



# St Anne's Catholic School

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The countdown is on. We have lots of things to look forward to here at St Anne's. The Kapahaka performance is now only a week away, the Mission Fair planning is underway and we are upgrading to fibre so we will have fast internet hopefully for the start of Term 4.


The last three schools I have worked in have had anywhere from no technology, to two or three computers in a room. Two of the schools had computer labs, where you could book a class in once or twice a week. St Anne's has two pods of laptops, tablets, i-pads and pcs. Unfortunately the speed of the internet is causing problems using these effectively. Teachers are 'hanging out' for fibre to be connected as so much is done on computers.


Last weekend I was at Eastgate library and I noticed a girl on Mathletics, she was working through it with a smile on her face as she improved. In previous classes I have taught, students would race to the computers before school to get extra time working on Mathematics or other projects. Developing a learner who knows what they need to work on next and how to do it themselves is a challenge, but is our ultimate aim as 'teachers.' I continually ask students, what are you learning? Why is it important? What's the next step? Although the answers weren't ideal immediately, they soon thought about their learning in more depth and by the end of the year knew exactly where they were going, why they were going that way and how they would get there. Keep the talk up at home!


Over the past week I have had five symbols on my windows as a challenge for students to find out what they mean.

 "ichthys" the Greek word for "fish" If you use the first letter of each it makes "Iesus Christos Theou Yios Soter" or in English "Jesus Christ, Son of God Saviour." The fish is a symbol of Christians for years and started early after Christ. For some it was a secret symbol if being a Christian wasn't popular where they were.

 Pentagram—represents lots of important things in the bible that are 5. 5 Wounds of Christ, the first 5 books of the Old Testament and the star above Bethlehem.

 Quatrefoil—symbolises the four evangelists-Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

 Graded Cross (Calvary Cross) - the 3 steps represent faith, hope and love.

 Keys—These are a symbol of the authority of the papacy and the Church to 'bind and loose'.

## COMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

28 Rm 1 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Mission Fair Mufti Day –mystery prize
- 3 Cultural Festival Performance
- 3 Scholastic Book orders due back
- 4 Rm 5 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon
- 6 Fathers' Day
- 7– 11 Social Justice Week
- 8 Jump Rope for Heart Day
- 9 Mission Fair Mufti Day –class raffle
- 11 Rm 6 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon  
Winning speeches at assembly
- 14-18 Book Week
- 16 'Have a Go Day' Bamford Sch Yr 5/6
- 23 MISSION FAIR

## Don't Forget

- ◆ If you ordered tickets to the Cultural Festival performance next week they are ready for collection from the school office. If you would like your child to bring them home please phone the office and let us know Ph384 3073.
- ◆ Scholastic Book orders close Thurs 3 Sept.

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This week's challenge is about important numbers in the Bible. Use the numbers 1-10 and try to figure out something important for each. A few of these are given to you from above. For those who want to go all out, try for two or three ideas for each number. Put your name on a piece of paper and put into the green mailbox in the office. Parents/caregivers can definitely help. A lucky winner will be drawn from those who enter.

Thank you so much to those who have paid off some of those accounts.

Remember to like our facebook page and to get friends and family to do the same!

God Bless

Dallas Wichman



Principal



**KAPAKHAKA** students will need to be at school by 7:30am sharp on THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER. We have to travel for our rehearsal at Horncastle Arena. Please bring your child/children to the MISSION CENTRE. Many thanks JUDI & RYAN.

**Congratulations!**

## Recent Assembly Awards:

Rm 1	Dominic	For sharing his wonderful voice with the class.
	Laurah	For using great thinking in her maths and reading.
Rm 2	Taylan	For writing an excellent retell of The Parable of the Lost Sheep.
	Rangi	For showing a daily improvement in his skipping skills.
Rm 4	Atalaita	For solving problems and being a risk taker.
	Olliver	For his perseverance during Mathematics this term.
Rm 5	Salu	Salu for his great organization and leadership of class prayers.
	Ruby	For her understanding and perseverance using a game plan. in playing competitive netball
Rm 6	Asa	For completing all his learning tasks and participating in Kiwisport.
	Wyatt	For leading awesome prayers.

## Principal's Awards

Willow	For her outstanding effort in her printing
Sophia	For her amazing effort in everything she does
Alyster	For his excellent story writing

# Special Character

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-5, 14-15, 21-23**

In this Gospel the Pharisees and the teachers of the law noticed that Jesus and his disciples didn't always follow complicated rules that had been made. However, rules are more important like the love for others. Jesus wanted to make things easier for people by looking at what was important.

Reflection/Discussion

- ⇒ How do we know what is really important?
- ⇒ What are the things that bring us closer to God and other people?
- ⇒ Make a list of some of these things.

**Come, follow me!" said Jesus**

**The Passion of St John the Baptist:** He was the last prophet of the Old Testament, the forerunner of Jesus and was killed by a corrupted King who gave in to lust and pride. John never stopped bearing witness to the truth. He had the eyes to see that Truth was fully revealed in Jesus, the one whom he proclaimed the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29) St. John the Baptist was a simple man, not a member of the elite. He was stirred by conscience and the Holy Spirit to throw convention to the wind. He paid dearly for it.

**Laudato Si'**

**What ecological problems does the encyclical focus on?** In the first chapter, Pope Francis discusses several themes:

1. Pollution and climate change
2. The issue of water
3. Loss of biodiversity (i.e., the extinction of plants, animals, etc.)
4. Decline in the quality of human life and the breakdown of society.
5. Global inequality



The students are asked to donate a gold coin for a daffodil this Friday. This is an iconic event inspiring people to come together and support the Cancer Society's work. Daffodil Day is a symbol of hope for the one in three New Zealanders who are affected by cancer. The donations received go towards researching causes and treatment of all types of cancer. It also provides a wide range of support, education and awareness programmes. Please remember to pray for all cancer patients and those who have died of cancer from our St Anne's community. May they rest in peace.

# MISSION FAIR 2015

Thanks to those who have already started making contributions to our fair in their efforts to reduce poverty in NZ and the world.



## Mission Mufti Day

Wednesday 2 September

We ask that you send along

Donations for the Mystery Prize Stall  
with your child on this Mufti Day

It could be a mystery prize for children's Lucky Dip or  
for the Adult Mystery Prize



# Catholic Sports Tournament

Last Friday Years 5-8 students went to Hagley Park to represent St Anne's .  
All teams did themselves proud and competed well.  
There were a number of impressive improvements from the Zone Tournament.

