

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Yes, this term is flying by! Father Pat will be returning on September 3rd, so this weekend will be the last Saturday Mass that Father Alex will be celebrating at our Church. Our community would like to express their sincere thanks to Father Alex for covering Father Pat's duties during his absence. To show our appreciation, there will be a shared dinner held at the Parish Centre immediately after next Saturday's Mass. Please come along and bring a plate to share and to enjoy a pleasant evening.

As you may have read in the local newspaper recently, Solid Energy and the Perry Foundation have generously sponsored the purchase of a beautiful new Clavinova piano for our school. The Clavinova is best described as an electric piano which can sound like an organ and many other instruments at the push of a button. We are fortunate to have a talented musician on our staff. Eugene Volkwyn is a brilliant player and has stated that it is making a huge difference having such a wonderful instrument to play. Our Choir, some of whom are captured in the photo opposite, are in full swing and will be able to do a beautiful rendition at our end of year Prize-giving. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Solid Energy and the Perry Foundation for helping us attain such a wonderful asset—the Arts are now fully alive at St. Anthony's Catholic School!!!



This Friday our children will be taking part in the School Cross-Country, for which they have been in training for many weeks. Races will begin with the Juniors at 1:00p.m. We will be needing helpers on the day, so if you are available to give a hand, please let Julie know at the Office. We are very fortunate, to once again be sponsored by Dallas Hodge at Harcourts, who has generously supplied medals for the winners and place-getters on the day.

**Sporting Achievements:** Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their chosen sport and will be representing the Waikato area. Maake Tukuafu and Mitchell Beddis made the Under 12 Waikato Rep team for rugby league; Ben Tukuafu made the Under 8 Waikato Rep team for rugby league and Tangi Tukuafu made the Year 7 Waikato Rep team for netball. This is an awesome achievement and we are all so very proud of you here at St. Anthony's Catholic School.

God bless,

Hazel Raynor

### Assembly Awards

**14th August (Virtue—Gentleness)**

Room 1: Nyah Kaponga—for showing a gentle and caring nature towards others (V).

Room 2: Alex Dufty—for showing a gentle spirit towards others (V).  
Kevin O'Hara—for being a generous member of our class.  
Christian Fabe—for consistently trying hard in all areas.

Room 3: Savahn Morgan—for always doing her work and having neat work.  
Blake Powell—for showing the 'Fruit of the Spirit' - gentleness (V).

Room 4: Emily Dufty—for showing the 'Fruit of Gentleness' (V).  
Tiaan Nepe—for showing an improvement in Reading.

**21st August (Virtue—Gentleness)**

Room 1: Jun Michael Hizon—for being gentle towards others (V).  
Timothy Kirkham—for using great adjectives in his story.

Room 2: Amy Lilley—for showing a gentle spirit in her class (V).  
Dylan Morgan—for a huge improvement in his work across all areas.  
Ben Tukuafu—for working hard and for his positive attitude in class.

Room 3: Kristoffer Saki—for always being gentle and kind (V).  
Paige Beverland—for her improvement in Handwriting.

Room 4: Danny O'Hara—for his improvement in Reading.  
Samuel Saki—for showing the 'Fruit of Gentleness' (V).

### Posts Needed

Simon, our caretaker, is requiring some posts (round or half-round) to repair the retaining wall around our playground. If anyone has a spare one or two

lying around which they do not require, Simon will make good use of them!

### Chalk and Parent Direct Fundraising Catalogues

Our educational suppliers have developed a fundraising initiative which offers you the opportunity to purchase quality toys and gifts at competitive prices, and at the same time, provide a fundraising programme which will enable us to purchase much needed educational materials. You will find a Chalk Catalogue accompanying this newsletter and along with the Parent Direct Catalogue that accompanied our last newsletter, you are able to choose toys and gifts you wish to purchase. Complete the order forms in the centre of the catalogues and return to school, together with your cheque or completed credit card details. We will consolidate the orders and forward these to the companies who will then package and individually label each order and deliver them to us for you to collect. We will receive a voucher for 20% of the total value of all orders, which we can then use to purchase educational materials. This is an excellent way in which you can support our fundraising initiative and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase quality products for your children, many of which are not available through retail outlets. Should you require an additional catalogue for either a friend or grandparent, please ask at the School Office. Would you please return your order back to school before Friday, 4th September 2009.

### Overview of Achievement

For your information, I have included an Overview of Achievement of all students at St. Anthony's Catholic School, as well as an Overview of Achievement of Maori students. This covers results over the last several years to enable you to compare with previous results.



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St. Anthony's Catholic School wishes to acknowledge and thank Solid Energy and the Perry Foundation for their generous support.

# SNACKS!

Snacks are a really important part of our diet as they keep us going between meals.

We are often caught eating 'treats' as our snacks which leads to us eating too much sugar, fat and processed foods.

Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.

Over the next weeks you will get some ideas about what you and your children can have for snacks.



### DIARY

August 28	School Cross-Country
September 2	Interschool Cross-Country
September 6	FATHERS' DAY
September 10	Junior Mass, 9am

### Project Energize Parent Nutrition Afternoon

Please note that the final of the Nutrition Information Meetings will be held at school this Thursday, 27th August between 4:30 and 5:30p.m. These have been wonderfully enlightening meetings which have shown some interesting and informative facts about everyday foods which we consume and the sugar content, fat, etc. that they contain—with some very surprising percentages! Please come along and join us for this final meeting—there is also a box of fruit and vegetables up for grabs!!!

### Interschool Cross-Country

Interschool Cross-Country will be taking place next Wednesday, 2nd September at Puketirini (Weaver's) Park. Races will begin at 10.45a.m. We are required to provide several people to act as Marshalls on the day and we will also be requiring help with transport. If you are able to assist please fill in the accompanying form and return to school.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

16th—18th October 2009 in Auckland

A chance to enrich your marriage, as well as rediscover and strengthen your love. For all marriages young and old, Catholic or mixed. This weekend will assist you to:

- Enhance the love you share and revive your hopes and dreams.
- Re-evaluate your priorities and lifestyle.
- Learn new effective communication techniques.
- Spend special time together.

Phone 0800ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!

## PARISH INFORMATION

### HOLY MASS TIMES AND PARALITURGY'S FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY	Ps. 139 p. 148 Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am Mass, Ngaruawahia 9.30am
THURSDAY	Ps. 90 p. 96 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm St. Monica
FRIDAY	Ps. 97 p. 106 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am St. Augustine, B.D.
SATURDAY	Ps. 15 p. 24 Vigil, Huntly 5.30pm Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm
SUNDAY	Ps. 15 p. 24 Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am

### Altar Serving Roster

Saturday August 29	Emily Dufty & Blake Powell
Saturday September 5	Sam Powell & Paige Beverland

WHAT MAKES A DAD  
*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family's need.*

*Then God combined these qualities;  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it - DAD.*

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton

Pompallier

Gaines

Barbler (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....