

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Welcome back! I hope everyone managed to have quality family time as well as renewing their spiritual selves during the special Easter Season. It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs. Natasha Bland, our part-time release teacher, who is relocating to New Plymouth. Tash has been an awesome and well-loved teacher who will be greatly missed. Fortunately for our school community, Mr. Andreas Theodorou has agreed to take on this role and we are very privileged to have him 'on board'. Andreas officially started at our school yesterday, but he has already proved to be a great asset—a committed, caring, team player, by working diligently, becoming familiar with procedures, etc. here at school, and also with the massive task in re-establishing the new Office Admin area during the holiday break.

During the term break, our entire team have also worked hard to set up the new Admin area which is looking awesome. There are still numerous jobs to be done, but by the time the Bishop officially visits us on June 5th, 6th and 7th, we should be fully settled. The 'Outstanding Effort Award' must go to our new caretaker, Mr. Simon Popplestone, who has worked tirelessly on all of the unnoticed tasks that are required in keeping our school and grounds looking 'spick and span'. Our fences now have no holes, buildings cleaned, graffiti removed, gardens weeded, pavers lifted, and many, many other chores. Thank you Simon (and your family), your efforts are truly appreciated!!!

During the term break, the teachers and I discussed many different aspects of school life and how best to engage students in their learning journey, to ensure that we gain each child's 'personal best'. The outcome of the conversation was the importance of relationships that each teacher has with his/her students. For excellent relationship building, teachers would like their students to be arriving at school between 8.30 and 8.50a.m. so they have an opportunity to talk privately and share news pertinent to their individual circumstances. Naturally parents are invited to come in and view their children's work from time to time, but otherwise it would be appreciated if the children were left to build on teacher/student relationships without other adults present.

This Sunday we will be celebrating the Term 2 School Mass in conjunction with the opening and blessing of our new Administration Block. As this is such a special occasion, Father Keane has generously allowed us to have a Sunday School Mass so everyone will be able to enjoy both the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the official opening allowing us the time to get together as a community, with a shared lunch following the blessing. Please bring a contribution of food to share with the School and Parish Community. The building looks awesome and we'd love to share this occasion with you all.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

27th March (Virtue—Peace)

Room 1: Timothy Kirkham—for showing a peaceful attitude within the class (V).

Sean Hancock—for becoming a more focused learner.

Room 2: Sean Nath—for a fantastic stamp design.

Joshua Kirkham—for showing a gentle, calm attitude in Room 2 (V).

Jamie Rowney—for trying to promote peace with his friends (V).

Room 3: Natasha P.—for a great improvement in Handwriting.

Grace Beddis—for always being peaceful in class (V).

Room 4: Tatjana Kaponga—for showing progress in Maths.

Danny O'Hara & Maake Tukuafu—for promoting good behaviour (V).

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see all the bright smiling faces of our students, who are all ready for a terms hard work. Our uniform of is an integral part of our school and who we are, therefore it is vital that we wear the correct uniform. At present the children have the option of wearing EITHER summer or winter uniform—not a mixture of both. Once the few items we have in stock is gone, uniform will need to be ordered in advance. If you require new winter items, payment must be made when ordering and this should be done well in advance as some items can take several weeks to arrive. Thank you to those parents who have sent a note along explaining why their child is not in the correct uniform. This is the required procedure and is greatly appreciated.

Children's Safety/Parking

From tomorrow, the school buses will be using the designated bus area to the south of the school gates. Bus drivers have complained that they are often unable to use this safer area, owing to people parking on the delegated bus stop. Parking on the yellow broken lines (even when dropping off children) is also not permitted. It restricts other motorists vision and makes it very dangerous when using the school driveway. Please also ensure that children riding their bikes to school are wearing helmets. This is not only a LEGAL requirement, but is a basic paramount requisite in maintaining our children's safety on the roads.

A MEDJUGORJE EXPERIENCE

DATE: Thursday 7th May
TIME: 7.30p.m.—9.00p.m.
VENUE: St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton
PRESENTERS: Barbara Brown and fellow pilgrims
TRANSPORT: If you require transport contact Bernie ph:(07)8562900
ENQUIRIES: Wilma ph(07)8298616

Bring your Bible and a friend

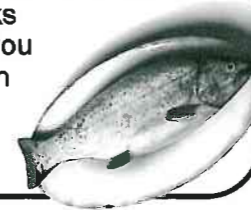
(Catholic Womens' Fellowship)
www.dove.org.nz

Proloe's Myth Busters!

"Fish is brain food"

True!

Fish is full of an essential fatty acid called omega 3. This helps the brain to send messages around the brain and body effectively. A strong message means your brain works better! So make sure you eat 1 or 2 serves of fish each week to boost your brainpower!



Ear and Vision Screening

Please note that the Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Monday 25th May. If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing or vision, please let Julie know at the Office. Testing is only done on those who have not been tested previously or have indicated that they are having problems.

Friends of the School

A huge thank you to all those parents who gave up their time and energy to help us with the Steamboat and Heritage Festival on the middle weekend of the School Holidays. You all must have been cooking up a storm, as we had a great amount of baking donated. The day was fine and the stall was a great success. We had plenty of volunteers to man the stall, and we sold almost everything. The amount raised was over \$280 in the end! We are considering repeating the stall at next year's event, as the organisers have asked us to come back again! Friends of the School will be meeting on Wednesday afternoon (29 April) from 3.15 – 4.15pm in Room 3. We will also be meeting next Wednesday at the same time in Room 2. Following these two meetings we will meet every first Wednesday of the month at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, and it would be great to see you there!

Items for Sale

At present we have several items for sale. These include two complete computer workstations, brand new computer ink cartridges, school shoes and other various items. These can be viewed and purchased at school on Thursday between 8.30—9.30a.m. or 2.30-3.00p.m. Cash is King! First in first served basis.

DIARY		
April	28	B.O.T. Meeting, 7pm
April	29	Sacramental Programme 3pm in Room 2 F.O.S. Meeting, 3.15pm in Room 3
May	3	TERM 2 SCHOOL/PARISH MASS/ ADMIN BLESSING, 10.30am
May	6	F.O.S. Meeting, 3.15pm in Room 2
May	14	Junior Mass, 9am

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
27th June	Mid Winter Dinner
24th July	Movie Night

Term 2 School Mass

As usual, children will be expected to be in their full summer school uniform at our Term Mass which will be held this Sunday at 10.30a.m. Children are required to be at the Church before 10.20a.m. and food for the shared lunch may be dropped off at school prior to this.

Teacher Only Day

Please make sure you have made a note of the Teacher Only Day which will be held on the 19th June. There will be no school for any students on this day.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday	May	2	Jayden Vandy & Samantha Proud
Sunday	May	3	Jasmine Strawbridge & Sam Powell
Saturday	May	9	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday	May	16	Emily Dufty & Paige Beverland
Saturday	May	23	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki
Saturday	May	30	Emily Dufty & Deon Vandy
Saturday	June	6	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph

Welcome to...



... Vanessa Limosnero and

Courtney Stopforth

Vanessa joined us here at St. Anthony's at the end of last term and has come to us all the way from the Philippines. She loves playing with her little brother Vinz, who will be starting school in Term 4. Courtney started school here yesterday and his favourite hobby is Moto-Cross bike racing. We welcome both families to our school!

PRAYER TO ST. PAUL

Glorious Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles,
When the Lord called, you answered, and you
spread the good news of the Gospel to the very
ends of the earth.

Pray for us, that we serve Christ as you did:
proclaiming the name of Jesus in good times
and bad, when convenient and when inconvenient.

Pray for us, that we may welcome all the people
we meet with compassionate hearts and open
minds.

Pray for us, that Christ may live in us as he lived
in you.

We pray in the name of the One who is your
Lord and ours, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

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Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....