

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. A huge congratulations must go to our school community for the excellent work and support that was shown for our entry in last weekends Christmas Parade. For the third year in a row, we were awarded First Place in the Non-Profit Category. Many people were impressed at the number of children taking part in our float and also in the spirit in which they participated. The award included a beautiful Santa Trophy and a cheque for \$300, part of which was used on Monday to treat those who participated with an ice-block each which they thoroughly enjoyed.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to farewell and thank Mrs. Janine Kirkham, Miss Amy Blewman and Mrs. Cherry Tregoweth for their individual contributions over the past year as teachers in our school. We wish them all the best in their future teaching endeavours and we look forward to a continued association with Mrs. Janine Kirham and her family as her sons will be continuing their education here at St. Anthony's. We welcome aboard our teaching team for next year, which will include Mrs. Flerinda Valondo who is presently relieving for Cherry Tregoweth, Miss Susan Smith who is coming to us from Tauranga, Mrs. Glenys Hoyes who we are pleased to welcome back after her absence of three years, Mr. Eugene Volkwyn and Mr. Andreas Theodorou.

As we approach the special event of Jesus' birth, a number of celebrations will be taking place, starting with the term's winning house shared luncheon for Pompallier on Friday. Monday evening (6:30p.m.) will see us celebrating the School Leavers' Dinner at Memory Lane in Hamilton. The climax of our academic school year will be St. Anthony's Catholic School's Prizegiving at the Huntly Workingmen's Club at 6:30p.m. next Tuesday. Children have practised diligently to present items which are reflective of our school—as usual all children are expected to attend, wearing their full, correct summer uniform. At the conclusion of these events, children will be issued with their written School Report. The school day will conclude at 3:00p.m. and there will be buses running as usual.

Next year school begins on the 2nd February at 9:00a.m. and all children are expected to be in their correct summer uniform (including hats). The School Pool will be up and running from day 1, therefore all children are expected to bring their named swimming gear—I'm sure swimming will be a highlight of the children's school day. Please note that in 2010 there will no longer be a 'town' school bus available for children. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Joyful and Holy Christmas as well as a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed after the holiday break.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner



HOLIDAY FUN!!!

It's all happening again at Clay Art Studio over these holidays, rain or shine!



Paint a Critter – Our ceramic painting with a twist. Creatures to hang on your wall, treasure & money boxes, plates, bowls, cups and more. Lots of fun for all the family. All items finished by us to high quality (dishwasher safe) standard and are individually priced from \$10 - \$30.

Mosaic a Critter – Shaped base boards ready to mosaic. Huge range to choose from – sea-horse, heart, pukeko, guitar, snake, butterfly & lizard are just a few... all inclusive of materials and we grout it for you! \$35 per critter.



Craft sessions will be held most days between 10am and 3pm. Ring us for details on what's happening when, and to book your places

Please note that children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Over 12 at your discretion. All items painted or mosaiced will be available for collection after approx 1 week.



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Interschool Athletics Results

Once again, our had a great day at the recent Interschool Athletics. For a small school, we were well represented in the final placings as follows:

Jaynie Yang	2nd	Junior Girls 60m
	2nd	Junior Girls 100m
	2nd	Junior Girls Long Jump
Tangi Tukuafu	2nd	Intermediate Girls Discus
Kristoffer Saki	2nd	Junior Boys 60m
	2nd	Junior Boys Long Jump
	3rd	Junior Boys Shot Put
St. Anthony's	1st	Junior Boys Relay
	2nd	Intermediate Girls Relay

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY MASS TIMES AND PARALITURGY'S FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY	Ps. 103 p. 113 Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am Mass, Ngaruawahia 9.30am PARISH LUNCHEON
THURSDAY	Ps. 145 p. 154 Mass, Huntly, 9.00am Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm
FRIDAY	Ps. 1 p. 14 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am
SATURDAY	Cant. Is. p. 170 Vigil, Huntly 5.30pm Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm
SUNDAY	Cant. Is. p. 170 Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am Liturgy of The Word, Te Kauwhata 10.30am

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday December 12	Sam Powell & Kevin O'Hara
Saturday December 19	Emily & Alex Dufty
Saturday December 26	Jasmine Strawbridge & Jesca Sotelo
Saturday January 2	Samuel Saki & Angelo Felisarta
Saturday January 9	Emily Dufty & Kristoffer Saki
Saturday January 16	Jayden Vandy & Christian Fabe
Saturday January 23	Sam Powell & Joshua Kirkham
Saturday January 30	Blake Powell & Arabelle Felisarta

Assembly Awards

27th November (Virtue—Patience)

- Room 1:** Samantha Rowney—for having an enthusiastic attitude towards her work.
Rainald Valondo—for showing patience towards others (V).
- Room 2:** Stella Bredenbeck—for showing a patient attitude and setting an example to others (V).
Rheed Beverland—for great progress in Reading.
Angelo Felisarta—for always producing neat work in his books.
- Room 3:** Brianna Hodge—for showing the virtue of patience in the classroom (V).
Natasha Pearson—for great Maths this term.
- Room 4:** Samantha Powell—for always showing patience towards fellow classmates (V).
Samuel Saki—for using detailed descriptive words in his Writing.

20th November (Virtue—Patience)

- Room 1:** Desmond Nusipepa—for showing patience towards others (V).
Yasmin Whyte—for behaving and listening well in class.
- Room 2:** Daeja Kaponga—for showing leadership in the classroom.
Christian Fabe—for having good manners and patience (V).
Isaac Vandy—for working hard and giving his best.
Amy Lilley—for having a responsible attitude in class.

- Room 3:** Joshua Hart & Unise Moeakiola—for showing patience towards others (V).
Ethan Steiner—for great progress in Maths.
- Room 4:** Jayden Vandy—for showing patience towards his fellow classmates (V).
Samuel Saki—for making good progress in Mathematics (Basic Facts).

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to those families who have returned their sold raffle books. The 500 house points given for each sold book is making a marked difference in the bid for the winning house for the year. For those who are yet to return their books, please get them back to school as soon as possible before the close-off date for points on Monday. The raffle is to be drawn next Wednesday, the last day of school.

DIARY

December 8	B.O.T. Meeting
December 14	School Leaver's Dinner.
December 15	Prizegiving, 6.30p.m. Huntly Workingmen's Club.
December 16	Reports sent home, Last day of Term 4. Classroom Parties.

CHILD-LIKE TRUST

Whenever I look into the clear eyes of children, I feel a leap of light inside me and with it, The touch of something new, something green, something singing. All of the child that was lost in me is suddenly rediscovered and I know that I'm encountering the freshness of God.

I think of how much Jesus needed the company of children. With adults' judgments round him, a weight of shouldn't, mustn't, don't, can't, continuously dumped on him by insecure men and women, how refreshing it must have been for him to gather small children close to his heart and so reinforce his own clear vision of the simplicity of Abba.

I think of his words as he blessed them: "This is what heaven is all about."

By Jay Cowley



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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.....