

# St Anne's Catholic School

*Living our faith through our actions*

## 1906 - 2016

*discovering our past, living our present, inventing our future*



Welcome back to St Anne's and to all of the new families that have joined us, a big welcome to you. This is special year for the school. We opened 110 years ago and we thought it would be great to weave the idea of change throughout our learning this year. It is a good time to look at how the past shapes us, how we are living in the present and taking control of our future.

For St Anne's a lot of change is happening, we have a lot of new staff and students, a new logo, slogan and charter that have been formed through consultation with staff, students and our parent community. Now we need to put these beliefs and ideals into action. Students and teachers have already been brainstorming this on day one.

Our school is part of the Whaka Inaka programme, which looks at monitoring the Heathcote and for us the Steam Wharf Stream (the one that borders our school), to improve the whitebait in these rivers for future generations. This is a huge programme run by EOS Ecology, Ngai Tahu and the university. We look forward to doing our part in helping to restore our rivers to their former glory.

**Uniform:** It is nice to see the new logo on some uniforms. Remember to name all clothing. All new uniforms purchased will have the new logo but we are in no hurry to change as we are aware of the cost of uniforms. To help, on THURSDAY we will have all lost property out on display from 2.45—3.15pm. Then on Friday, all unclaimed property, plus the extras we have at school, will be on sale from 2.45—3.15pm. A great chance to get some cheap spares or the next size up.

**Meet the staff/Fish and chip night:** Next Thursday, 11 February, please come down and have dinner at school then look around your child's class and other rooms (please do try to get around all of them). Bring some fish and chips, takeaways or picnic dinner and hangout with us. We understand work finishes at different times for people so arrive anytime after 5pm and we will finish up by 6.30pm.

**Survey:** I am working hard to get a 40kph sign outside of our school. Although most cars don't go fast we would like people to be more aware that the school is here by way of flashing signs (before and after school). To be eligible for this we need to be 'on a main thoroughfare' and have at least 50 students who cross the road or get into cars on Ferry Road. They do come down to count, but I would love to have some data to 'compare' with what they come up with.

Please fill in the survey over the page and return to your child's teacher.

God Bless

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## COMING EVENTS

### February

- 4 Lost Property 2.45—3.15pm
- 5 Rms 1 & 2 Trip
- Lost Property Sale 2.45—3.15
- 11 Meet the Teacher Fish & Chip night 5pm—6.30pm
- 23-26 Yr 7/8 Camp—Hororata

### March

- 7-18 Swim Weeks—Pioneer Pool
- 23 Sports Spectacular Yr 3/4 —  
Linfield Pk
- 25-29 **Easter Break**

### April

- 15 End of Term

# Special Character



## Why a Year of Mercy?

This week, the first week of school, your child will be hearing about the school's Charism and history. Throughout the world, all Catholic schools will also be delving into what the Year of Mercy means. Throughout the year we will be looking into this as well... so why a Year of Mercy you may ask?

In his letter to the church announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis gave his reasons. He said that "at times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective".

**Art Shirts**— If anyone has mens' button down shirts they don't want we would love some for our art and craft sessions to keep our uniforms neat and tidy. Please drop off to Mrs Parker in Room5 (Mission Centre)



Lunch orders are now available on Wednesdays.

Order envelopes are available in the foyer or at the office



**Crossing Survey**—Please complete and return to the classroom teacher

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick*

- My child crosses Ferry Road most days.
- My child enters and exits a car on Ferry Road most days.
- My child walks home but does not cross Ferry Road most days.
- My child enters and exits a car but not on Ferry Road most days.
- Other (please briefly explain) \_\_\_\_\_