



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

A week today is the start of lent. We mark it by receiving the Ashes from the burnt leaves from Palm Sunday last year. We would love you to join us for this Mass. If you have never been before it is a little bit different to a normal service as each person receives a cross on their forehead made with the ashes. Catholics then begin Lent where we often give up something to show our commitment to our faith. A little bit like the 40hr famine but 40 days. We teach that during Lent we should fast, pray and give alms more. Start talking now about what you as a family could 'fast' from. Maybe TV, maybe phones out once school/work finishes, maybe unhealthy food, maybe 'half empty' phrases etc. Why? Less time on Facebook or watching TV will mean more family time, more helping one another with the chores (almsgiving) and nothing is more Catholic than loving one another more and more. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO FAST FROM? CAN YOU LAST 40 DAYS? Also, traditionally Catholics who had received their First Communion would abstain from eating meat on a Friday, now days it is lighter meals on a Friday but still abstain from eating meat on Good Friday. This is more of an adult thing though if students are confused. It would be a nice idea to give them vegetarian lunches on a Friday though.

#### LUNCHES

A gentle reminder that we are now a **waste free school**. Please leave **all** wrapping at home. Last year we were, 'pack in, pack out' but now we are waste free. Please support this initiative from the Enviro team which has been supported by the Board of Trustees. WHY? It drops out of lunchboxes by accident and flies out of lunchboxes in the wind causing a lot of rubbish **around** the school. Also, unhealthy food tends to be 'wrapped' so we are hoping it leads to better choices of food for lunch.

#### STUDENT LED LEARNING CONFERENCES FOR YEARS 4—8

**Wed 1 March 3.30pm—5.30pm and Thurs 2 March 2.15pm—7.30pm**

Please book these NOW! Booking instructions are over the page. If you don't have the internet please come in or call us to book.

All classes (Y1-8) will now finish at 2.00pm on Thursday 2 March for the convenience of those who have children in junior and senior classes and to allow junior anniversary interviews to take place also if necessary. If you are unable to collect your child before 3pm supervision will be provided.

#### BAPTISM

We have had a few parents through the programme and will help sort times with you. Please let us know if you are keen and we will help.

#### STUDENT DETAILS AND INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

Tomorrow we will send home a copy of the contact details we currently have for your child and also an Information & Consent form. Clearly mark any changes or additions (including your email address) on the details sheet, and complete the consent form. Please return these to school on **Friday** so we can update our records, thanks.

You will receive a Parent Contribution Statement. We really appreciate full payment of Parent Contributions although you may like to take advantage of part payments or an automatic payment for which we have forms at the office.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman, Principal

### COMING EVENTS

#### February

28 PFA AGM 7pm

#### March

- 1 Ash Wednesday & Student Led Conferences Y4-8
- 2 Student Led Conferences Y4-8  
Rms 3—5 finish school 2pm
- 4 Rm 4 Saturday Mass 6pm
- 5 Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy
- 6-17 Swimming (times to be advised)
- 12 Rms 1&2 Sunday Mass  
10.30am
- 19 Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy
- 27 Primary Duathlon

#### April

# Special Character

## ST ANNE'S ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Sat 25 Feb</u>	<u>Sun 26 Feb</u>
Samoaotearoa	Kristyl
Cobey	Sabrina

Parents sitting in the pews on Saturday night would have been proud of how well Room 5 students participated in the Mass. They looked amazing too, as most of them were wearing their new sports tops.

Fr Dan gave an excellent homily with plenty of food for thought. The theme was "Love Your Enemies". He talked about the energy required to hate and how much easier it is to be loving.

There was an article in The Press on Saturday about a young woman called Rez Gardi. She was a refugee from Pakistan who arrived in New Zealand when she was 6. I was surprised at how cruelly treated she was when she started school. The treatment she received was not something she would have experienced here at St Anne's. Our students have worked out how much easier and better it is to be friendly and welcoming.

Among the new students we have welcomed here this year are Rosemary (Rm 5) and Matthew (Rm 3) from Bangladesh, and Anthony (Rm 2) from Brazil.

Our cultural mix is only getting richer.

## SWIMMING Monday 6 — Friday 17 March

Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool to watch the lessons and are reminded that students must have their **named swim suit and towel in a plastic bag, as well as a sweatshirt, each day.**

Students and teachers will travel by bus for the following lesson times:

Rooms 1 & 2	12.30pm	Room 4	1.30pm
Room 3	1.00pm	Room 5	2.00pm

The parent contribution for lessons is **\$35** per child and can be paid at the school office.

The true cost of lessons is \$70 per child for two weeks, however, with the generous support of the St Anne's Parents & Friends Assn, and funding assistance from the Christchurch City Council, we have been able to offer this valuable activity again at a much reduced cost.



A big thank you to Joyce Finnigan (grandmother of Josh R4 + Ben R3) for once again supplying Room 1 with her wonderful knitted slippers.

## BOOKING YOUR STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

1. Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **U8TPG** and click **Go**.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the **'Book Interviews'** button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the **'Book button'** beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking 'My Interviews' at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews. Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

Each interview is 15 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Remember, students will be leading the conference, sharing what they have been doing to start the year, their goals, and will tell you all about the classroom and how it is run.