

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Firstly, isn't it wonderful to have Father Pat back amongst us and this Thursday Father will be celebrating Junior Mass here at school at 9:00a.m. It would be lovely to have lots of parents in attendance so they can express their appreciation for all the work that Father does (in both our school and community), to enhance our Catholic Character.

Our School Cross-Country was excellent, we were truly blessed with wonderful weather, huge parental support and 100% enthusiasm by all our competitors. Poynton house was the winner of the Cross-Country Shield, however every house did themselves proud. The juniors gave of their best and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. The more competitive racing got underway with the senior children striving for places and an opportunity to represent the school at Puketirini Park.

St. Anthony's Catholic School had the privilege this year of organising the Interschool Cross-Country Event for the Huntly/Te Kauwhata Cluster. Although this was a daunting task, I'm thrilled to say it was very successful owing to the support of our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Craig Peden, Lynda Porteous, Tania Powell, Dianne O'Hara, Le Tainya Murray, Simon Popplestone, Andreas Theodorou and Eugene Volkwyn for helping set up for the day and for standing in as marshals. Thank you also to those parents who helped transport our children to and from Puketirini Park. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their day and were very competitive, with both our senior teams coming second in the overall placings. Kristoffer stood out as our individual competitor by gaining third place in the Junior Boys event out of a field of 37 students!



This week our children have been fortunate to attend a Duffy Book Assembly presented by Victoria Grant and Teresa Te Tamaki, who are part of the winning Black Ferns (Rugby) Team. These two ladies were awesome, they brought along their representative jerseys and medals, which they had received for winning the various events they have participated in all over the world. They engaged the children, who were enthralled with their many stories and words of wisdom about the vital role reading plays in everyone's lives. The message "Reading is knowledge and knowledge is power" was evident throughout their presentation.

Over the last few weeks the children have been working very hard on their individual Speeches and I am very pleased to say they are doing extremely well. Next Thursday evening, the School Speech Finals will be held down at the Parish Centre at 6.30p.m. An evening to look forward to!

God bless,

*Hazel Rayner*



### Assembly Awards

**31st August (Virtue—Love)**

**Room 1:** Maia Steiner—for showing a loving and caring attitude towards others (V).  
Manuera Nusipepa—for having an enthusiastic attitude towards Maths.

**Room 2:** Sara-Louise Turton—for having a helpful spirit and showing God's love in Room 2 (V).  
Daniel Wilshaw—for good progress in his Reading.  
Rheed Beverland—for an improvement in the neatness and presentation of his work.

**Room 3:** Grace Beddis—for continuing to get on with her work and keeping on task.  
Samantha Proud—for always showing love towards all her classmates (V).

**Room 4:** Seini Vakameilalo—for showing love and kindness to her fellow classmates (V).  
Michael Paki—for improvement in Reading and Comprehension.

**4th September (Virtue—Love)**

**Room 1:** Desmond Nusipepa—for showing a co-operative and caring attitude to others (V).  
E.J. Hizon—for persevering and succeeding with his Maths.

**Room 2:** Angelo Felisarta—for a good effort on his speech.  
Shaun Nath—for showing God's love through consideration for others (V).

**Room 3:** Joshua Hart—for contributing to the life of the classroom by helping others and adding to class discussions.  
Brianna Hodge—for showing the 'Fruit of the Spirit' of love towards

all her classmates and in everything she does (V).  
**Room 4:** Logan King—for constructing a good speech.  
Jayden Vandy—for showing the 'Fruit of Love' and being kind to his classmates (V).

### Student Arrival Times at School

It has been noted that several children are arriving at school prior to 8.30a.m. and sometimes prior to 7.30a.m! This is inappropriate and presents a safety concern as teachers are not available to supervise children until 8.30a.m. On no occasion are children to be at school prior to 8.30 with the exception of the bus children.

### School Cross-Country Results

Our children gave their best at St. Anthony's School Cross-Country and the following students excelled on the day.

5-6 Year Old Boys & Girls: 1st-Desmond Nusipepa; 2nd-Timothy Kirkham; 3rd-Brittyn Nath.

7 Year Old Boys & Girls: 1st-Daniel Wilshaw; 2nd-Ben Tukuafu; 3rd-Alex Dufty.

8-9 Year Old Girls: 1st-Jaynie Yang; 2nd-Daeja Kaponga; 3rd-Jesca Sotelo.

8-9 Year Old Boys: 1st-Kristoffer Saki; 2nd-Sean Hodge; 3rd-Liam Wilshaw.

10-11 Year Old Girls: 1st-Tangi Tukuafu; 2nd-Natasha Pearson; 3rd-Uinise Moeakiola.

10-11 Year Old Boys: 1st-Jayden Vandy; 2nd-Courtney Stopforth; 3rd-Tiaan Nepe.

12+ Year Old Girls: 1st-Sam Powell; 2nd-Chehalis Ralph; 3rd-Tatjana Kaponga.

12+ Year Old Boys: 1st-Michael Pearson; 2nd-Danny O'Hara; 3rd-Logan King.

# Snacks are mini meals!

Snacks are mini meals and should provide children with goodness to grow and stay well. "Snacks" and "treats" often get confused.

Base your snacks around the four food groups that help your children go, grow and glow.

The four food groups are:

- ✓ Fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Breads & cereals
- ✓ Lean meat, egg, seafood, nuts, beans & lentils
- ✓ Dairy products & calcium alternatives



### DIARY

September 10 Junior Mass, 9am  
September 17 Senior Mass, 9am  
Speech Finals, 6.30pm at the Parish Centre  
September 22 B.O.T. Meeting, 7pm

### Altar Serving

It was wonderful to see the interest shown by many students to become Altar Servers. Training will be taking place shortly and letters will be sent home to the families of the volunteers, to confirm parental support. Please remember that the Catholic ethos of our school encourages children to be aware of their fortunate position and you are asked to support their choice of service, which they have chosen for their community and for their personal growth. As we all know 'many hands make light work' therefore the more Altar Servers we have—the fewer times will be required.

### Baptisms

A number of parents have spoken to me regarding having their children baptised, to enable them to become full members of our Catholic family. If anyone else is thinking about Baptism, either for themselves or their children, please give me a call at school so we can arrange a time to discuss this.

### 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. 145 p. 154  
Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am  
Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am  
Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am  
Mass, Ngaruawahia 9.30am

THURSDAY Ps. 150 p. 161  
School Junior Mass, 9.00am  
Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm

FRIDAY Ps. 16 p. 24  
Mass, Huntly 9.00am  
Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am

SATURDAY Ps. 113 p. 123  
Vigil, Huntly 5.30pm  
Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm

SUNDAY Ps. 146 p. 155  
Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am  
Liturgy of the Word, Te Kauwhata 10.30am

### Altar Serving Roster

Saturday September 12 Samuel Saki & Chehalis Ralph  
Saturday September 19 Jasmine Strawbridge & Samantha Proud  
Saturday September 26 Jayden Vandy & Renee Peden

### Parents' Prayer

*God of all Creation,  
You gave us our family-whanau to love and care for.  
You know how much we love them and want them to be happy.*

*You see the times we fail to love and need to seek forgiveness.  
Give us strength to carry out our role as parents.*

*Help us to teach our children all they need to know to grow into the people You want them to be.*

*Guide us as we help them to come to know You better. Bless our families and help us to live as faithful followers of Jesus.*

*We ask this prayer through Mary and Joseph in whose care You placed Your only Son.*

Amen.



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

I have received and read my newsletter.  
Poynton Pompallier

Gaines

Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....