



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

The Passion Plays on Holy Thursday were very well received and gave a real focus for Easter from a children's perspective. I went away enriched by the children's strong interpretation of the events of Easter.

Term 2 for me is a time of real focused learning. As we head into winter it is so important that we, as parents, do the basics well. A good breakfast, lunch and warm dinner, as well as a realistic bed time for your children is important.

I hear stories of children watching TV in their bedrooms until very late during the week. This habit negatively affects learning at school.

I have recently starting using a smart phone and one of the apps shows me how many steps I take each day. Medical advice says I should be doing 5000 steps per day. Last week I averaged only 3348 steps! The point I make is all of us need more physical activity to stay alert and switched on for learning. We will do our bit at school but we need your help—going for a family walk, cycling or walking to school, joining a sporting activity, scout group etc are some ways for children to be fit and active for learning.

We welcome Miss Alicia Bell (student teacher) Room 6.

Kind regards

Peter Callanan (Principal)

Pasifika Success Talanoa Project (PSTP)

Launch Date 15 May 6-8pm Aranui School

E vala'aulia uma aiga Pasefika St Anne's i Aranui Primary i le Aso Tofi 15 me ile 6 ile afiafi, ile 8

Omai tatou te tapuai fa'atasi fa'afiafiaga a lou fanau. Fesili i lou alo mo le pepa e saina ina ia mafia ai ona alu lou alo i Aranui.

Please let me know if you will be attending this as I require numbers for catering by Thursday 8 May at the latest.

Your child/children will present an item on this evening.

**Fa'afetai
Judi Parker**



COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 8 Reading Together Mtg 2.30-3.30
- 11 First Holy Communion 2.00pm
St Johns Hall
- 14 Rms 4 & 5 class trip
- 15 Pasifika Success Talanoa Project (PSTP) Launch
- 22 Yr 7/8 Winter sport commences at Hagley Park.
- 26 Samoan Language Wk 'Hold Fast to your Treasures'
- 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:

- For real time updates/messages from school text:
Follow StAnnesCatholic to 8987 or go to our website or 'Like' our Facebook page.

St Anne's Altar Servers

Saturday 10 May 6.00pm

- 1 Amelia Craig
- 2 Mimi Cresswell
- 3 Ethan Stott

Sunday 11 May 10.30am

- 1 Sofia Bui
- 2 Immaculate Leala
- 3 Marie Leala

Religious Education—Term 2

First Holy Communion 2014

The following students will join with other parish members in celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11 May at 2.00pm in the St John's Church Hall. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

Amy Brown	Jamal Cherry	Leroy Cherry
James Evans	Tina Tia Tia	Talia Edlin
Bernadette Ilalio	Railynnetta Ilalio	Kristyl Justiniano
Ruby Lum	Christian Leala	Levi Letufuga
Emelia McLaughlin	David Pereira	Macarius Pereira

Readings for Sunday 11th May

Reading 1, Acts 2:14, 36-41

Reading 2, First Peter 2:20-25

Gospel, John 10:1-10

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Our Religious Education Program is a continuing journey of faith. It is one that begins in the home and is reinforced at school through the RE programme. One of our main objectives is to teach the students the basic principles of the Catholic faith, however, giving meaning to the rituals and symbols of our faith is not enough. It is up to you, as parents, to provide a daily commitment to God by practising the gift of faith and setting an example for your children. Our efforts will be effective only if they are combined with your efforts.

The major strands for the term will be HOLY SPIRIT and JESUS Level 1 to Level 4. The students will be involved in active ways to expand their knowledge and apply their learning through their actions and thoughts.

You will be informed of the content of studies in each class through your child's RE exercise book which will be sent home on a regular basis with home activities to be completed with your support. This exercise enables you to understand the learning objectives. It is important that you know and are involved with what your child is learning in RE.

We will also be studying another part of the Prayer Module – Traditional Prayers, as well as Easter, The Ascension and Pentecost in the Liturgical Year module.

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 Year 8. You can buy it or borrow one from the school office.

I look forward to celebrating our Masses and assemblies which you will be informed of through the weekly school newsletters. Thanks for your on-going support.

Grace Reddy—(DRS)

Faith Facts

EASTER

The Easter season begins on the evening of Easter Sunday and continues for fifty days, ending on the evening of Pentecost Sunday. The eight days following Easter are observed as the Octave of Easter and each day has the same solemnity as a Sunday. If another solemnity falls during the octave it is transferred to the following Monday.

The fifty days between Easter and Pentecost are a time of joy and thanksgiving for what Christ has done for humanity. The paschal candle is in a prominent place in the sanctuary of the church and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The liturgical colour for most of the Easter season is white.

