

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. The last two weeks have been extremely busy, but very rewarding in lots of various ways. The student surveys that were completed during the recent Catholic Religious Review, there was a resounding affirmation of the swimming programme, including our wonderful school pool as one of the most appreciated aspects of our school environment. Even though we have had to spend a lot of money on this facility and the use of the town pool in our swimming programme—this has paid off with our children doing extremely well in St. Anthony's Swimming Sports, as well as the Inter-School Swimming Sports. Our inter-school team did us proud in both behaviour and achievement, coming third overall out of ten schools in our district!—only being surpassed by Kimihia School (second) and Te Kauwhata College (first).

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations began with a whole School Mass and a great day was had by all, with a grand total of just under \$500 being raised. The Easter Raffle (which was to be a big fundraiser) has been down-sized to just an internal school raffle due to the inability to complete preparations on time. This raffle will be drawn on Holy Thursday as part of our final Assembly, following Stations of the Cross at 1:30p.m.

Last Friday, all the teaching staff attended Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. It was lovely that the three Catholic teachers were able to stay for the Liturgy and Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was unfortunate that none of our school families were in attendance, as once again I had informed the children after Mass on Thursday, when Reconciliation was on and I personally prepared the children for this Sacrament on Friday. Stations of the Cross will again be held this coming Friday evening at our Church at 5:30p.m. This Saturday all children are expected to attend our Term One School Mass, as part of the Palm Sunday celebrations, in preparation for Easter. The children will all have a key part to play in the Passion Play that we are doing, which will be a part of the Eucharistic celebrations on this day. Children will need to be at Church by 5:20p.m. in full summer uniform, to enable us to begin the parade at 5:30p.m. sharp.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

12th March (Virtue—Honesty)

Room 1: Jun Michael Hizon—for thinking carefully and trying hard to act in the appropriate manner.

Samantha Rowney—for taking risks and working quietly and independently at written tasks.

Room 2: Timothy Kirkham—for showing honesty to others (V).

Rainald Valondo—for improvement in his reading.

Room 3: Ben White & Amy Lilley—for showing honesty to others (V).

Victoria Whyte—for outstanding reading results.

Natasha P.—for outstanding maths results.

Room 4: Tangi Tukuafu—for writing a good recount.

Brianna Hodge—for living the gospel value of honesty (V).

19th March (Virtue—Forgiveness)

Room 2: E.J. Hizon—for showing great effort in his reading.

Maia Steiner—for showing great improvement in her swimming.

Ben Mosa'ati-Fosita—for a big improvement in his technique in Free-style.

Room 3: Ethan Steiner—for an outstanding attitude in running the dart activity.

Marc Capistrano—for enthusiasm and effort in preparing for St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Paige Beverland—for showing great interest in Religious Education and at Prayer Time.

Sean Hodge & Uinise Moeakiola—for huge improvements in all areas of swimming this term.

Room 4: Arabelle Felisarta—for getting along with others and showing a forgiving nature (V).

Joshua Hart—for making a huge improvement in Numeracy.

Safety

A reminder that when dropping off or picking up children at school, please do not drive up into the staff parking area in front of the gates, or stop on the yellow lines outside the school. The 'Keep Clear' sign and the yellow lines are for safety reasons—the school entrance should remain clear at all times to allow access for emergency services and the yellow lines are to allow for a clear view when entering and exiting the parking area and if this is restricted it may put our children at risk. So please observe these ruling at all times. Thank you.

Principal's Star

Isaak MacCulloch Strom recently exemplified our school ethos on St. Patrick's Day. He not only brought along his special game for everyone to play, (which everyone thoroughly enjoyed). Being a six-year-old he didn't realise he required prizes for the winners, so he promised that he would bring them a chocolate bar the following day. True to his word he turned up on Friday morning with six Easter Eggs, after explaining to his mother the importance of not letting down his house and keeping his word. The recipients were duly impressed likewise the Principal! Well done!!!



Youth Group

A reminder that Youth Group will be taking place this Saturday, beginning with School Mass at 5:30p.m. If you are over the age of ten, please come along and join this fun-filled and spiritual heightening group for the evening. Parents are required to register their children in the foyer before Mass and the evening finishes at 9:00p.m.

DIARY

March	23	BOT Meeting, 7pm
March	27	SCHOOL/PARISH MASS (Palm Sunday), 5.30pm
April	1	HOLY THURSDAY
		SENIOR MASS, 9am
April	19	TERM 2 BEGINS

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

On Thursday 18 March the school celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The celebrations were a day late because the Senior School students were attending the Interschool Swimming Sports at the Huntly Aquatic Centre. The day began with a Junior School Mass which focused on celebrating this special Saint's Day. The students were then able to change into their green clothing. House Groups met and began to organize their stalls, and games, and to work together to raise money for Caritas. House points were the incentive for the House that raised the most money with their fund-raising efforts. There was a great variety of green food and drinks available to purchase – milkshakes and slushies, muffins and cupcakes, toffee and fudge – all being green and popular items with students and adults. The highlight of the afternoon was the grand parade of all the students who had dressed for the theme of the day. The winner from Room 1 was Pearl McKenzie; Room 2 – Kevin O'Hara; Room 3 – Renee Peden and Room 4 – Samuel Saki. The overall winner was Pearl McKenzie from Room 1 who was beautiful in her butterfly wings, and her t-shirt displaying a pot of gold. Well done to all other students who had taken the time to make hats, rosettes and other green items to dress up in. Just under \$500 was raised, with congratulations going to Gaines, the winning house for the day who raised the largest amount for Caritas.



Earth Hour

A reminder that Earth Hour will be taking place this coming Saturday night. Show your concern for the environment and 'switch off' your lights for an hour from 8:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

HOOPS DREAMS ROADSHOW

COMING TO THE NORTH WAIKATO REGION APRIL 26 - MAY 11

Sport Waikato, Huntly Conservation Corps and Waikato Pistons NBL players are heading to local primary schools to promote basketball.

Year 5-8 students will receive individual skills training to help develop fundamental basketball skills while having loads of fun!

Great prizes up for grabs including free tickets to a Waikato Pistons NBL game and Pistons basketballs.

If you're interested in getting your primary school involved contact: Energizer
LeTainva Murray 07 858 5388, 021 623 108, email letainvam@sportwaikato.co.nz

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY MASS TIMES AND PARALITURGY'S FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY	Cant. Daniel p. 172 Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am School Mass, St. Paul's Ngaruawahia, 9.30am PARISH LUNCHEON
THURSDAY	Ps. 40 p. 47 Paraliturgy, 9.00am Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm Annunciation of the Lord
FRIDAY	Ps. 18 p. 27 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm
SATURDAY	Ps. 22 p. 31 Vigil, Parish and School Huntly 5.30pm Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm
SUNDAY	Ps. 22 p. 31 Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am Mass, Te Kauwhata 5.30pm

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday March	27	Sam Proud & Christian Fabe
Saturday April	3	Sam Powell & Jesca Sotelo
Saturday April	10	Jasmine Strawbridge & Arabelle Felisarta

*Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me wherever I go,
Christ around, above, below,
Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ abide, and never depart,
Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern, night and day,
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and Shepherd to the end.*

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.....