

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
9th March 2010—Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. Week 6 already! Well the term is speeding by. Last week it was my privilege to be part of the Senior Camp which was held at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp. The children were extremely fortunate to have such awesome 'camp helpers' who ensured that they all had an enjoyable, but challenging experience. Team building, which was the main aim, was obvious by the way everyone interacted—sharing and using their talents to achieve whatever challenge was set down before them. On the last evening of the camp, an invitation was extended to all families to come together to celebrate a beautiful Mass which was led by Father Keane. This was followed by a delicious meal, rivalling the best of restaurants with plenty to go around! We then gathered together so that the children could present items which they had worked on throughout the duration of the camp. These were of a very high standard and had great entertainment value with lots of laughter being had by all!!! On behalf of the Seniors I would like to thank all of the people involved with the camp—especially Mr. Craig Peden, who not only gave up his days—but his nights as well and considering he did not have a child at camp, this was an awesome contribution.

Parent Interviews will be taking place tomorrow, if for some reason you have not received an appointment, please phone the Office as everyone has been allocated a time. It is absolutely essential that parents ensure they are at the appropriate classroom at the correct time as schedules are tight and everyone deserves their full allocated time. Please remember that your child should also be part of this Goal Setting Meeting as when everyone works as a team—success is guaranteed!

I look forward to seeing our children in action at the Huntly Pools this Friday for our School Swimming Sports and I invite you all to join us.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

26th February (Virtue—Kindness)

Room 1: Pearl McKenzie—for showing kindness to children when they have been hurt (V).

Brodie Cox—for learning her spelling words and getting them correct.

Gabriel Cozo—for an excellent result in his spelling assessment.

Room 2: Daeja Kaponga—for showing kindness to her classmates and her sister (V).

Todd Hackworth—for improvement in his handwriting.

Room 3: Uinise Moeakiola—for always completing her work to a high standard.

Nealey Hackworth & Blake Powell—for showing kindness to others (V).

Jamie Rowney—for participating well in reading and math groups.

Room 4: Danny O'Hara—for completing his homework to a high standard. Hayden P.—for showing kindness to his classmates (V).

Blooming Bulbs Fundraiser

Thank you to those people who have sent in bulb orders. It is still not too late to place an order—as long as you have your orders back to the School Office before this Friday, 12th March. There are also spare catalogues at the Office if you should need them.

Baptisms

A reminder that if you are thinking about having your child/children Baptised, please register your interest by filling in a Baptism Form at the School Office.

St. Patrick's Day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by fundraising for Caritas. Yes, St. Patrick's Day is on the Wednesday, however as this is Interschool Swimming Sports Day, we have decided that we will celebrate this feast day on Thursday. Children are to come in their school uniform, however they are encouraged to make green accessories (e.g. hats, rosettes, sashes, bands, etc.) to be worn after the Junior Mass. There will be a parade as part of our lunchtime activities where prizes will be given out. This day will have a competitive aspect, with houses running stalls and selling 'Green' goods. We are asking for donations to be sent along on that day for the children to sell on their stalls. Any saleable items would be appreciated—green if possible e.g. coconut ice, fudge, toffee, slices, popcorn, toffee apples, etc. Items will be sold during the lunch hour, with parents, parish, school community and Kimihia Home residents being invited to join us. We will be having a B-B-Q, therefore parents will be able to purchase these on the day, with children

Placing their orders along with payment prior to the day. This proved to be a very popular and fun day for all last year, and we welcome you to get into the swing of things by coming along dressed in something green!

BOT Trustee Nominations

Nomination forms for the upcoming elections will be mailed to all voters within the next few weeks. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee and have any questions about the election process or about what is involved in being a Trustee, please contact James Powell on 021 545 630 or email James@viago.co.nz

Huntly Rugby Club—Junior Weigh In

A Junior Weigh In is to held at 11am on Saturday 20th March at the clubrooms at Alexandra Street. All girls and boys under 13 (on 1st Jan) are welcome. The club offers cheap subs, all playing uniform supplied and supportive coaches. New players will need to bring a birth certificate or passport. Any queries contact Neil on 828 4681 or 027 206 7077.

Friends of the School

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting to help plan fundraising activities for this year. Included in today's school newsletter, there is a fundraiser for Pizzas. Please share this fundraiser with friends and relatives. Orders will need to be returned to school by Tuesday 16th March. Delivery date will be Wednesday 24 March. Please also send contributions to school towards our Easter Raffle which will be drawn in the week before school ends this term (28th March—1st April). There will be three prizes, the first prize being a night away for two at Waiora Spa Resort in Rotorua, second and third prizes will be Easter baskets. Children bringing donations for the raffle will receive 100 house points. In the third term, Friends of the School will have a major fundraiser—an Auction. These have been very successful in the past. Please begin putting aside items you may wish to donate to this fundraiser. Fundraising this year will go towards resources to enhance learning in our classrooms. Next meet-

DIARY

March	10	PARENT GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
March	12	St. Anthony's Swimming Sports
March	16	Friends of the School Meeting, 3.15pm in Room 1
March	17	Interschool Swimming Sports
March	18	ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION JUNIOR MASS, 9am
March	23	BOT Meeting, 7pm

ing will be on next Tuesday 16th March at 3.15pm. Please remember all assistance is greatly appreciated—many hands will ensure the success of our fundraising activities.

School Arrival Times and Visits

It has been noted that an increasing number of children are arriving well before the prescribed time of 8.30am. Obviously bus children are allowed at school before this time as we have no control over bus arrivals, others however are not permitted at school before 8.30am unless there are special circumstances and then—only with prior arrangement with myself. There have also been a number of parents coming into classrooms during school hours. The first point of call for parents coming into the school between 9am and 3pm is the School Office. A staff member will then see to your requirements—at no time should parents go to the classrooms while school is in progress.

Swimming Sports

This Friday at 10am our School Swimming Sports begin! This will be the culmination of the whole terms swimming classes. The Junior students will be doing a presentation which Mrs. Hoyes has organised, to demonstrate the skills which they have attained during the term. The Senior syndicate children will be competing in races which have been graded according to their ability. All children will receive 100 house points for their full participation and those who excel in the length races will be allocated appropriate points for their achievements. Focus for the day is showing the development of skills that have been acquired over the past several weeks, participation and fair play. The programme for the day is as follows: children to arrive at school before 9am in their 'house' colours; after a morning tea break, children will be transported down to the Town Pools at 9.45am, therefore we would appreciate assistance by parents to carry out this duty, prior to enjoying the displays and races, which will start at approximately 10am—all children will remain seated with their houses and house teacher throughout the events when they are not competing; at the culmination of racing which will be approximately 1pm, we will have a picnic luncheon at the Domain, as there is no food to be consumed in or around the pool complex.

School Leaders

Congratulations to the following candidates who have been chosen to take on the various leadership roles within our school:

- Prefects: Samuel Saki and Danny O'Hara
House Leaders:
Pompallier Mitchell Beddis (Captain) and Jayden Vandy (Deputy)
Barbier Tiaan Nepe (Captain) and Brianna Hodge (Deputy)
Gaines Hayden P. (Captain) and Chehalis Ralph (Deputy)
Poynton Maake Tukuafu (Captain) and Tatjana Kaponga (Deputy)



PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY MASS TIMES AND PARALITURGY'S FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY	Ps. 147B p. 158 Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am Mass, Ngaruawahia 9.30am <i>PARISH LUNCHEON</i>
THURSDAY	Ps. 195 p. 104 Paraliturgy, 9.00am Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm
FRIDAY	Ps. 81 p. 86 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm
SATURDAY	Ps. 34 p. 44 Vigil, Huntly 5.30pm Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm
SUNDAY	Ps. 34 p. 44 Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am Liturgy of The Word, Te Kauwhata 10.30am

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday March	13	Chehalis Ralph & Isaac Vandy
Saturday March	20	Renee Peden & Joshua Kirkham
Saturday March	27	Sam Proud & Christian Fabe
Saturday April	3	Sam Powell & Jesca Sotelo
Saturday April	10	Jasmine Strawbridge & Arabelle Felisarta

Lord,

Help us remember those who have so much less than we do.

Bless us as a family. Help us to grow in love and care for each other.

We ask You to comfort and give strength and peace to those who are sick or struggling in any way.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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.....