

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow, what a busy couple of weeks we have just completed. I have heard lots of positive feed-back about the parent interviews which were held on Wednesday the 29th August. The teachers were very impressed with the high turn out of parents and their supportive attitude towards their child's learning. I am also aware that the parents were equally impressed with the written comments on the interview form they each received. A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HARD WORKING TEACHERS.

Last Tuesday we saw the safe return of Father Keane to our Parish which made the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our children even more special. Manda Vandy and Anne Murphy did an AWESOME job of preparing our children for this special Parish/School occasion, which was celebrated last Thursday evening with Bishop Denis Browne in attendance.

The weeks of training and planning of our School Cross-Country and the beautiful sunny afternoon we were blessed with, certainly made for a GREAT afternoon. A big thank you to Miss Jane Hull for her hard work training the children and planning the event. It was fantastic to see so many from our School/Parish Community out supporting the children and participating with them in the follow-up activities—such as the 'tug-o-war' house competition. The determination, commitment and fun with which people participated showed the true kiwi spirit - like that which the All-Blacks will show to win the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

This week we will be having our Catholic Review on Tuesday and Wednesday, so we welcome Mrs. Yvonne Hall to our school and look forward to her assistance in making St. Anthony's Catholic School the BEST it can be.

On Wednesday, whether permitting, the Inter-Schools Cross-Country will be held at Weavers Park. All children who will be representing our school at this event will receive a letter today, outlining the requirements and programme for the day.

This Thursday evening we will be holding our School Speech and Scripture Reading Finals at the Parish Centre at 6.30p.m. which will be an enlightening celebration as the theme this year is SPECIAL CHARACTER.

God bless you all,
Hazel Rayner.

Assembly Awards

- 31 August**
Room 1: Daniel Wilshaw—for gaining awesome spelling results.
 Elyon Manatsa—for his awesome effort in fitness.
Room 2: Charlee Cox—for being a positive, caring person and a motivated learner who gives her personal best at all times. A joy to teach!
 Jade Ivory-Tauroa—for being a quiet diligent worker
Room 3: Hayden—for the effort and improvement that is going into his schoolwork.
 Logan King—for all of his efforts in & out of the classroom.
Room 4: Maico Sotelo—for the huge improvement in his work habits and attitude.
 Taylah Paul-Kaponga—for practising patience when faced with a challenge and trying hard to stay focused.

School Speech Finals

Last Thursday we had our School Speech Semi-Finals. Well done to everyone who made it through to these and thank you to all of the other children that put their time and effort into preparing their speeches. Congratulations to the finalists for the Finals this Thursday night. They are as follows:

- Room 1—Sara-Louise Turton, Alexander Dufty, Kevin O'Hara
 Room 2—Joshua Kirkham, Samantha Proud, Blake Powell
 Room 3—Samuel Saki, Zane Ralph, Jessica Peden
 Room 4—Harriet Beex, Deon Vandy, Luke Foster
 Scripture Reading—Logan King, Chehalis Ralph, Shaddai Manatsa, Seini Vakameilalo, Samuel Saki, Michaela Hodge.

We are hosting the Speech Finals at the St. Anthony's Parish Centre, which is located next to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Start time will be at 6.30p.m. We look forward to hearing these Speeches and Scripture Readings and would love to see you all there to support the children and to share in this occasion together.

DIARY

- September 11-12** Catholic Character Review
September 12 North Waikato Cross-Country
September 13 Senior Mass (postponed)
 Speech Finals at St. Anthony's Parish Centre—
 6.30p.m.
September 14 North Waikato Cross-Country (postponement date)
September 17 Achievement Books sent home
September 21 Last Day of Term 3
October 8 First Day of Term 4

Duffy Book Assembly



On Wednesday 5 September between 9.30am and 10.00am, this term's Duffy Book Assembly was held. We were privileged to have Stephen Donald come and talk to the students. Books were given out by Stephen to children for answering a number of rugby orientated questions correctly. Then from each of the rooms, teachers chose students for 'Caught Being Good' and they too received books. These students were:

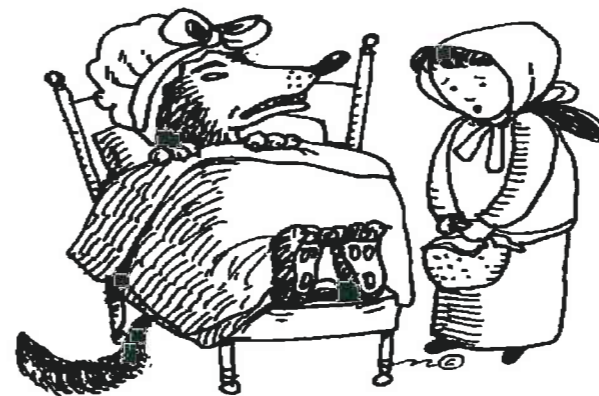
- Room 1: Rema-Rose Saki
 Room 2: Blake Powell and Savahn Morgan
 Room 3: Samuel Saki and Emily Dufty
 Room 4: Shaddai Manatsa

It was great to have someone with Stephen's talents and abilities come to the school as a role model for our children. We never know what our children may one day aspire to and through books, ones imagination can 'Reach for the Stars'.

House Points

Pompallier	12,950	Poynton	15,500
Barbier	13,550	Gaines	15,000

OAKDEN SCHOOL OF DANCE PRESENTS RED RIDING HOOD



TE KAUWHATA COLLEGE HALL
 SATURDAY 15TH SEPT. 7.30 PM
 SUNDAY 16TH SEPT. 2 PM
PROCEEDS TO WORLD VISION

Please go along and support our two children—Sam Powell and Renee Peden, who will be starring in this production!

World Youth Day-Fundraising Event

A 'Dancing With the Stars' plus 'Blind Auction' fundraising event will be held on Saturday 3 November. Tickets will be on sale shortly from Dolla Levin, Lynda McPoland or Mary-Anne Hall. This will be a great fun evening so get a group of friends together and support this most worthy cause. Also if anyone has any items they would like to donate for the Auction, please contact any of the above persons.

From the DRS

Last Thursday we had a wonderful occasion in our parish/school community. We celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It was wonderful to see nine children take these next steps in their faith journey. Five of these children were from our school. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Tiaan Nepe, Jayden Vandy, Hayden, Kyle McLuckie and Samuel Saki. Well done on achieving this goal and taking part in the lessons leading up to the big day. It was wonderful to celebrate with Bishop Denis. May God continue to bless you boys in your journey with Christ.

This week is Social Justice Week. The children will be learning in their classes the different aspects of Social Justice. The junior focus is Food and the importance of this. The senior focus is our Land - Te Whenua and the importance of where we come from and what our land provides.

Also this week is our Catholic Character review. Yvonne Hall from the Catholic Diocese will be here to discover what we do at St Anthony's and how we build our Special Character.

This ties in beautifully with our theme for our speeches 'Special Character'. I encourage all of you to attend our speech night this Thursday. It will be fantastic.

May God bless you and your families

Karen O'Reilly
 DRS

Winter Warmers

Dinner – Corn Fritters

Looking for a different way to prepare vegetables or perhaps wanting a change from potatoes?



Try these:

- Mix together 1 can of tinned corn, ½ cup of flour, ½ teaspoon baking powder, 1 egg, chopped spring onion or parsley and pepper.
- Heat a little butter in a fry pan and cook over a medium heat for 3 minutes on each side.



NB: You can add any extra ingredients including bacon or sweet chilli sauce to spice these up.

School Cross-Country Results

5 Year Olds	Girls:	First—Rema-Rose Saki	Boys:	First—Daniel Wilshaw
		Second—Katy Yang		Second—Alexander Dufty
		Third—Sara-Louise Turton		
6 Year Olds		First—Stella Bredenbeck		First—Jamie Rowney
		Second—Jemma Goodall		Second—Zane Neill
		Third—Liana McLuckie		Third—Liam Wilshaw
7/8 Year Olds		First—Natasha		First—Kristoffer Saki
		Second—Renee Peden		Second—Ethan Steiner
		Third—Jordyn Ralph		Third—Joshua Hart
9/10 Year Olds		First Equal—Jasmine Strawbridge		First—Danny O'Hara
		—Chehalis Ralph		Second—Logan King
		Second—Sam Powell		Third—Hayden
11 Year Olds				First—Michael
				Second—Luke Foster
				Third—Zane Ralph
12 Year Olds		First—Harriet Beex		First—Sione Vakameilalo
		Second—Michaela Hodge		Second—Maico Sotelo
		Third—Kylee Levin		
13 Year Olds		First—Celeste Sturch		First—Terry Wilshaw
		Second—Taylah Paul-Kaponga		
Cross-Country Runners' House Points		First—Barbier: 5,000		Second—Gaines: 4,800
		Third—Pompallier: 3,100		Fourth—Poynton: 2,600

Japanese Teacher

We are still requiring someone to host our Japanese intern, Mr. Kazuya Kurosawa from 1st October. If you can help out or would like more information, please contact me at school.

Sample Books

All children will be given their Sample Book next Monday so you can view, discuss and record some observations and perhaps set some goals with them for their final term of 2007. To allow parents more time to achieve this successfully, Sample Books do not need to be returned until the following Wednesday.

Altar Serving Roster

Saturday	15 September	Harriet Beex & Deon Vandy
Saturday	22 September	Kylee Levin & Emily Dufty

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Lord Jesus, may our children continue to grow in friendship with you. Protect them from harm and grant them great wisdom to make good choices with their lives. Help them to be loving and good always.
 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.....