



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena Koutou. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks on behalf of the school community to all nine of our parents who have generously offered to stand for the Board of Trustees Elections. It is very reassuring to know that you are prepared to stand and work so tirelessly to ensure St. Anthony's Catholic School continues to grow with the Catholic ethos of developing every child's mind, body and soul. I would also like to thank Sharon Beddis for her tireless work over the last six years as a Board of Trustees member/Chairperson, as she will not be standing for re-election this year. Sharon has given freely of her time whenever needed in a range of roles, volunteering to help on numerous occasions (such as helping to organise the luncheon for the First Communion and Confirmation Luncheon last year). The contributions you have made while on the Board, have been very much appreciated by Board Members, Staff and School Community alike. Finally, good luck to all of our candidates and if you haven't already voted—please do so today! - voting closes on Friday.

I wish all of our Mothers a Happy Mothers Day for next Sunday!!!

God bless,

Hazel Rayner

Assembly Awards

23rd April (Virtue—Patience)

Room 1: Solomone Fosita—for returning to school in Term 2 with a positive working attitude.

Aisha Turton—for being happy to wait her turn—thank you for showing us a good example of patience (V).

Room 2: Timothy Kirkham—for making a great effort to finish his reading tasks.

Stella Bredenbeck—for showing the virtue of patience—for always waiting calmly without getting angry (V).

Room 3: Rheed Beverland—for completing tasks on time.

Uniese Moeakiola—for showing patience towards your fellow students (V).

REMINDER

I would like to remind everyone that **SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 2.15p.m. THIS FRIDAY.** As teachers will be attending an N.Z.E.I. Meeting at 2.30p.m. parents are asked to make arrangements for their children to be collected after Assembly finishes at approximately 2.15p.m. Thank you.

Thank You

A huge thank you must go to Pat Steiner for filling our Sandpit with new sand last weekend—at NO COST! Thank you from us all Pat, for your constant help and support.

Helpers Sought

A big thank you to those families who have returned your sold raffle books—your support is much appreciated. The Friends of the School are needing volunteers to assist with selling raffle tickets at Countdown on Thursday 13th from 9.00a.m. onwards. If you are able to help, please contact Graham Kirkham on 828 7232 or 027 204 9368. Alternatively, please leave your details with Julie at the School Office if you can spare an hour or two.

A reminder also that helpers are still needed to assist with the drinks station outside our school in a few weeks time. The Huntly Half Marathon will be taking place again on Sunday 23rd May and this is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for our school. You can leave your name at the School Office if you are able to assist.

Youth Group

A reminder that Youth Group will be taking place this Saturday 1st May, beginning with 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.



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

PARISH INFORMATION

'Just One Dollar More'

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every three years we have a look at the planned giving in the parish.

There are always issues to be looked at as people's financial circumstances can change while some families leave the district, others are newcomers.

There are basic expenses that have to be met year after year that we cannot avoid.

I am grateful to all those who, week after week, year after year, have contributed to the parish collections to ensure that the parish facilities are maintained and preserved not merely for the present, but also for those who will be here in the future.

Everything is getting more expensive so we need your continued generous support to ensure that our church, also our parish hall (centre) is here when we meet every week and is also available for baptisms, weddings and funerals, etc. It is worth noting that we get back from the Government one third of what we donate to the Church.

What we give to; the church is our way of saying thanks to God for all we have.

The more generous we are, the more that God will bless us in so many ways. If everybody contributes something, we will be able to pay our way.

At present we are relying on the interest we receive from our investment with the Catholic Development Fund (C.D.F.) to stay afloat.

As this cannot continue, we need your help at this time.

Fr. Pat Keane
Parish Priest.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND PARALITURGY'S FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY	Ps. 122 p. 135 Paraliturgy, Te Kauwhata 8.30am Rosary Recited, Huntly 8.45am Paraliturgy, Huntly 9.00am Mass, Ngaruawahia, 9.30am LITURGY MEETING 7.30pm
THURSDAY	Ps. 96 p. 105 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 5.00pm to 6.00pm
FRIDAY	Ps. 57 p. 65 Mass, Huntly 9.00am Exposition from 9.30am to 10.30am
SATURDAY	Ps. 67 p. 74 Vigil, Huntly 5.30pm Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm
SUNDAY	Ps. 67 p. 74 Mass, Ngaruawahia 10.30am Liturgy of The Word, Te Kauwhata 10.30a.m

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday May	8	Blake Powell & Kristoffer Saki
Saturday May	15	Jayden Vandy & Angelo Felisarta
Saturday May	22	Chehalis Ralph & Isaac Vandy
Saturday May	29	Renee Peden & Joshua Kirkham

DIARY

May	7	NZEI MEETING—School Closes at 2.15pm
May	13	SENIOR MASS, 9am
May	19	FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL MEETING, Room 1 at 3.15pm NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
May	22	SCHOOL MASS
May	25	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, Staffroom at 7pm
May	27	JUNIOR MASS, 9am
June	7	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY—School Closed
June	8	CHANGE INTO WINTER UNIFORM
June	10	VISION / HEARING TESTING
June	11	SENIOR MASS FATHER'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY ST. ANTHONY DAY CELEBRATION (13th June)

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

She was a new mother,
Her baby meant the world to her,
She would protect her new baby in every way possible...

She was still a mother.
Her young child thrived and was precious to her,
She would protect her young child by making sure her child was safe.

She was a dedicated mother...
Her teenage child was very important to her,
She would protect her teenager by sharing her fears about the choices offered by the world.
Her advice was often questioned and debated by her child.

She was a proud mother...
Her adult child was very dear to her,
She would help her adult child to face the challenges with loving support.

Finally... she was a loving, elderly mother.
She was ninety-three years old,
Her child was nearly seventy.
One day, the mother was told she was very, very ill:
She could not bring herself to tell her child,
She still wanted to protect her child from such pain.

Why?
Because she was still a mother...
... at any age.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the gift of mothers.
They are a source of comfort and strength to children.

Continue to guide all mothers in the very important job they do.

We ask a special blessing for our own mothers.

Amen

I have received and read my newsletter.

Poynton Pompallier Gaines Barbier (child to circle name of house)

Name of Child/Children.....

Parents/Caregivers Signature.....