



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

While looking at the St Anne's curriculum yesterday I contemplated the opening line of the St Anne's Student's Vision— "*At St Anne's we help each other to live like Jesus.*" Now that statement has much depth to it, the expectations of Jesus are the basis of our Catholic values and this is a simple statement of fact. It is how we help each other to live like Jesus that is the real challenge. As you and I know it is easy to be positive when you like someone but it can be challenging to work through difficulties with some one you struggle with. This is a real dilemma we face in life. We as Catholics have a faith in God's support and intervention.

Our school roll has dropped since the earthquakes and I have visited the local preschools and kindergartens to find they have full rolls with waiting lists. Objective data tells us that we have the highest National Standard achievement of all the primary schools in this area, so why have we got low enrolments?

After much deliberation I feel it is that many families feel a detachment from their Catholic faith. They just want an education for their children and not our Catholic Values. Well, that is not why we exist, the message is still the same as 108 years ago. We continue a proud tradition of being a Catholic school of Faith, Knowledge Hope and Excellence.

Spread the good news!

Kind regards

Peter Callanan (Principal)

Readings for Sunday 17 August

Reading 1— *Isaiah 22:15, 19-23*

Reading 2— *Romans 11:33-36*

Gospel— *Matt 16:13-20*

This reading is about Peter's declaration about Jesus.

When Jesus asks, "Who do they say I am?" Peter responds by saying that Jesus is the Messiah,

the Son of the living God. And Jesus tells Peter that he will give to him the keys to the kingdom of heaven...he is the rock upon which the church will be built!

Reflection and Action

Pray for Pope Francis, who continues the ministry of Peter as our rock! Include prayers every day for him and ask how we can help to build the kingdom of God in our own communities.

COMING EVENTS

August

- 22 Assembly Rm5
- 27 Room 4/5 to Airforce Museum
- 28 Cauty Winter Tournament
- 29 Assembly Rm 1

September

- 5 Cultural Festival performance
- 12 Introduction to Cricket Rms 1 & 2
Assembly Rm4
- 19 Assembly Rm 6
- 24 MISSION FAIR
- 26 Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 starts Monday 13 October

REMINDERS:

Cultural Festival Tickets—If you have ordered tickets they are now available for collection at the school office.

Caddy Shack City Mini Golf Social Activity this Sunday. Tickets on sale now. We need to sell a minimum of 30 tickets to hold this event.

Faith Facts

from *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

You are encouraged to read and discuss them with family and friends. *Evangelii Gaudium* can be found at: <http://www.vatican.va/evangelii-gaudium/en/index.html>

The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression, but rather 'remaining true to itself.....it will also reflect the different faces of the cultures and peoples in which it is received and takes root.' (EG 116)

St Anne's Commonwealth Games.



Last Wednesday the whole school participated in the St Anne's Commonwealth Games. There were 7 colour groups and each group completed seven activities. Medals were given for children who stood out during the day.



Rooms 1 and 2 had a wonderful Pirate Day last Friday. Thanks to all the parents for helping with our costumes and for providing our delicious food.