



# St Anne's Catholic School

WOOLSTON

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### THOUGHTS

The spring break always gives hope, winter is behind you and summer is just around the corner. The children are full of energy and purpose and there is so much to look forward to.

We as adults know the pressures that build up and one expert told me that if you plan for upcoming events they become a lot less stressful. I am working on this myself. When we live in the past or the future, we miss out on the freedom and peace of living in the moment.

We will let you know all the terms events so that you can plan for the rest of the year for school activities—keep an eye on the calendar on the front page of the newsletter each week.

An accident outside the school gate on Monday is a timely reminder to not attempt a U-turn on Ferry Road. The safer options are to turn left at the lights on Palinarus Drive; or go up to the round-about at Dyers Road. Keep safe!

Enjoy the day.

Kind regards

*Peter Callanan* (Principal)

### COMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

- 16 Science Alive visit to Rms 5 & 6  
Reading Together 3 2.30pm
- 16 Science Alive visit to Rms 1,2 &4
- 23 Reading Together 4 2.30pm  
Librarian visit to Rms 1 & 2
- 27 **Labour Day—school closed**
- 28 Senior Athletics 1.30-2.50pm
- 29 Chch Schools Music Festival  
performance

#### NOVEMBER

- 7 Disco 6-8.00pm Mission Centre
- 13 A & P Show Rms 1 & 2
- 21 School Athletics 11am-12.30pm

#### DECEMBER

- 5 Mr C's farewell
- 8 Yr 8 leavers Dinner
- 12 School Picnic
- 15 Prize Giving Mass
- 17 School Finishes following final  
assembly 11-12noon

### Term 4 Reminders

NO HAT, NO PLAY policy will be enforced.

#### Uniform for Term 4 is Summer—

Girls—St Anne's culottes (available only from Bambi drapery),  
St Anne's polo shirt and sweatshirt  
short white socks  
black school shoes/sandals.  
Navy brimmed sunhat

Boys—Navy shorts  
St Anne's polo shirt and sweatshirt  
short navy socks  
black school shoes/sandals.  
Navy brimmed sunhat

Hair— shoulder length or longer must be tied up with White Blue or Dark green ties/ribbons.

Jewellery— watch, plain stud earrings, religious or cultural items (must be worn inside clothing)

#### 2015 Enrolments

If you have a family member who is starting at St Anne's next year please check that this is known at the school office.

Please pass the word on that we are accepting enrolments and the office can be contacted for details.

### Reflections on the Sunday Gospel-Term 4

The liturgy of the Catholic Church provides a framework for reflection which is used by Catholics throughout the world. This term we shall reflect upon the gospel reading for Sunday during the week. The readings are a great context for reflection.

### *Sunday 12 October* Matt 22:1-10

Last Sunday's reading about the wedding was a very significant event for the king and his family. The people invited to the wedding chose to do other things rather than attend. Their preoccupation with their own activities led them to ignore the significance of this event for the king.

### REFLECTION/ACTION.

The significant events of our lives and those of others are an integral part of the life we have been gifted by God.

Commemorating birth, committing to a state of life and celebrating anniversaries, and honouring those who have died are all ways of reconnecting with our human nature and relationships. Participating fully nurtures both our soul and our relationships.

Creating space in our lives for the celebration of life honours the God who gave us life.

(Adapted from - The Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ)

## *Faith Facts*

Pope Francis invites us all to share the joy of God's gift of the Gospel to others. The quotes this term will be from the beginning pages of Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis –

### **Evangelii Gaudium, the Joy of the Gospel**

A reminder that the entire document can be found at - <http://vatican.va/evangelii-gaudium/en/index.html>

**The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.** Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. (EG1)

## RE PROGRAMME - TERM 4

From the recently released Bishops document "*The Catholic Education of School Aged Children*"

*Religious Education belongs to the stage of 'growth in knowledge' ...All students, whatever their level of faith development, need some **understanding** of the theological content of their faith, not just an understanding of the cultural elements of Catholics. For those students who already have a committed relationship with Jesus Christ the religious education programme must **deliver at the level needed to sustain their desires to grow in knowledge and understanding** (para 61)*

Our Religious Education Programme is taught to achieve what is in the above paragraph through the RE Strands and Modules.

The term starts with a week's study on Traditional prayer and every class will be working from the Prayer Module at their appropriate level.

There is only one major strand for the term which is the COMMUNION OF SAINTS Level 1 to Level 4. Each level has a topic of focus.

Once again you shall be informed of the content of studies in each class through your child's RE exercise book which will be sent home on a regular basis with home activities to be completed with your support. This exercise enables you to understand the learning objectives and to be informed of what your child is learning in RE.

Towards the end of the term we shall also be looking Liturgical Year studies of Advent and Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus but more importantly, becoming more aware of His second coming.

The Family Whanau book is an invaluable resource for parents to have at home as it gives you all the necessary information about the RE programme from Year 1 to Year 8. You may access it online or borrow one from the school office.

We look forward to celebrating our Masses and assemblies which you will be informed of through the weekly school newsletters.

Thanks to all of you who provide a daily commitment to God by practising your faith and setting an example for your children. We appreciate your support.

The Mission fair was wonderful and I thank you again for your support and generosity towards the deprived children in our world.

God bless.

**Grace Reddy** (DRS)