



# St Anne's Catholic School

*Living our faith through our actions*

## 1906 - 2016

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



**Gerry Doherty:** It is with great sadness that we have received Gerry Doherty's resignation from her role as ESOL and Special Needs teacher from the 15 April 2016. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerry for her service to our school and community over her 16 ½ years.

We will miss her commitment and the professional manner with which she performed her duties. We wish her the best

of luck with her future and ask that she please keep in touch.

**Learning conferences:** Thank you for all the positive feedback from the student led learning conferences. Parents/Caregivers seemed to really enjoy hearing from the students as to what they are working on and seeing some of the work. Giving students a bit more ownership and understanding on where they are going achieves many things as 'The 8 Basics of Motivation' research summary below suggests. You will remember what I wrote last week about the traditional 'Parent/Teacher interview' of old. If you think of the research below in a teacher dominated, dictation of learning from a text book that never changed context, to what we are achieving now, and compare the summary of research below, it is clear what is more motivating.

## The 8 Basics of Motivation

Students are more motivated to engage in learning when:

- 1 they perceive stable links between specific actions and achievement
- 2 they feel competent to do what is expected of them
- 3 they value the subject and have a clear sense of purpose
- 4 they perceive the environment as favourable for learning, and
- 5 they experience positive emotions towards learning activities.
- 6 Students direct their attention away from learning when they experience negative emotions.
- 7 Students are more persistent in learning when they can manage their resources and deal with obstacles efficiently.
- 8 Students free up cognitive resources for learning when they are able to influence the intensity, duration and expression of their emotions.

## COMING EVENTS

### March

- 7-18 Swim Weeks—Pioneer Pool
- 11 Assembly 9am R5
- 17 St Patrick's Green Fancy Dress Day & Sausage Sizzle for Easter Raffle
- 18 R4 Assembly 9am/Mass 12pm SE Zones Swimming
- 19 Woolston Gala - Woolston Pk
- 23 Sports Spectacular Yr 3/4 — Linfield Pk

### 25 Good Friday Holiday

### 28-29 Easter Holidays

- 31 Museum Rms 1,2,3.

### April

- 1 R2 Assembly 9am/Mass 12pm
- 7 R1 Assembly 9am
- 8 R1 & 3 Mass 12pm
- 15 R3 Assembly 9am
- 15 End of Term

We have taken on board that 10 minutes was too short. We apologise for this and we will have 15 minutes next time.

God bless

Dallas Wichman

# Special Character

This lovely prayer was included in the parish newsletter on Sunday to mark Children's Day



Lord Jesus, we pray for all parents in supporting, protecting and loving their children.

Help us to support those around us in the ups and downs of family life. Inspire us to notice the difficulties and to take the first step to act for families and children in times of need.

We pray that all families feel your loving embrace.

Amen

## March Birthdays

Samoaotearoa	Rm5	3rd
Rangiatea	Rm2	7th
Amy	Rm4	9th
Theresse	Rm3	13th
Theresa L	Rm2	15th
Willow	Rm1	23rd
Charlotte P	Rm4	23rd
Noah G	Rm1	24th
Noella	Rm4	31st

## COIN TRAIL FOR FIJI

Our coin trail last Friday netted \$100 which we have sent to Caritas to assist them with their work with the people of Fiji.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and students who donated to this worthy cause.

  
**Green Fancy  
Dress**

**SAINT  
PATRICK'S  
DAY**

**Mufti**

**& Sausage Sizzle**

Thursday 17 March



Sausage sizzle - \$2.00      Green drink - \$1.00      or      both \$2.50

Children are asked to bring an Easter treat for the Easter multi-draw Raffle which will be drawn on Wednesday 23 March. The tickets are only 50¢ 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.

**Swimming**

Swimming lessons will continue next week. Parents are welcome 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:

Rms 1 & 2 @ 12.30pm

Rm 4 @ 1.30pm

Rm 3 @ 1.00pm

Rm 5 @ 2.00pm

The parent contribution for lessons is **\$30** per child and can be paid at the school office. The true cost of lessons is over \$60 per child for two weeks, however, with the generous support of the St Anne's Parents & Friends Assn, and applying for funding assistance from the Christchurch City Council, we have been able to offer this valuable activity again at a much reduced cost.

**Thank you** to the parents/caregivers who have already paid their swimming (and other contributions). It is very much appreciated. If you are unable to pay your contributions please discuss this with the principal.

# Easter Raffle- 50c per ticket - multi-draws Wed 23 March

Please return all tickets and monies (in an envelope) to the office before 9am Wed, 23 March.

DO NOT write name across sheet each ticket must be completed to be included in the draw.

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Extra tickets if you need them 😊

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