



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

This weekend is Labour Weekend and school will be closed on Labour Day Monday. It is timely to remember why we have this holiday— It was given to commemorate and celebrate the struggle by workers in the late 1800's to gain an 8 hour working day. Although not illegal, even in the 1920's, when my dad was a apprentice carpenter, many were still expected to work 10 hours or more and on Saturdays.

The new country of New Zealand was quick to bring in the 8 hour, 5 day working week and it was called shortening and Labour Day was brought in as a national holiday celebrated by families with parades and picnics.

Now in 2014, to most, Labour Day is just another public holiday and it would seem the struggle made so long ago to achieve a work/life balance has been eroded by modern working conditions.

Enjoy your Labour Day with your family!

Kind regards

Peter Callanan (Principal)

Sunday 19 October

Matt 22:15-21 - MISSION SUNDAY

In last Sunday's Gospel reading, the Pharisees got one thing right about Jesus when they set out to trap him over the question of paying Roman taxes. "You are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you," they said to him.

REFLECTION/ACTION.

If we have a strong desire to achieve rank or status, we may indulge in behaviours that are at odds with our Christian calling. In these circumstances others may be perceived as inferior and available to be used to achieve our own ends.

Jesus calls us to do good works because that is a natural expression of our love for him and for others. It is how he works in the world. He does not call us to achieve great rank or status, nor has he decreed that we are to be subservient to others.

We need to understand to understand our own human dignity. We are loved by God, brought into existence by him, and not ranked in his eyes. Why should we let rank or status – ours or that of others - rule our lives?

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 23 Reading Together 4 2.30pm
Librarian visit to Rms 1 & 2
- 27 **Labour Day—school closed**
- 28 Senior Athletics 1.30-2.50pm
Parents & Friends Assn Mtng 7pm
- 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

Parents & Friends Assn
Meeting
Tuesday 28 October
7pm

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>

Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. **God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt**, and the desire to do good fades. (EG 2)

Lions Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

This year St Anne's Choir will be performing in the Music Festival at the Horncastle Arena, Addington, on the evening of Wednesday, 29 October 2014. Tickets are available from Ticketek.

If your child is performing in the St Anne's Choir you will have received a notice of details for the night from your child. i.e. they will need to be at the Arena in school uniform by 7.00pm on Wednesday 29 October, and will need to be picked up from the Arena at 9.15pm after the festival. Please ensure you have made suitable arrangements for your child's transport to and from the festival.

Choir is an optional activity, however, commitment is required and attendance at the Festival event itself is expected of all members.

FREE!



**Put on your bling for our
All Saints Disco**

Friday 31st October

5.30 to 7pm

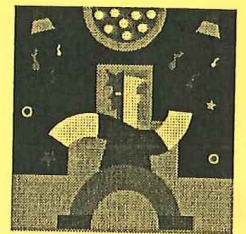
5-12 year olds

No Halloween Costumes

Dancing / Food / Games / Prizes

Come along and join in the fun

FREE!



Dance Boot Camp 2014 for ages 5 - 15. Come and join in the fun, running throughout the Christmas holiday period. For more information visit www.facebook.com/ancebootcamp2014 or email Nicola at dancebootcamp@outlook.com