



ST ANNE'S

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NEWSLETTER

Rāapa, te 22 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2017
(Wednesday 22 November)

Storytelling Extravaganza & Rising Talent Quest

Friday, 24 November @ 9.00am Assembly. Come along and listen to a selection of the best student storytelling (retelling a classic with a twist). Following this we will hold the Rising Talent Quest finale where you can vote by paying a donation for your favourite performer. It would be great if the students were given some coins to vote as well. Proceeds of this will be sent to Kids Can with thanks for the support we receive from them, by way of shoes, jackets and food.

Kidsbase Trial Holiday Programme

Kidsbase are going to trial a holiday programme at St Anne's. This will be for the week Monday 18 December to Friday 22 December. If successful it will extend after this. Enrol now by contacting Kidsbase info@kidsbase.co.nz or phone Matt on 354 2906. A great chance to get some Christmas shopping etc done with the children entertained and safe.

Cups & Trophies

It is that time of year again when cups and trophies awarded last year need to be returned so we can prepare them for this year's recipients. Please return these to the school office a.s.a.p. and if you know someone who has left school and has one, remind them to return it also please.

Fr Dan's 70th Birthday

Fr Dan is celebrating his 70th Birthday and has generously invited the parish community to a Pizza lunch following 10.30am Mass on Sunday 26 November.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman

Principal



Thinking about the season of Advent coming soon?

No doubt you have seen the Advent Calendars for sale in the shops!! What about creating a Jesse Tree for your home!! Biblical persons associated with the gradual coming of the Messiah are represented on the Jesse Tree, named after the father of David. Read the Scripture and make your own tree at home, talking about these significant ancestors of Jesus as a family.

COMING EVENTS

The most up to date calendar is the *St Anne's Parent Calendar* on our website or via Google Calendars

November

24 Storytelling & Rising Talents
Assembly

December

- 1 Mufti Day
- 6 Art Gallery Rms 1 & 2
Primary Sch Athletics Champs
Ashburton Domain
- Yr 8 Graduation dinner 6pm
- 8 Mufti Day
School Sports Day (am)
- 12 PFA Fun Day 1.30-3pm
- 13 Junior Nativity Play 11am-12noon
- 15 Rm 4 Assembly 11am-12pm
School finishes after assembly.

Children Of Wax

On the Atlantic side of the continent stands a magnificent, lush green canopy. The sky here is continuously lit with a lustrous gold; by a harsh sun that shines brightly each day, scorching the unprotected land of the villagers, who call this place their home. Here hunters hunt, farmers farm and the youth frolic and explore their world.

Under the canopy a young couple fell in love and then were married. Overtime the lady's belly began to swell and she was pregnant. She gave birth to a baby boy but the midwife discovered something quite unusual. The child was made of wax! The midwife told the parents to keep the child inside or else he'll melt.

Later on the couple had two more children, a girl and a boy, and again these children had wax for skin instead of flesh and the midwife gave the couple the same advice.

During the day the kids stayed inside and the mother told them stories about the outside world, and about how wondrous and beautiful it was! Meanwhile the mother did not realise she was building up her eldest son's curiosity! At night-time though they were allowed to go outside but not too far as it was dangerous at night.

The next day the eldest son built up his courage and went to the mother "Mum I want to climb mountains and sail the seven seas, I want to be free and go outside" said the eldest son. "No! You can't, unless you want to melt- you're staying inside!" says the mum.

The eldest wax child then runs outside to the sun and shouts "I can feel the glorious sun on my legs and arms and head, oh how this heat makes me so happy" shouts the eldest son. A few minutes later though he began to melt slowly, his head then arms and finally his legs until all that was left was a melted wax puddle on the floor! The eldest son's siblings watched on until it was night and that's when they took charge and did something quite generous!

When it finally hit sundown the two siblings ran out to the wax puddle quite unceremoniously as they were eager to help! "What should we mould him into?" asks Adebayo. "What about a Bird I think he would like that, don't you?" says Adana. "Yeah, sounds good to me" says Adebayo.

Adebayo moulded the head and beak while Adana moulded the base/body of the bird. Once they finished they went inside, expecting that the sun would melt it the next day but something marvellous happened.

They woke up the next day to find the scorching hot sun shining brightly over the wax bird mould but it hadn't melted, instead the wax wings turned into bright green leaves that covered the sun from his wings and the dark beady like eyes that stabbed you every-time that you looked at them had turned into little brown almond slits!

The eldest wax child flies away into the sky and he sang a song saying: Now, I'm free to fly away to sail the seven seas, and to explore! The eldest son was never seen again as his curiosity and thirst for adventure took him far away.

African folktale retold by: Onna-Naina, Year 8, 2017

Chocolate fundraiser – Can we have all money from chocolate sales returned to the office before Fri 30 Nov please.
Caramello chocolate for sale at the office for \$2.50ea