



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

As part of the Pasifika Success Talanoa Project we were represented at the launch held at Aranui School last Thursday night. Our item was well received and was a credit to our Pasifika community as well as to us all at St Anne's. Today we are hosting a meeting of the Project members.

One of the main perceptions of teenagers is that they are most influenced by their friends and classmates. A recent survey of 1100 teenagers came up with an interesting finding—73% of those surveyed said that their parents had the most influence over their lives. So it really puts the focus back on us as parents. If there is one stand out point of successful parenting it is this— Our children do not need us to be their friends, they need us to be parents. That does not mean we need to be remote or distant, it is the blurring of the boundaries that causes confusion.

On a happy note, I remember my dad dealing with a situation with one of his children when he was 85. His comment that “You never stop being a parent” was most interesting.

Keep going it is a lifetime job!

Kind regards

Peter Callanan (Principal)

School Photos—Tomorrow Thurs 22 May @ 9.00am

Family Portrait request forms need to be handed to the office before school commences Thursday morning. These must be signed by a parent to be valid.

All children will have an individual photo taken as well as a class photo. An order form and proof print of the photo will be sent home next week.

Please ensure children are at school on time, in correct uniform, **including sweatshirt**, hair is neat and tied back if shoulder length or longer with plain ties or ribbon.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 22 School Photos
- 22 Yr 7/8 Winter sport commences at Hagley Park.
- 26 Samoan Language Wk 'Hold Fast to your Treasures'
- 28 Naked Baker Pies - Fundraiser order forms distributed
- 29 Zone Cross Country
- 30 Pasifika Assembly 9.00am


JUNE

- 2 Queens Birthday Holiday
- 4 Rm 6 EOTC
- 5 World Environment Day
- 18 Canterbury Cross Country

JULY

- 4 Last Day of Term 2
- 21 Term 3 Commences 9.00am
Maori Language Week

REMINDERS:

 **Scholastic Book Club** orders due back by 9.00am tomorrow. Please have the correct money as no change can be given

St Anne's Altar Servers

Saturday 24 May 6.00pm

- 1 Alice Sparks
- 2 Lucy Sparks
- 3 Ihaia Stott

Sunday 25 May 10.30am

- 1 Madeline Youngman
- 2 Jackson Youngman

Flash Trash

Can you help Room 6 with the following items:

- Bottle tops—milk and fizzy drinks
- Plastic Artificial flowers
- Clean newspaper or Cardboard
- Fabric
- Old CD's

JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

If you wish to nominate a children the forms are now pinned on the school noticeboard in the foyer. After completing one you can post them in the JNS mail box now located in the office.

On Friday Room 5 will present some information on JN Support at their assembly.

Parents & Friends Assn

Naked Baker Pies

This is our fundraiser for Term 2. Order forms containing varieties and prices will be sent home next week. If you wish to order then the order and payment need to be returned with payment by 18 June. Orders will be available for pickup from school on Thursday 3 July only as they will be frozen.

These pies are delicious and affordable so please help support our fundraiser. Remember proceeds from our fundraisers go back into helping give our children opportunities at school.

Thank you for your support.

Religious Education—Term 2

Faith Facts - Fire

While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolises the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who "arose like fire" and whose "word burned like a torch", brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. This event was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah", proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! In the form of tongues "as of fire", the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions. "Do not quench the Spirit."

Readings for Sunday 25th May

Reading 1, Act 8:5-8,14-17
Reading 2, First Peter 3:15-18
Gospel, John 4: 15-21



Attendance Advice for PARISH & SCHOOL MASS - 8 June 2014 Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday, 8 June, the whole school will join with St Anne's parish to celebrate Pentecost Sunday for the 10.30am Mass in the St Johns Hall. Pupils will be taking part in a variety of ways.

The pupils' involvement at Sunday Mass is an important aspect of our special character and faith development. Would you please fill in the form below with names of the children attending and **return it to the class teacher** by this Wednesday 4 March 2014 to allow preparation to be finalised.

The form is to be returned **whether children are attending or not.**

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Parish & School Mass - Sunday, 8 June 2014 Participation In Sunday Mass – 10.30am

My child / children (will / will not) be able to participate in this Mass.

Name : _____ Room No : _____ Name : _____ Room No.: _____

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Parent / Caregiver : _____ (Please print) Signed: _____ Date: _____