



# St Anne's Catholic School

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What a busy end of year! The teachers and students are doing a fantastic job getting ready for end of year activities. It can be a time of year students get 'silly,' but I am impressed with the maturity of the students here. We are all looking forward to the upcoming events and we can't stress about them but only enjoy them.

I am happy to announce that Joshua Halkett will be teaching our year 3/4 class next year. He is an inspiring teacher who has been teaching at Waitakiri and Burwood Schools. He has been shopping for a range of modern and flexible furniture for the class thanks to a grant from Pub Charities. Our Year 5/6 class will have a relieving teacher for term one while we spend the first part of the term finding the right person for the position. Class lists will be in the final newsletter. Please see me if you have any concerns.

For those reading between the lines unfortunately (for us) Ryan McInnes will be starting a new role at Christ the King School, Burnside in the New Year. Our loss is their gain! Ryan has been an amazing part of St Anne's and I have only seen him in action for half a year. We thank him for all he has done and hope he stays in contact.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman—Principal

### STAFF NEWS

*It is with sadness that I inform St Anne's School community that I am leaving at the end of the year.*

*I will be taking up a position at my daughter's school, Christ the King, where I will teach Years 7/8.*

*I have been at St Anne's for 7 years now and have always been made to feel welcome. It is a wonderful school full of learning, fun, positive attitudes and progressive thinking.*

*In my time at St Anne's I have been teacher in charge of sport and have seen many individuals and teams reach the top of their sport, this has filled me with pride.*

*I have loved the family atmosphere of St Anne's, the fact that each teacher knows each child and that a large number of past pupils pop in to St Anne's to catch up and let us know how life is treating them.*

*I wish everyone at St Anne's and the wider community all the best for the future and I will really miss such a great school.*

Ryan McInnes

## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 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



## Don't Forget

**Friday is Picnic Day**

12noon—2.30pm

Details on the back of this  
newsletter

There will be no pie orders  
on Friday, as it is the Picnic  
a Sausage Sizzle will be  
offered instead.

Raffle tickets and money  
need to returned to the  
office by 9am Friday to be  
in draw.

# Special Character

Dear Parents

Next Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Advent – A TIME OF JOY.**

As we move closer to God in the company of those who are dear to us, we light our Third and pink Advent Candle. The pink candle signifies joy as Christmas draws nearer.

We remember those who are close to us - our family, our friends: those people with whom we share our journey. Let us think and pray those who may need our support especially Father Dan who is with his very sick mother.



## YOUNG VINNIES

This year the Young Vinnies have been very active in serving those in need, as they did last Thursday. They organised a delicious morning tea - baking lovely cakes, muffins, biscuits and scones for some women from Age Concern Canterbury to serve the needs of older people.

The Vinnies engaged in interesting conversation and charmed the elderly ladies who were absolutely delighted by the company and attention.

I would like to thank all the parents who supported this event – I am very proud of our loving and generous Young Vinnies. Thanks also to Faye Hall and Pauline for their help.



# Service to Library

2015 Librarians enjoying their end of year morning tea last week which marks the end of a year of service every lunch time for the entire school year. This valuable service is much appreciated by Miss French and Miss Grice.



## YOUNG VINNIES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over this year being in the Young Vinnies has been one of the best experiences. Because of Young Vinnies, we have learnt to help others and always put others first. It has taught us that when we help others we are making them happy which makes us happy. The Young Vinnies also really appreciated the help from Donna, (Young Vinnies, St Vincent De Paul Christchurch co-ordinator.)

**Amelia Craig.**



Amelia receives recognition from Donna on behalf of the St Anne's Young Vinnies for all the work they accomplished in 2015.

## Dental Care over the School Holidays

At any time phone our 0800 number (0800 846 983) for information on how to access dental care, including emergency care.

In addition, the Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service in January 2016. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

**Monday, 18th January to Friday, 29th January 2016 (excluding weekends)**

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing the number above.



# 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**