



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and in the 2014 school environment an electronic roll is taken twice a day. All pupil absences are recorded and all unexplained absences are followed up with a text or phone call from the office requesting a reason for the pupils absence.

The absence rate of all pupils is monitored by NETS (Truancy Service) The trigger for intervention is 21% absence and in extreme cases legal action is taken against the parents or caregivers for prolonged absence.

At St Anne's I will always talk to you if a situation develops that could result in the truancy service becoming involved. The simple truth is that children need to be at school to learn. If you are keeping children at home for an invalid reason it is not good enough!

This spring weather gives us real hope for good times ahead.

We extend our condolences to the Roan (Rm5) and Rhondda Sullivan (BOT Chair) and their family on the recent passing of Rhondda's mother.

Kind regards

Peter Callanan (Principal)

COMING EVENTS

August

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

September

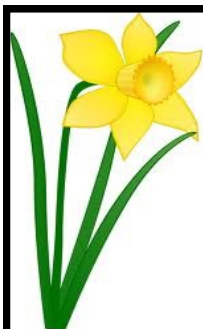
- 5 Cultural Festival performance
- 12 Intro to Cricket Rms 1 & 2
Assembly Rm4
- 19 Assembly Rm 6
- 24 MISSION FAIR
- 26 Last Day of Term 3

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.



Daffodil Day - A National Event— Friday 29 August 2014

We shall be joining schoolchildren from throughout New Zealand taking part in Daffodil Day on Friday 29 August. Fabric daffodils will be sold for you to wear on the day to support cancer research.

The cost will be a donation you can afford—give as little or as much as you can. Thanks for supporting such a great cause.

Readings for Sunday 31 August

Reading 1— *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Reading 2— *Romans 12:1-2*

Gospel— *Matthew 16:21-27*

In this reading Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.

In Chapter 16 the controversies continue and Jesus talks about his upcoming passing. Some Pharisees and Sadducees not only reject Jesus but

Reflection and Action

When we face problems we need to pray and ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can be faithful disciples. In class pray for the grace to follow Jesus.

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>

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. (EG)



Junior Neighbourhood Support



Canterbury

Please nominate any child who deserves an award for being an outstanding citizen at school, home or in your community. Forms are available from the school office or Mrs Reddy.

PARISH & SCHOOL MASS - 7 September 2014

On Sunday, 7 September, the whole school will join the St Anne's parish for the 10.30am Mass in the St John's Hall. Pupils will be taking part in a variety of ways.

The pupils' involvement at Sunday Mass is an important aspect of our special character and faith development. Would you please fill in the form below with names of the children attending and **return it to the class teacher** no later than Wednesday 3 September 2014.

The form is to be returned whether children are attending or not.



Parish & School Mass - Sunday, 7 September 2014 **Participation In Sunday Mass - 10.30am**

My child / children (will / will not) be able to participate in this Mass.

Name : _____ Rm No : ____ Name : _____ Rm No.: ____

Name : _____ Rm No : ____ Name : _____ Rm No.: ____

Parent/Caregiver : _____ (Print) Signed: _____ Date: _____

Serving



OTHERS

Mission Fair 2014

It's that time of the year again, when we give the children an opportunity to think of children much less fortunate than themselves and become practically involved in raising funds at the Mission Fair, which will be held on Wednesday 24 September. This fair enables students to learn to give what they can to the poor – It does not have to be a lot. Please encourage your children to reflect on Jesus' law of love and its meaning in their lives.

Our Mission Fair is a school-wide project which helps students to work together voluntarily to contribute something. We shall be having stalls of different kinds including the following:



- ◇ Cakes and sweets
- ◇ Art and Craft
- ◇ Face painting
- ◇ Lucky dip
- ◇ Books/DVDS/Board Games
- ◇ A variety of games
- ◇ Fluffy/soft toys/cards etc
- ◇ Mystery prizes



We need suitable items for the above stalls and each week we shall be asking the children to bring something. We have about 4 weeks to prepare.

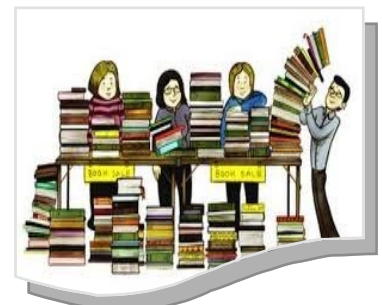
Items will be collected daily, so please leave what you bring with the child's class teacher or bring it over to Room 5.

We hope the children will get a better understanding of what it means when Jesus calls us to share our time, talents and our resources especially during this hard time. Thank you for your support in this school-wide project.

We shall have some multi days to collect items for the raffle and mystery prize stall in the coming weeks.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

Grace Reddy—DRS



October Holiday Programmes at the South Library:

Minecraft – Monday 29 September, 9.30am – 12.00noon for 8+ years (\$7 per child)

Come along with a friend and get creative by building imaginative worlds and battle nocturnal creatures! A tutor will be in attendance to supervise and assist if necessary.

Cool App Storytime – Tuesday 30 September, 10.00 – 11.00am for 4-7 years (free)

Love listening to stories? Then you will enjoy this session. Experience an eBook storytime on the iPad, a fun Antarctic crafty activity and learn to use the TumbleBooks animated talking books.

Antarctic Animation – Tuesday 30 September, 1.00 – 3.30pm *and* Wednesday 1 October, 9.30am – 3.30pm for 8-12 years (\$35 per child)

Get creative and discover the hidden secrets of the Southern Ocean by producing animated movies. Plan a story, create a set and craft your own movie with an Antarctic twist using stop motion photography.

I Heart Antarctica – Thursday 2 October, 9.30am – 12.00noon for 10-13 years (\$15 per child)

Bring Antarctica to the World by designing your own t-shirt logo inspired by the Antarctic. Please bring a t-shirt that is suitable for printing.

For details about these programmes and others held at the Upper Riccarton Library: <http://nzicefest.co.nz/christchurch-city-libraries-holiday-programme>

And then next term we will have space on these afterschool programmes and would love to see them booked up:

Girls Zone – Mondays, 3.30 – 5.00pm for 10-13 years (\$15 per child per term)

Girls Zone is an after school programme where girls are encouraged to extend and expand their computer and technological skills. Each term will have a different focus, either animation or photography. Starts week two of the school term.

eBook Club – Wednesdays, 3.30 – 4.30pm for 8-12 years (\$15 per child per term)

Use PCs and more to discover exciting new apps and create your own stories, book reviews and blog posts. Learn about the library catalogue and website to access eBooks, log your reading and find great new books to read. Starts week two of every term.

To make bookings on any of these programmes, email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz or ph: 941 5140

Hansen Have A Go Day

Date: **Sunday 7th September, 1pm - 3 pm**
Venue: **Hansen Park, Opawa**
Address: **Butler Street**

Various clubs and groups from the area will be running sport and recreation activities at this **free** event, giving children the opportunity to have a taste of the options available to them in their local community. There will also be a sausage sizzle and free face painting and bouncy castle. This event is aimed at primary, intermediate and junior high school students.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me on 941-5107 or email me at anna.sheen@ccc.govt.nz .