



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

Welcome Back to another exciting year at St Anne's Catholic School.

There is a very positive feeling among the staff and students. Everybody is obviously happy to be back and we enjoyed a lovely assembly on Monday morning where we welcomed our new students to the school— Benjamin Franklin R1, Dominic Tanoai R1, Sabrina and Sophia Lopez R4 & 1, Aldwin and Angela Romeo R6 & 1, Kavalla Borell-Grant R5, Rebekah and Paige Bradbrook R6 & 4.

I want to thank everybody for the very warm welcome I received on Monday. It is going to be an awesome experience and I am look forward to getting into the classrooms and learning more about our children as learners. St Anne's is a great school with great students and teachers!

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the parish bbq on Waitangi Day. Fr Dan has invited all the school families to a bbq at the presbytery from 5—7pm. You only need to bring a salad as all meat and drink will be kindly supplied by the parish.

You will have received a class letter from your child's teacher outlining the learning activities for the term. Please remember that the teachers are always available to talk to you about any aspect of your child's education. They are your first port of call. We have decided that we would love to see more of our parents around the school as parent helpers. It is a fantastic opportunity to become involved in the life of the school and your children benefit tremendously from having a family member working alongside the class. Let your child's teacher know if there is anything you would like to do. It doesn't have to be a huge commitment but could help us out tremendously.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 6 WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY
Parish BBQ 5 –7pm
- 13 Art Gallery Outreach R 5 & 6
- 17 Picnic Tea 5pm
- 18 Ash Wednesday
Opening School Mass
- 19 Art lessons R 1, 2 & 4
- 20 Assembly gam
Class Mass R6
- 22 First Sunday of Lent
- 26 Drama with Michelle starts
- 27 Assembly gam R 1 & 2
Class Mass R1 & 2

MARCH

- 6 Assembly gam R4
Class mass R4
- 8 Parish & School Mass
- 10-13 Yr 7 & 8 Camp
- 13 Zone Swimming
- 17 St Patricks Day
- 18 Reconciliation R5 & 6
- 20 School Cross Country
- 23-3 Apr Swimming
- 25 Annunciation
- 27 CARITAS—Day of Difference
Assembly gam R5
Class Mass R5
- 29 PALM SUNDAY
- 30 Cauty Swimming Champs
HOLY WEEK

2015 Term Dates

- Term 1 Mon 2 Feb - Thur 2 Apr
- Term 2 Mon 20 Apr - Fri 3 July
- Term 3 Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sept
- Term 4 Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec

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This week the Permission Information Form will be sent home for you to complete and make any changes to contact details. Please return the form to school urgently so that we can have up to date records.

We are interested to know how many families are using the school website to access information about the school and hope that you will indicate this on the note attached to the Permission Information form.

All baptised children who have not made their First Communion can be enrolled in the Parish Programme which begins on Tuesday, 17 February. Registration forms are available at the school office and from classroom teachers. The forms are to be returned to Fr Dan at the parish office before Friday, 13 February please.

There have been a few issues with our road patrol system which we are sorting out but would like to remind everyone that after school road patrol only operates between 3—3.10pm. Children must leave school straight after class finishes if they are using the road patrol. Thanks to our fantastic seniors who organize road patrol. It's a very responsible job!

We have made a small change to the bell times this year.

9.00am	Classes starts
10.05—10.10am	Brain Break—time for a quick snack and drink.
11.00—11.30am	Morning break
12.45— 1.30pm	Lunch—first 15 mins to sit and eat lunch before playing.
3.00pm	School finishes

This will allow our main curriculum areas to be covered in the morning while the children are fresh and focussed.

God Bless

Margaret Coleman

Principal

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| **Lost Property**— The bin is extremely full! Lost property will be put out on display |
| next Friday, 13 February after school to be collected. All items not labelled and |
| unclaimed will be sold for a gold coin donation to the Lenten appeal. All other items |
| will be given to charity. |
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Religious Education

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a great start to 2015. I am sure you and your children are all well rested, happy and healthy after the summer holidays. I look forward to bringing you good news on a regular basis this year, especially related to Religious Education (RE), which happens to be the focus of our Special Character this year.

I shall begin by informing you about the RE Programme this term, the most important event being Lent, as we prepare for the most significant and important season in the Church's year—EASTER .

In RE lessons from the Prayer Module will be followed by a study of the Jesus Strand at every level. Lent and Holy Week lessons will also be studied from the Liturgical Year Module as the term progresses.

More detailed information will be provided by individual classroom teachers about the actual topics of the above during the term. I would like to encourage you to take part in the home activities which need to be completed on a regular basis to keep you informed of the faith development of your child at school.

The Family Whanau book is an invaluable resource for parents to have at home as it gives you all the necessary information about the RE programme from Year 1 to 8. You may buy it or borrow one from the school office.

I shall continue to provide you with Bible references and a reflection for the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday Mass every week.

We look forward to celebrating Mass, assemblies and other liturgical events with you.

May God bless you all.

Grace Reddy. (DRS)



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Sunday 8th Feb Mark 1:29-39

In this Gospel reading Mark emphasises that Jesus heals in order that we might be better able to do his work. Mark reveals for us a Christ who prays and is close to God, a compassionate Christ who works day and night at the work that has been assigned him.

Reflection/Discussion :

We might ask if our lives are founded on prayer and as full of the Lord's work as those of whom we would follow. We can emphasise with the children today the value of daily prayer in our lives - That our lives need to be connected each day to God's love and being connected can then do the work of following in the footsteps of our Saviour.

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email

commdental@cdhb.health.nz