

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
9th June 2009—Term 2 Week 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. On Friday, the Bishop blessed us with his presence here at school. He was welcomed and thanked for providing the new administration facility for our school and community at a short assembly. In honour of the Bishop's visit the children were given a half hour morning tea while board members and staff were introduced, where-upon much lively conversation took place. Both Father Keane and Bishop Denis visited each class and spent time with the children and their teachers.

One of the highlights of this year was the splendid occasion of our children's First Communion and Confirmation last Saturday evening, which was overseen by Bishop Denis. It was wonderful having 29 recipients of these special Sacraments (26 of whom attend our school) and it was a true celebration with many family and whanau there, supporting these young candidates. The children were very privileged to have Margaret O'Hara give generously of her time and expertise, to teach our children all they needed to know to help them understand all about the Sacraments they were about to receive. A scrumptious meal was enjoyed by all, following the Mass. The children were beautifully catered for and made to feel very special, which was largely thanks to Sharon Beddis who worked tirelessly to ensure that the children had a very memorable evening and by working non-stop before, during and after this special occasion. The comments made to me indicated that the children felt very blessed and that being at the top table with all the trimmings was just awesome. At this point I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Grace Beddis and Samuel Saki who waited on all those children who were part of the Sacramental Programme. As we know, that for a successful evening to occur, it takes many hands to share the load and I would like to thank those who went the extra mile such as Frances Saki, Telesia and Ofa Vakameilalo, Joanne Yang, Kirsten Tukuafu, Zane Vandy and Sharon Beddis (again!). These people stayed to the bitter end to ensure the Hall and premises were left neat and tidy. A special thank you must also go to Flerinda Capistrano for supplying the wonderful decorations for the Hall. Another exciting event on our calendar will



be the celebration of St. Anthony's Feast Day, which falls on Saturday 13th June. We will celebrate with a Mass on Thursday morning at 9.00am then on Friday we will have a fun-filled day. One of the purposes of this day is to fundraise for our Parish, thereby assisting to offset the many costs incurred by having such a large group take part in the Sacramental Programme. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to further build relationships between our parish and our school. You are all invited to join in Friday's festivities which will begin at 11.00am and American Hotdogs and drinks will be for sale during the lunch hour. If you could lend a hand, it would be most appreciated. There will be no lunch orders from the shop on this day. I look forward to seeing you all there! God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

5th June (Virtue—Patience)

Room 1: Katy Yang—for showing patience and understanding towards others (V).

Timothy Kirkham—for making great progress in his Reading.

Room 2: Nathan Baars—for a great attitude towards his schoolwork. Joshua Kirkham—for showing a kind attitude and having great patience with others in the playground (V).

Dylan Morgan—for putting in effort and seeing success with his work.

Room 3: Moses Vakameilalo—for improvement in Writing.

Brianna Hodge—for always showing patience in class towards her classmates (V).

Room 4: Chehalis Ralph—for showing kindness and patience with others (V)

Seini Vakameilalo—for showing an improvement in Literacy by moving up to a new group.

Uniforms

By now all children should be wearing their full winter uniform. I would like to thank all parents who have ensured their children are in the correct uniform. Here at St. Anthony's Catholic School we teach the children to strive for a high standard in all areas—whether it be academic results, behaviour, respect of others or presentation. Therefore we appreciate the effort made by parents to meet these standards. There has been some confusion as to what is meant by 'school shoes' so I have found it necessary to be more specific by stating that fully enclosed plain black leather or leather-like lace-up/velcro shoes (no inserts/patterns) are what is required and I have included a photo of an example of what is acceptable for clarity. Thank you for your support in helping to maintain these standards.



School Fundraiser

You will find with this newsletter, an order form for bulk laundry washing powder and liquid. With the new 'concentrate' which is presently on the supermarket shelves, we thought our community may be interested in purchasing in bulk. Please return orders with payment before the 19th June.

BEGINNERS PILATES

LIBERTY CENTRE, 50 Onslow Street

TUESDAYS 9am—10am and THURSDAYS 9am—10am

\$5.00 per class

For further information ring Lynda 027-3380778

DIARY

June	11	Junior Mass, 9a.m.
June	12	Celebration of St. Anthony's Day
June	17	Interschool Winter Sports
June	25	Senior Mass, 9a.m.
June	26	TEACHER ONLY DAY
July	6	Young Vinnies Commissioning Mass, 3p.m. at Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin, Hamilton

PARISH INFORMATION

News From T.K.: Liturgy of the Word in Maori with Holy Communion will commence 14 June at 10.30am and then on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Congratulations Father Keane: Next Thursday 11 June is Father Keane's 48th Anniversary of his Ordination. Congratulations from us all.

Support Your Priest: A service in response to Pope Benedict's request for a World Day of Prayer for our Priests will be celebrated on the feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 19 June at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel in Hamilton East.

Christian Unity: The Feast of the Ascension marks the commencement of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The international theme for 2009 is "That they may become one in Your hand". We are all asked to pray for Unity among Christians.

Bookfair

Don't forget Huntly 2000 Bookfair is to be held on Sunday 28th June at the War Memorial Hall. Lots more books are needed and can be dropped off at 93 Bailey Street or ring Jean on (07) 828 9612.

N.Z. Symphony Orchestra

On Thursday 23 July 2009 students from our school have been invited by Solid Energy to a performance by members of the N.Z. Symphony Orchestra (NZSO) at the Huntly College Hall. The NZSO, founded in 1946, is the country's premier full-time symphony orchestra. It has 90 players and performs over 100 nationwide concerts annually. This is the first time players from the NZSO have performed in Huntly, making for an exciting and unique opportunity for the schools and students in the Huntly area. A group of 18 players from the different sections of the NZSO will present an hour-long education concert introducing the instruments of the orchestra through a high energy, interactive, "hands on" presentation designed especially for this visit. These performances result from Solid Energy's association with the NZSO traveling to China in August 2008 to take part in the Beijing Olympic Cultural Festival. Solid Energy is offering this opportunity exclusively to our students as part of its ongoing support of the local schools. Solid Energy is also contributing to bus transport costs. All of our Senior School (Rooms 3 & 4) will be attending this event and there will be no cost to parents.

School Walking Bus

Graham Kirkham has kindly offered to oversee a school 'walking bus' from the corner of James Henry Crescent to school and back each day. If you would like your children to join this group, please phone Graham on 828 7232.

Project Energize Survey

You will find included with this newsletter, a survey on children's eating and drinking habits. The survey results will develop Energize healthy eating initiatives and conducting the survey is a requirement of our contract with the Waikato District Health Board. The survey is anonymous; no names are asked for. Please assist by filling out the survey and sending back to school as soon as possible. If we get more than 90% of surveys returned, we go into the draw to win sports gear!

B.O.T. NEWS FLASH

I took great pride on hearing the Bishop's verbal report on our school to the Parish Council. The Bishop stated that he has visited many schools and is able to gauge the atmosphere of each school very quickly. He could tell within half an hour of being here at St. Anthony's, that we are successfully carrying out our mission and this was confirmed during his visit with the children. He also stated that this is the most positive he has seen the school for a number of years and that the school was in very good heart. It has been wonderful to see the large number of Baptisms and 29 children receiving the recent Sacraments, this confirms that the Catholic Character is truly alive within our school and parish community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Staff, Board of Trustees and all those who contribute to the spiritual life and well-being of our school.
James Powell (B.O.T. Chairperson)

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday June	13	Jayden Vandy & Chehalis Ralph
Saturday June	20	Emily Dufty & Blake Powell

EQUIPPING WOMEN IN THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

DATE: Saturday 20th June 2009

TIME: 9.00am Mass (optional)

REGISTRATION AND CUPPA: 9.30-10.00 am

COST: \$20

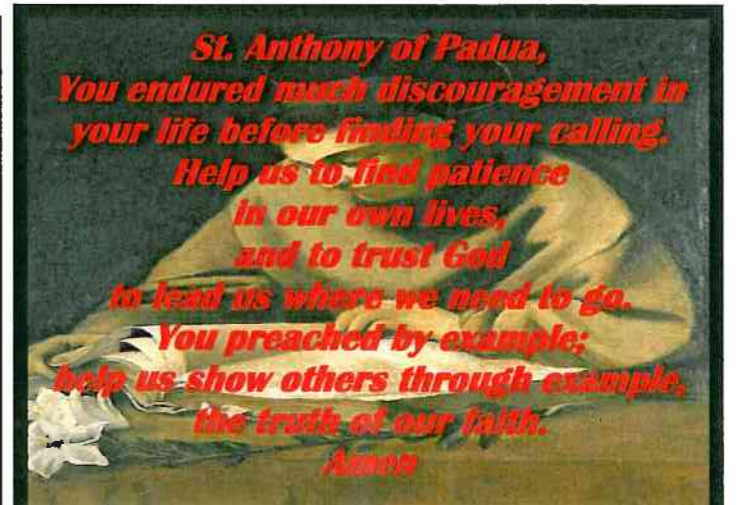
VENUE: St Peter's, Anzac St, Cambridge

PRESENTERS: Shona Glennie and Pam Wood

WHAT TO BRING: Plate for shared lunch, your Bible and your friends Refreshments provided

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE: Wilma Ph 829 8616 or Raewyn 856 8321

Hosted by **DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women** www.dove.org.nz



I have received and read my newsletter.

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

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....