### NEWSLETTER 16 March 2016

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## **St Anne's Catholic School**

Living our faith through our actions

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Are your children arriving before 8.30am? To reinforce my comments from a few weeks ago, you are advised that the school is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm. If your child comes to school before this, please be aware this is at your own risk and we ask that it does not happen. If you need to drop them off before 8.30am due to work commitments, we understand this, so please see Mrs Parker in the Mission Centre (if you haven't already). Mrs Parker kindly allows students to wait in her room and do Mathletics and Reading Eggs etc. until 8.30am. Once you have discussed the need for your child to be at school earlier with her, we ask that you walk them to her class daily. This is just in case she is unwell and to check another teacher is in the school, and to make sure they arrive safely. We are concerned for the safety of the children and also for the workload of Mrs Parker as she shouldn't have to care for students who could have come at the correct time. We appreciate your understanding here. If you have any questions, please pop into see me.

**Contact Details/Consent forms**: There is still **40** forms to be returned. It is really important that these are completed and returned immediately so we can update contact details in case of an emergency. The ICT Acceptable Use contract is renewed each year and students who have not returned their forms will not be permitted to access ICT equipment at school until the form is returned.

**Homework:** We are looking into our homework systems as a school at present. As a research based school, we like evidence that what we do is the best way to do it. In terms of homework, we commonly think, the more we do the better we must be, surely. There has been much research done on homework. There are also annoying summaries on pages like 'Stuff' that claim research or to summarise research just to stir some feedback.

I would love your thoughts on this research summary article (link below). If you don't have access to

the internet on your phone or at home, some copies will be in the entrance foyer. Please return the slip below or e-mail principal@stannes.co.nz by next Wednesday please.

http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/mar07/vol64/ num06/The-Case-For-and-Against-Homework.aspx

What points in this article sticks out to me?

What points from the article are important for the school to consider when reviewing its homework?

God Bless Dallas Wichman

COMING EVENTS

- 17 St Patricks Day -Green Mufti and sausage sizzle
- 18 R4 Assembly 9am/Mass 12pm
- 19 Woolston Gala Woolston Pk
- 23 Sports Spectacular Yr 3/4 Linfield Pk
- 24 Stations of the Cross 2.15pm

#### 25-29 Easter Break

31 Kids to the City Rms 1,2 &3

#### April

- 1 R2 Assembly 9am/Mass 12pm
- 3 Daylight Saving ends
- 5 Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm
- 6 BOT Meeting 7pm
- 7 R1 Assembly 9am
- 8 R1 & 3 Mass 12pm
- 15 R3 Assembly 9am End of Term

# Special Character

### St Anne's School Faith Team



Evie, Rebekah, Harley, Anna-Naina, Tina and Christian.

Hello, we are the St Anne's School Faith Team and we are living our faith through our actions. Led by Mrs Jones our DRS we will assist in preparing prayers for Masses and special occasions. We are currently planning for our Stations of the Cross Service on Holy Thursday observance. We are looking forward to being involved in the preparation and organisation of Special Character events at our school.



Thursday 24 March @ 2.15pm Everyone Welcome!

**Catholic Cathedral College** are exploring the possibility of opening a **study support centre afterschool for Yr 3-8 students held at their library.** It would be free and led by a registered teacher. This would not be a homework club but is a Ministry backed initiative to improve learning. It would be three days a week for around two hours. If you have a child who is in Yr 3-8 and would benefit from additional teacher time and you could get them to CCC afterschool please let me know a.s.a.p.

You don't get offers like this everyday!

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Willow	Rm1	23rd
Charlotte P	Rm4	23rd
Noah G	Rm1	24th
Noella	Rm4	31s†

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Izaiah	Gospel Values	
Atalaita	Initiative	
Luke	Team Player	
Talia	Gospel Values	



**TOMOTYON, THURS IT MATCH** Children are asked to dress in green to celebrate St Patrick's Day and to also bring an Easter treat for the Easter Raffle which will be a multidraw raffle drawn on Wednesday 23 March. The tickets are only 50<sup>c</sup> each and are on the back of the newsletter today. Remember to have your completed tickets and money back to the school office before 9am Wednesday 23 March to be in the draw. Please make sure

<u>each</u> ticket is completed if buying the whole sheet.

