



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

## 1 February 2017

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Welcome back everyone!

We have many new students starting in Room 1 and throughout the school. We hope you enjoy being part of the St Anne's community. We also welcome Miss Mapley to our teaching team. Please pop into Room 3 and say hello. (Room 3 is now back next to Room 2).

During our Mihi Whakatau yesterday, I started my speech with 'puritia nga taonga a o tipuna'. This means hold strong to the treasures of your ancestors. Coming to this school, we each have something unique to bring and have strong cultures of our own. At St Anne's we value each student and their family, each staff member and people in the community. We try our best to make all welcome at our school. This reflects our ancestors. The Mission Sisters started this school, and when they did, they aimed to work with those who were vulnerable and neglected, they had love as their driving force; set very high educational standards; and believed in living their lives as genuine role models for their students. We aim to continue this vision that they set.

### Busy times!

Over the holidays the staff and many contractors have been working really hard to get the best school possible. We have had all of our junior rooms re-lined with a funky set of Autex colours. A new sports uniform has arrived for the year 5-8's, the hall has had a splash of paint, exteriors of classrooms tidied up and I'm sure you have noticed, our new scooter area.

### Scooter area

A huge thanks to Ajay, Nancy and the crew at Canterbury Diggers for their time and effort, Carters for their donations and sausages today, Mega Mitre 10 Ferrymead, Humes pipelines Hornby, Trees for Canterbury, Dyers Landscape Supplies, Lush Lawns and of course our PFA for fundraising last year to make it happen. We have included brochures for Canterbury Diggers, as a thank you, we ask that if you know anyone needing any work done to consider Canterbury Diggers. Thanks for supporting those who support us. The same applies to the above companies. Also, a reminder, **no helmet, no ride**. Thank you for supporting this.

### Entrance to school

Bad news—We have no flashing 40kph signs YET.

Good news—We have four new bright yellow school signs.

Bad news—They haven't been put up well and are being played with (please help us by letting council know they need fixing, photos help as well. You can use the app 'click, send, solve'. The more sent in, the faster they seem to get fixed)

Good news—We are in the process of getting a new/modified fence and gates to help with the safety of our children. We hope this will be completed within a month (don't quote me but I will try)

Bad news—Please refrain from parking in the Church car park

Good news—With almost all not parking in the Church car park, students have been feeling much safer walking through there.

## COMING EVENTS

### February

- 10 Sumner Beach Trip Rms 1,2,3
- 18 Rm 5 Saturday Mass 6pm

### March

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 4 Rm 4 Saturday Mass 6pm
- 6-17 Swimming (times to be advised)
- 12 Rms 1&2 Sunday Mass 10.30am

### April

- 2 Rm 3 Sunday Mass 10.30am

Continued over....

## PE Uniforms

As we indicated last year PE uniforms are now compulsory for all Year 5—8 students. The PE tops are available from the office from tomorrow for \$35. (These have been subsidised from actual cost of \$50).

Students will also need black sport shorts but these can be bought from anywhere ie Warehouse, Postie plus etc.

**Plain Black Please.**

Kia pai to wiki! (Have a good week)

God Bless



**Dallas Wichman, Principal**



## Special Character

### St Anne's Altar Servers

Sat 4 Feb	Sun 5 Feb
Ruthie A	Christian L
Lucy S	Salu L

Welcome back to another school year. We started our year with a Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday, and we will be ending the week by gathering as a school/parish community for our **Opening School Mass** this **Friday at 12pm in the church**. You are welcome to come and join us. There will be a blessing for new students, Miss Mapley and the teachers, as well as a special blessing for our Year 8 leaders.

For those of you who are new to our school, I have the privilege of not only teaching Room 2, but also being the Director of Religious Studies (DRS). My job is made so much easier because we have wonderful spiritual leadership from Dallas, as well as staff who are a hundred percent committed to nurturing the faith of every student here at St Anne's.

We realise that we are not the first teachers on this journey, but we are here to support you, the parents and caregivers, who have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school.

God bless,

Marian Jones DRS



Lunch orders available on **Wednesdays**. Order envelopes are available in the foyer and should be placed in the green mail box in the office before 9am.  
(Correct money required as no change is given)