

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. The third of May was not only our Term Mass, in which all of the Board of Trustee Members were commissioned, it was also the official opening and blessing of our new administration area. Our prayers were answered and we were gifted with glorious weather and a tremendous turnout of parishioners, families and invited guests to share in this special occasion. Once the building had been officially opened and blessed by Father Keane, we were treated with an exceptional display of cultural dance and songs. First up was Seini Vakameilalo with a beautiful Tongan dance which showed much grace and poise, followed by a large group of our Filipino families. This group performed both song and dance representing the flavour and pride of their culture, with both enthusiastic fervour by both children and adults alike. Finally a past pupil volunteered to share his talents by doing a modern day dance item. All entertainment was well appreciated and showed the cultural diversity within our school which has been brought together under our Catholic Character.

Last Friday, there was an accident at 3:00p.m. involving one of our students—a child was hit by a car while crossing the road. This is a timely reminder that it is extremely important to take great care, when dropping children off or picking children up from school. It is also vital that parents **DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS ZONES** as has been witnessed over the past few weeks. These rules are put in place to ensure the safety of all children and I know that each and every one of you appreciates the importance of road safety.

This Thursday we will be having our first School Mass in our newly designated 'Hall' (old I.C.T. Suite) and look forward to seeing as many people as possible join the children for this Eucharistic celebration.

The countdown has begun for our Bishop's visit on the 5th and 6th June. We look forward to this in great anticipation and are thrilled that he will be bestowing the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on our children. A reminder also, that this evening the Bishop is holding a regional gathering on how, as people of hope, we can help others manage during this time of the financial recession. This will take place at the Cathedral at 5:30p.m.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

1st May (Virtue—Love)

- Room 1:** Maia Steiner—for showing she cares about other people in her class (V).
Solomone Fosita—for coming to school ready to start work when the bell goes.
- Room 2:** Ben Tukuafu—for making a big effort with his Handwriting.
Jesca Sotelo—for being caring towards her classmates (V).
- Room 3:** Renee Peden—for a great improvement in Handwriting.
Charlee Cox—for showing love & caring towards others in the classroom (V).
- Room 4:** Annie Yang—for showing love & being caring towards her classmates (V).
Logan King—for making good progress with Mathematics

8th May (Virtue—Love)

- Room 1:** Desmond Nusipepa—for showing the Fruit of the Spirit in his actions towards others (V).
James Brennan—for learning to use a range of strategies to help him read a tricky word.
- Room 2:** Alexander Dufty—for working hard on his Writing and Spelling.
Daeja Kaponga—for a fantastic Recount Story about the Admin Opening.
Rema-Rose Saki—for showing a caring attitude to her classmates.
- Room 3:** Blake Powell—for showing the Fruit of the Spirit in everything he does (V).
Cullum Barclay—for making progress with all of his school work.
- Room 4:** Samuel Saki—for being loving and caring (V).
Mike Paki—for great progress in Mathematics.

School Trestle Table

Our school owns two trestle tables, but at the moment we can only locate one of them. If you have borrowed, or know someone who has borrowed this table, could you please return it as soon as possible as it will be needed for the Huntly Half Marathon fundraiser. Thank you.

School Photos

There has been some confusion about the recent order forms which were sent home recently for school photos. Please note that these orders are not for individual class photos, they are for photos taken of the entire school and staff. There are copies of the available photos for sale, by the door into the office. If these are not what you believed you were ordering, please let Julie know at the Office and she will return your envelope with payment. Class and individual photos will be taken in November.

Friends of the School

Thank you to all those parents who have attended our last two meetings! I know that two weeks in a row is a big ask, but your support was greatly appreciated, as was the help from those dedicated people who worked in the kitchen on our Admin Opening Day! The day was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without your help!



We have a great opportunity coming up, to raise funds for our school. We are once again doing a Drink Station for the Huntly Half Marathon. This event is to be held on the 24th May and we will be operating one of the main drink stations, situated near the Green Cathedral at Lake Hakanoa. At this stage we are looking for names of volunteers to help on the day, from 10:00a.m. until around 2:00p.m.—even if it is just for an hour or so. This is an easy and fun task and the school will be generously reimbursed for the job. Please see Mrs. Kirkham or give your name to Mrs. Grut in the Office if you can help. The next meeting for the Friends of the School will be June 3rd, at 3:15p.m. in Room 2. Mark your Diaries!!!

ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"You must drink 8 glasses of water a day"



False!

We lose water every day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet, so it's really important to replace it. The amount we lose can change each day. Drinking 8 glasses of water is only a rough guide. To tell how hydrated you are, check the colour of your urine. If it's pale, you are drinking enough; if it's dark yellow, drink more H₂O.



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 by parental request.

Brownies & Girl Guides

Are you 7-9 years old? Fun, Adventure, Discoveries and Friendships can all be yours if you give it a go! Join Brownies today! Also, if you are 9½ -14 years old why don't you Get into the Guide Zone. It's a great mix with adventure, excitement, fun and friends. Join Guides today! For more information phone Kim on (07)8249431 or email yzzatk@xtra.co.nz

Uniform Wanted

If you have any size 10 trackpants that you no longer require and would like to sell, please phone Janine Kirkham or let Julie know at the Office. Janine also has two pairs of size 4 trackpants in good condition for sale at \$15 each.

DIARY		
May	14	Junior Mass, 9am
May	26	B.O.T. Meeting, 7pm
May	28	Senior Mass & Reconciliation, 9am
June	1	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
June	3	Friends of the School Meeting, 3.15pm
June	5,6,7	Bishop's Visit
June	6	First Communion/Confirmation, 5.30pm

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

Teacher Only Day

Apologies for the error that was in our last newsletter. Our Teachers Only Day will be taking place on 26th June. There will be no school for the children on this day.

Free Ear Clinic for Children

Health Waikato will be holding a free ear clinic service for children on the following dates between 9.15am and 2.30pm:

Tuesday, 26 May	Huntly West School, Paki Street
Tuesday, 9 June	Huntly Primary School, Onslow Street
Tuesday, 23 June	Huntly Primary School, Onslow Street

These clinics can assist with Glue Ear Assessment and management, Wax / Foreign Body Removal, Grommet Checks and Treatment of Discharging Ears. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. For more information phone or text 021 976 474.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday May	9	Sam Powell & Blake Powell
Saturday May	16	Emily Duffy & Paige Beverland
Saturday May	23	Samantha Proud & Samuel Saki
Saturday May	30	Jasmine Strawbridge & Renee Peden

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"Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
And with all your soul
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And these words
Which I give you this day,
Shall be upon your heart.
And you shall teach them
Diligently to your children.
And you shall talk about them
When you sit in your house,
And when you walk by the way,
And when you lie down,
And when you rise"

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

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