, Auckland 15-17 May 2009

Enquiries and/or registration forms available:
Wilma 829 8616
Raewyn 856 8321

www.dove.org.nz

EASTER

St. Anthony's lilies remind us of the joys of Easter. Anthony wrote:

"The bitter root of the Cross

Has passed away,

The flower of life

Has blossomed with its fruits.

That is to say,

He who lay down in death

Has risen in glory.

He was buried at evening,

He arose at dawn." (Easter Day)