



# *St Anne's Catholic School*

WOOLSTON

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Kia Ora tatou, Talofa Lava, Mabuhay, Greetings everyone

From this week we will resume with a weekly newsletter. There are so many awesome things happening at St Anne's that we need to keep you informed on a more regular basis.

The assembly and the lunch organized by Mrs Parker and her senior students was a wonderful way to celebrate our beautiful Samoan students and their culture. It was fantastic having so many parents and caregivers with us at assembly. You were all wonderful!

Check out our class blogs to see this for yourselves if you couldn't be there.

Congratulations to all our children who celebrated their First Communion on Sunday. We appreciate the work of Fr Dan and the parish workers for preparing such a lovely day.

The Parents and Friends group will be running the next sausage sizzle on **Wednesday 17 June**. Thanks to Wayne Franklin for being chief cook on the day.

The members of the Student Council have indicated that they would like to have school lunches available at the school again, so the Parents & Friends group will be investigating some options in the near future. Please come along to the Parents & Friends group if you are interested in helping the school. The next meeting is Tuesday 16 June at 7pm in the staffroom.

We are very excited to announce that from the beginning of Term 3, all the students will have the opportunity to be engaged in an e-learning programme in literacy (Rms 1,2,4,5) and maths (Rm 6). Mr Mc Innes has been trialing the literacy programme, "Reading Eggs" in Room 4 for the past two weeks and Mrs Parker has successfully used "Mathletics" in the past.

We have been negotiating with the provider and managed to get a really good deal with individual licences for the students being a total of \$7.50 for Terms 3 and 4. Information about the online literacy programme will be sent home with this newsletter. (You won't be able to login until next term.)

Please complete the form below and return with payment. Once payment is received your child/ children's individual licence will be issued ready for login next term.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to use Reading Eggs/Mathletics at St Anne's School and agree to and enclose the \$7.50 cost.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### COMING EVENTS

#### JUNE

- 3 CSO Concert
- 5 Assembly R5
- 7 Parish School Mass 10.30
- 10 Canty Cross Country
- 10-12 Catholic Convention
- 12 Assembly R4
- 15 Vision/Hearing Testing Y7
- 17 Sausage Sizzle \$2 ea
- 19 Assembly R2
- 26 Assembly R1
- 29 Young Vinnies—Aged Concern morning tea
- 30 Kids2Town R5

#### JULY

- 3 Term 2 finishes 3pm
- 20 Term 3 Starts 9am



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Today, the whole school went to hear the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra performing at the Charles Luney auditorium. Thanks to the Red Cross Grant for covering the cost of the transport. We were fortunate to be able to attend such an engaging and interactive experience.

Many thanks to the people who responded to our Health Education Questionnaire. Your comments have been noted.

Sexuality Education is being held in all classes next term. We are also having the Life Education Health programme next term. A parent meeting re the content of the programme will be organized prior to this. More details later.

Results of the recent Community Consultation survey have indicated that generally our parents are very happy with the standard of education being provided at St Anne's School. Most people focused on the importance of the Catholic Special Character. The children feel safe in a nurturing, caring environment where the Gospel values of Jesus Christ are taught and practised.

Communication is a strength and parents indicated that they were happy with the way teachers communicated the results of their child's progress and achievement.

The e-Learning opportunities were acknowledged in some classrooms and the provision of IT continues to be a focus for the school.

We had 26 of our 78 families responding which was exactly one third so this was really appreciated. Please contact me if you would like more details about the consultation. These results will provide excellent information for the BOT and the school moving forward.

We wish to extend our condolences to Micayla (Room 5) and her family on the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

God Bless

*Margaret Coleman*—Principal

### **PARENT/CAREGIVER CONTRIBUTIONS—**

The parent/caregiver contribution accounts have recently been mailed out.

Your prompt attention to these contributions would be appreciated. Payment options are available and can be discussed with the Margaret (Principal) or Shelley in the office.

As we have explained previously, without your continued contribution the school would have difficulty in offering these activities/items from the Operations Grant received from the Ministry of Education. We don't wish to limit the resources or activities currently offered and are only able to achieve this with the help of your contributions.

**UNIFORM CLARIFICATION—**Polar fleeces stocked by Bambi Drapery are an optional extra item for warmth in winter and are NOT an alternative to the regulation sweatshirt with school logo. We are sorry for any misunderstanding and have contacted Bambi to clarify this situation.

# Special Character



## PARISH & SCHOOL MASS Feast of Corpus Christi (Body & Blood of Christ)

Sunday 7 June @ 10.30am St John's Hall

You are all warmly invited to celebrate our Parish & School Mass on Sunday  
Our Young Vinnies will be commissioned and presented to the community at this Mass.  
We look forward to seeing all of you there.

### *Faith Facts*

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, popularly called by the Latin title, *Corpus Christi*. It is celebrated on the second Sunday after Pentecost, acknowledging our Catholic belief on the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. Prior to this solemnity last year Pope Francis reminded us all that the Eucharist is not just a weekly way of celebrating our faith, but that receiving it should radically affect our relationship with others, especially with those most in need. "Does the Eucharist lead us towards the poor, the sick, the marginalized, recognizing the face of God in them," the Pope asked?

### St Anne's Parish Mass Altar Servers

Sat	6 June	Kristyl, Ethan, Jeremy
Sun	7 June	Zana, Tina, Mimi

### FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

GOSPEL: MARK 14:12-16,22-26

#### REFLECTION/DISCUSSION:

Are there times in our lives when we celebrate an event with a special meal? When? What do you eat? What would happen if we had no food or anything to eat?

#### Action:

*When we come together for mass every Sunday we receive the life-giving spiritual nourishment we need in our lives. Jesus is the bread of life who shares himself with us in a very special way during the Mass.*

### FIRST COMMUNION

On Sunday 24 May, Ata, Charlotte P, Charlotte L, Shiloh, Oscar, Pela, Nico, Sabrina, Austin and Aldwin made their First Holy Communion. The children had completed a lot of preparation and we were all very proud of them on the day. Thanks to Father Dan, Sister Claire, Sister Kathleen and Faye.



# Congratulations!

## Recent Assembly Awards:

Rm 1	Alex	For trying so hard to join in all Room 1's activities.
	Keyarn	For great Mathematics thinking.
	Theresa L	For her fast basic facts knowledge.
	Mackenzie	For writing great stories with speech marks.
Rm 2	Sophia	For making a great effort to join in all activities.
	Nathaniel	For always being wiling to help and support others.
	Brooklyn	For taking action and fixing her mistakes.
	Taylan	For being a responsible and reliable messenger.
Rm 4	Joshua	For his excellent computer skills.
	Pela	For her friendly and helpful nature.
	Nico	For his improvement in reading and writing.
	Mele	For her amazing art skills.
Rm 5	Benjamin	For making a conscientious effort to listen and follow instructions
	Ashlyn	For her ability to organise her ideas in her writing.
	Ema	For her improved ability to read for information.
	Salu	For his enthusiastic leadership in our Samoan concert
Rm 6	Mimi	For being a constant positive role model.
	Ethan	For being a great sports captain.
	Kian	For digging deep and never giving up.

## Principal's Awards:

Rm 5	Kavalla	For always having such a positive attitude and also for her lovely manners.
Rm 6	Jordan	For being such a courteous cool student at St Anne's.
Rm 6	Atalaita	For showing kindness to other students at school.
Rm 6	Benjamin	For showing kindness to other students at school.

## June Birthdays

Laverton	Rm6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chloe	Rm2	5 <sup>th</sup>
Letisha	Rm2	8 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah	Rm2	9 <sup>th</sup>
Ruby	Rm2	11 <sup>th</sup>
Kian	Rm6	24 <sup>th</sup>



## A Big Thumbs Up NZ Red Cross!



Following the earthquakes, many Christchurch schools, including St Anne's, received a generous grant from Red Cross. We are very grateful for the assistance of this Red Cross funding which has helped with the following activities and events over the past 18 months:

Year 7/8 Camp to Arthurs Pass, Uniforms, Swimming, Hangi, Marae visit, Student ICT course, Basketball, Touch, Sports equipment, A & P Show visit, Willowbank, Bowling, Clip n Climb, Hagley Theatre, Airforce Museum, Science Alive, House of Bricks, Art Classes, Orana Park, A Taste of Samoa, Ferrymead Heritage Park

## WANTED -

Clean recycled materials suitable for creating musical instruments eg: Cardboard tubes, plastic hose, wire coat hangers, tins, plastic containers with lids if possible, plastic funnels, etc. Please leave in the box in Rm 3.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are excited to announce that our students at St Anne's are going to be involved in the online literacy program Reading Eggs – joining over 3 million other students around the world.

## What are Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress?

Reading Eggs is a complete learning experience from the very building blocks of reading through to developing advanced reading skills and strategies. At its core Reading Eggs uses key motivational rewards, fully interactive lessons, and achievements to get your child motivated and excited about reading. As it is an eLearning program it is based entirely online and provides for 24/7 access at school and home.

### The Reading Eggs Learning Process

1. **Learn skills** - Children complete animated online lessons (over 120 available) where they learn essential reading skills. The variety of fun activities within each lesson provides the repetition needed for these skills to become part of the child's long term memory.
2. **Read books** - Children gain confidence by reading books online that only contain words they have already studied in the program.
3. **Earn rewards** - Children earn golden eggs as rewards for work completed. They can use these eggs to buy reward games.
4. **Quiz** - After 10 lessons, children complete a Mastery Quiz.

Although the complete program is called reading Eggs, some students will be using the Reading Eggspress section. Reading Eggs is designed for younger students between the ages of 3 and 7, whereas Reading Eggspress continues the reading journey for 7-13 year old readers. At St Anne's Reading Eggs is for Years 1-6.



### Take your first Reading Eggs step.

You and your child can access Reading Eggs 24/7 from the beginning of Term 3. To get started, simply visit [www.readingeggs.co.nz](http://www.readingeggs.co.nz) and enter your child's login details as provided by their school.

## Student Benefits

- **Personalised reading journey** - Before your child starts on any lessons, Reading Eggs runs them through a placement test, ensuring that from the very first lesson they're set to their ability level.
- **Motivators** - Reading Eggs uses a range of 'shop' and certificates to motivate the student to complete lessons and activities.
- **Anytime, Anywhere** - 24/7 access to the program.
- **Independent work** – Reading Eggs provides a range of audio and visual tools to help students work through lessons independently.
- **Instant feedback** – Teachers can instantly track student progress.

**How Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress can work for your child!**

**3-4 Years**  
**First Steps**  
The playroom is perfect for getting 3 and 4 year olds started.

**5 Years**  
**Ready for School**  
Your child can build on the reading skills they have been introduced to at school.

**6-7 Years**  
**Fun Practice Makes Perfect**  
Your child can take a simple placement test that will ensure they start at a suitable level.

**7-13 Years**  
**Continue the Reading Journey**  
Packed full of hundreds of great online activities & games, Reading Eggspress is a great way for your child to continue developing their reading skills.

*"My children love Reading Eggs. They enjoy learning to read and spell with the lessons. My son struggled with other phonics programs. But he loved Reading Eggs. Opening a new egg after each lesson kept him motivated to finish the program. My daughter loved the skill bank part of the program. She was glad Reading Eggs had a spelling section."*  
– L. Taylor

Minimum Technical Requirements

For minimum technical requirements head to:

<http://www.3plearning.com/tech/reading-eggs/>

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