



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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Tēnā koutou katoa

Ki ngā whānau hou, nau mai, haere mai ki tō tātou kura!!!

Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new families. We have many new families joining our community and we are excited as to what you and your children will bring to the school.

We start on **record high numbers** post earthquake which is exciting and reflects the effort our teachers put in. We have done our best to keep classes to small sizes, especially in the junior rooms.

### Calendar:

We have lots of exciting events over the year. Please keep an eye on the calendar on our website, in the corner of this newsletter and on our parent Facebook Page. If you aren't a member of this, I suggest you join. Whilst many schools have the same old trips, we plan with what we are doing in class which is always changing so often we can't give you more than a months warning.

### Parent involvement:

Last year we had an amazing 'Garden Group' and Tagalog Beginner Lessons both led by a skilled parent in that area. If you have an area of passion and would like to be involved, please talk to me. We have a very busy schedule but I love the help. This definitely includes sports training.

You may have seen the Facebook post looking for some community members to help build a Gaga Dodgeball pit. If you know anyone willing to offer their services to this project, let me know.

### Lunches:

We are having a break from Friday Pie Day. Subway is still available on a Wednesday. We hope to set up more options for you soon. Thank you to the parents and senior students who helped with Friday Pie Day.

### Holiday work:

The last few years, students have turned up to find a scooter track, new signage and a fully repainted school with new colours. This year, although not as exciting, we have had all water pipes right from the street to the classrooms and office area replaced. Meaning, hopefully no more water leaks (you may have noticed we had 4 or 5 last year at various places around the school, in particular the field). Also, we had major work on our roofing to ensure it is the best condition it can be. We also upgraded the rest of our old lights in the school to the latest and greatest. Thanks to Blair at Forrester Electrical Limited Ph 021432599 for these. He is a parent at the school.

### Fish & Chip / Picnic evening / Meet the Teacher / ICT auction:

Bring some kai along from 5.30pm—6.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February for a picnic tea, have a look around your child's room and meet their teacher. If wet, we will eat inside the classrooms instead of the field. Also, we will have a silent auction on our ICT that we don't need/want anymore. Most are Toshiba laptops. They will be 'as is where is' but like last time, we will have a good look through them and clean them out (data wise). A silent auction is one that you bid on a piece of paper in front of the item.

If you bid low, someone will probably go past and bid higher later. It will close at 6.30pm on the dot, that night. It will hopefully be open that morning for those who can't make it that night, but you may have to bid high.

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COMING EVENTS	
<b>Feb</b>	
16/17	First Communicants collect Bibles from Parish Masses
17	Baptismal Preparation 2-4pm
20	Hagley Theatre performance- Jnrs 1.30pm
21	FnC/Picnic meet the teacher night 5.30-6.30pm
27	BOT Meeting 6-7pm
28	Parent Interviews Seniors
<b>Mar</b>	
3	Parish School Mass Rm 1/2 10.30-11.30am
5	Parent Interviews Seniors
6	ASH WEDNESDAY
7	Pōwhiri 9-10am
17	St Patricks Day
22	Rm 7 Museum Trip
28	Museum & Tech trip R1-3
29	Museum & Tech trip R5-6
<b>Apr</b>	
4	Vision/Hearing testing New Entrant & Year 7
7	Parish/School Mass Rs 3 & 5 10.30-11.30am

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### **Pōwhiri and new to school meeting—Save the date: Thursday 7 March 9am—11am!**

Any student who has started St Anne's this year, Terms 3 or 4 last year, or, is due to start in Term 1 or 2 this year, will be welcomed to the school this day. Because our students usually start on their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, it is hard to do a formal welcome for all. Families are invited and encouraged to attend with them especially the active guardians. The pōwhiri (welcome) will be around 30 minutes. Following this, all parents/caregivers attending are asked to stay for the 'new to school' meeting.

During this we will go over how the school works, all the ins and outs, so you will be 'up with the play.' We welcome all questions during this meeting also. We have representatives from the BOT, Kidsbase, staff, parish and the Mission Sisters all there as well to help you understand our school. Please try to get one parent there if possible (hence we have given as much warning as possible).

### **Learning Conferences / Goal Setting**

NOTE: Early finish on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm for the senior three rooms—If you cannot pick up your child at this time, they will be supervised in the library.

These will be held in about two and a half weeks and are a great chance to meet the teacher and have a look around the class. This is for Year 4 and up students. Younger students will be on their 6 month and year long anniversaries. Please call the office if you don't have access to the internet to book.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February  
2:45pm to 6.00pm

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March  
1.00pm to 5.00pm

These conferences are three way (child, parent/s, teacher). It is a time to meet, share learning goals, and to ask questions. Please make an effort to come to these where possible. Teachers are happy to make times outside of these but prefer to do them on the selected days where possible. Each interview is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

*Interviews will be open in the next few days. Please keep an eye on your e-mail and Facebook.*

**Communication:** Newsletters generally go home Wednesday and can also be viewed on our website. We also have a calendar on our website, a parent page on Facebook, a school page on Facebook, and Seesaw in all classes. So many places you could look. The key is class information should be directed to the teacher via email, Seesaw or face to face. School wide information is on the calendar and in newsletters.

**Sunblock:** It is recommended that you apply sunblock to children before school for daytime protection as it can take up to 20mins for sunblock to take effect.

**Care at the gate:** Be warned! The Council Traffic Wardens will be monitoring **3min restricted** parking areas outside school gate, parking on yellow lines and over driveways at times this year.

**Friday Sports Day:** Senior classes need to wear sports uniform EVERY Friday this year. PE tops are available from the office for \$35 and black shorts can be purchased anywhere ie warehouse, postie, etc—but must be PLAIN black sport shorts. Sport shoes are also required as is school sunhat or sports cap.

**Parent contributions:** Accounts will be issued next week. We have managed to reduce some of the costs this year by applying for funding. Prompt payment is always appreciated. You can pay at the school office or online or even set up an Automatic payment to pay this off over the year. St Anne's School Account number 03-1599-0030146-00 ref: name. Just remember that these payments are different to the Parish Attendance Dues which are paid to Stella Marish Parish.

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**First Communion 2019:** Registration for First Holy Communion closes 15/02/2019. All students who will be Year 4 or above in 2019, who have been baptised, **or want to be baptised before the First Holy Communion date**, are welcome to take part. Registration forms are available in the school office, or in the church foyer. Please return the completed and signed Registration form in an envelope with a copy of their Baptism certificate (or a note 'to be completed' in this section) along with the \$25 payment to the office or give it directly to Father Dan. Please note 'First Holy Communion' and the child's name on the envelope.

Preparation starts with the distribution of bibles at Masses on the **weekend of the 16/17<sup>th</sup> February**. Students must be there to pick it up. It is needed for all the worksheets. The First Holy Communion dates are planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> May (Summer) & 9<sup>th</sup> June (Woolston).

For Catholics, Communion is the most important part of worship. That is why we make a big deal of it. Some people say, 'Why can't we just have some?' like it is a free sausage sizzle. But remember, Jesus' disciples learnt from him daily for almost three years before he started the eucharist. Even then they didn't fully understand for a while. Not meaning to give a history/theology lesson, but if you want to know more about it before getting involved, my door is open (unless I'm in a meeting ;-))

God Bless



Dallas Wichman  
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## Special Character

Welcome back to school and the start of what is sure to be another fantastic year at St Anne's. I hope you and your children are well rested, happy and healthy after the Summer holidays. As the new DRS, I look forward to celebrating Mass, assemblies and other liturgical events with you and your family and helping to lead the children in their faith journey.

This year we will continue to celebrate a class Mass every Wednesday, and each class will help in the running of one weekend Mass every term. As this will only be once a term, all children are expected to take part, so please keep an ear out for when your child's Mass is and come along to support them.

Our first school Mass with the Parish today went well. We were pleased to see many of you there!

God bless,  
Clara Mapley – DRS



Lunch orders available on **Wednesdays**.  
Order online or via envelopes available  
in the office. Order need to be in before 9am.  
(Correct money required as no change is given)

**DRAMA CLASSES** - The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for 2019. Ask about a free trial class. Drama gives children a chance to develop imagination and confidence in a playful social environment. Experience leadership, comedy, improvisation, costumes, laughter, friends, and wrap it all up with a fabulous performance in term four. All of our tutors are qualified teachers.

Classes run on Thursdays: 5 to 7 year olds 3.30pm and 8 to 12 year olds 4.30pm For more information: please email [info@canvasbag.nz](mailto:info@canvasbag.nz) or Contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or visit our website [www.canvasbag.nz](http://www.canvasbag.nz)



From the start of Term 1, 2019, ALL Kidsbase programmes enrolments will be managed using our exciting new **online** system called **aimy Plus**.

This online software has been specifically developed for OSCAR programmes and has many benefits including your very own Parent Portal where you can:

- Register and Enrol your child/ren online
- Book enrolments for any Kidsbase Programme online
- Make Payments
- Update your personal information at any time
- View enrolments
- View invoices and accounts

Thank you if you have already registered your details and loaded your child's/ren enrolment, you should have received an email confirming this.

If you have not yet registered online, we now require you to register your child/ren online to be registered in tis years programme, this process should take only 10 minutes. If you need assistance please see one of our Kidsbase employees.

**Here is what you need to do:**

Go to the **aimy plus** website: [kidsbase.aimyplus.com](http://kidsbase.aimyplus.com)

1. Once you reach the registration page, click the purple "register now" button.
2. Follow the registration process and enrol your child/ren
3. After this has been done, click the dashboard in the Menu Bar at the top of the screen – **Now you can make a booking**
4. Click on the "make a booking" button and complete the booking into the desired programme
5. Once completed, your booking is now pending and will be confirmed via email

Instruction videos are available on the website enrolment page to assist your parent Port registration

Lastly – enjoy exploring your parent Portal and finding out all the neat things you can see and do!

**We also offer Casual Enrolments for ALL programmes, it's free to register with Kidsbase, and once enrolled we are there when you need us.**

**AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS:** For a convenient way to make payments for your enrolment we prefer Direct Debits, on-line automatic payments can be organised through your online banking programme, our account details are: ANZ 010761-0132630-00, please use your name and your child's name as a reference.

Kind regards

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