



St Anne's Catholic School

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Hi all

Next year is the 110th year the school has been open. Our theme for the year is 'discovering our past, living our present, inventing our future.' As a school we noticed that we need a new sign out front. We also discussed business cards, enrolment packs, the website and other forms of media that could be 'modernised.' We feel that the existing logo and letterhead is a bit outdated and is the starting point for many of these things. Not wanting to lose the past, I investigated the history of the logo and decided to get the logo looked at by a professional.

I gave them information on St Anne, the Mission Sisters, comments from the school and community (from consultations) and photos of the arches (cross) at the entrance (the existing logo).

After a large design process we now have a symbol/logo that incorporates some important symbolism for us. Firstly, it contains the existing logo/entrance archway, it is the shape of a 'home' which is what many parents and students said the school feels like and also represents the importance of the family in the education process. It also contains a book, the symbol of St Anne (Bible) and also of learning. It is an arrow signifying direction and aspiration in learning. The cross at the centre signifies how we have Jesus at the centre of what we do and guiding our direction. Having the home and the cross also represents the three main parties in our school (school, family, parish) and the colours (green and red) are associated with St Anne and blue her daughter Mary. Please visit our Facebook page to preview them. We have a laptop in the office for viewing as the colour clarity is reduced slightly for Facebook and printing would not give a true colour.

We would appreciate your input into the new logo and ask that you vote on the following:

1. Single colour or two toned
2. Preferred colour

Voting sheets are in the office and need to be completed by **Friday 4th December @ 3pm**. Please remember that this is not a colour choice for uniform, just the logo, as on the school uniform it will stay white. If, the uniform should change in the future, the logo colour may or may not change.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman—Principal

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 4 Mufti Day—Xmas raffle item
- 8 Yr 8 Retreat
- 10 Rm 4 & 5 Trip
- 11 School Picnic 12.00—2.30pm
- 14 Rm 1/2 Christmas Concert
2.15pm
- 15 Graduation Mass 6.30pm
- 16 EOY Liturgy/R4 and
Final Assembly 11—12.05
School finishes for 2015

Confirmed 2016 Term dates

Term 1	Tues 2 Feb	-	Fri 15 April
Term 2	Mon 2 May	-	Fri 8 July
Term 3	Mon 25 July	-	Fri 23 Sept
Term 4	Mon 10 Oct	-	Fri 17 Dec

PFA Christmas Raffle Mufti Day

This Friday, 4 December 2015.

Again we would like the students to bring along an item for the Christmas raffle which will be drawn School Picnic Day Friday 11 December.

Tickets are on sale now if you would like more ticket sheets please collect from the foyer or ask at the office.

Thanks for your support.

- Rm 1 Novelty item or Xmas treat
- Rm 2 Drink (Cans/Bottles) or Xmas treat
- Rm 4 Tins or Jars of food or Xmas treat
- Rm 5 Laundry / Bathroom or Xmas treat
- Rm 6 Biscuits or Snacks or Xmas treat

POLICY REVIEW

We have the following two policies available for review online:

1. Religious Education
2. Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori.

We would be pleased if you visit the SchoolDocs website to view and leave a comment by following these instructions.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://stannes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (stannes) and password (teach).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

GOVERNMENT EDUCATION ACT REVIEW

The Government are reviewing the Education Act and have allowed a two week timeframe in which the public are invited to make submissions based on the 15 focus questions contained in the document.

You can make your submission online at <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/>

You do not need to respond to all 15 questions, you need only respond to the questions that are important to you

Submissions close on **14 December 2015**. This is a once in a generation chance to put our vision of quality public education into law. It is important you, use this opportunity so that quality public education prevails.

Special Character

Dear Parents

Next Sunday is the **2nd Sunday of Advent – a time of preparation.**

As we begin our journey towards Christmas, let us first of all recognise the burdens that we carry: Are we weighed down by anxiety, by stress, by the busyness of preparing for holidays and for Christmas? By concerns for the sick, the elderly, and the lonely this Christmas? What are the obstacles for us, as we prepare to immerse ourselves in the JOY that is Christmas?

We light the Second Advent Candle as **Room 5 did last Monday** and think in the silence of the burdens we have and then give these burdens over to our heavenly Father.....

Heavenly Father, help us to free our minds from the worries and stresses that burden us as we prepare for the joyous birth of your Son at Christmas.

Let us give in love, and receive humbly, without making unrealistic demands.

Help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.



Last week Father Dan was away on a week's retreat and before he left I asked if he would please remember me in his prayers and he assured me he would pray for all of us.

At school the teachers also have a chance to prepare and lead prayers at our staff meetings throughout the year and they put a lot of thought into these prayers. I thank them for the ways in which they live their faith. The students are very busy preparing for the end of the year. We ask the Lord to guide us in all that we do.

May God bless you all.
Grace Reddy (DRS)

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

GOSPEL - Luke 3:1, 2-6
TURN BACK TO GOD.

For fifteen years Emperor Tiberius had ruled that part of the world, and Anna's and Caiaphas were the Jewish high priests. At that time God spoke to Zechariah's son John, who was living in the desert. So John went along the Jordan Valley, telling the people, "Turn back to God and be baptised! Then your sins will be forgiven." Isaiah the prophet wrote about John when he said, "In the desert someone is shouting, 'Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him! Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill. Straighten the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads. Then everyone will see the saving power of God.'

REFLECTION/ACTION

Who are the people you have met who have inspired or challenged you to be a better person?

The spirituality of the desert still has a place in the Church today. Leaving the things that amuse and distract us to spend time with God is the basis of having a retreat. In what ways can you make a 'desert place' in your day to day life? What might John suggest to you if you were to ask him "What then should I do?"

RESOLVE TO DO SOMETHING SIMPLE AND CONCRETE this 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT AND DO IT!





Grace Reddy

has been a dedicated staff member and passionate DRS of
St Anne's School
for 25 years
Now she is retiring

Please join us for coffee and cake
at 8pm on Tuesday 15 December
In the St Anne's Hall

Help us farewell her in style



St Anne's End of Year Fun Day

Proudly Sponsored by St Annes Parents & Friends Association

Sausage Sizzle

Ice-creams

Popcorn & Candy Floss

Drinks

Slip n Slide

Bouncy Castle

Giant Games

Lolly Scramble

**Wheels Day - Scooters,
Ripsticks & Skateboards**

Friday 11th December 2015 - 12.00 - 2.30pm
Families come down and join in the fun