



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Rāapa, te 13 o Mahuru 2017**  
**(Wednesday 13 September)**

Welcome to Māori language week. It is funny that for only a week people make an effort for one of our official languages, but that is better than nothing I suppose. However, there is little doubt that te reo Māori is becoming more and more used. Everything in education to do with the Ministry of Education is now written in both languages and speeches are made at conferences in both languages and they are now not being translated. It is becoming an expectation. According to all other parties (Not National) we are not doing enough. With National we are doing more than ever (probably help to the Māori party). The future is bilingual. If I was a gambling man I would put my money on it.

North Island schools are often bilingual. The South Island is a little behind but as a school we like to look to the future. People say, learn Chinese, there are more Chinese speakers than any other. Some say learn this and that and the reasons etc. Often future predicting. Either way, although our country is very multicultural, it was built on bicultural foundations and the treaty is an official document. Our future is bilingual.

We at this school acknowledge all cultures but also adhere to the Treaty of Waitangi. Whilst many of our children can speak two languages, many cannot. We are looking at increasing the level of te reo without it affecting any other area. If anything, data suggests, multilingual students often learn more easily than single language students.

When I was at teachers college the other day, it was said that new teachers are expected to have a high level of te reo knowledge, not just the odd word, otherwise they won't be considered for jobs. The same is happening in many sectors. We aim to have our students leading the way and not missing out on future careers.

As Catholics, our tradition is so important. I can't imagine us 'losing it.' We understand the treasure of memories, traditions and language. Māori are often seen to treasure the past and their traditions while europeans are often worrying about the future and fear the idea of tikanga (respectful ways to do things based on traditions and beliefs). What beauty in treasuring our past and making the future what we want! This week enjoy a culture full of tradition and don't fear it.

Kia kaha tō whakaako i tēnei ra!

God Bless

**Dallas Wichman**  
Principal

### COMING EVENTS

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

#### September

- 11-16 Social Justice Week  
Maori Language Week
- 12 PFA Meeting 7pm
- 13 Rm 5 Mass 9.15am
- 15 Rm 3 Learning Celebration  
Assembly 9am  
Charlesworth Reserve Rm 5
- 16 **Rm 4 Mass 6pm**  
Confirmation session 6-9pm
- 19-21 Koru Games Yr 7/8
- 20 Rm 2 Mass 9.15am  
BOT meeting 6-7pm
- 22 Rm 4 Learning Celebration  
Assembly 9am
- 23 **Mass Rm 5 6pm**  
Confirmation session 6-9pm
- 27 Mass Rm 1 9.15am
- 29 Rm 5 Learning Celebration  
Assembly 9am
- 29-1 Oct Revolution Confirmation camp

#### October

- 2-13 School Holidays
- 14 Confirmation practice 6-9pm
- 21 Confirmation Mass 6pm  
photos session 5.30pm

#### Touch and Basketball Thursday competition

Students, Years 3-6 wanting to play Touch or Years 3-4 (or confident Year 2's) wanting to play Basketball will need to have their permission form and \$20 in to the school office by 9.00am Monday 18 September.—See Memo sent home today.

# Special Character

## ST ANNE'S ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat 16 Sept**

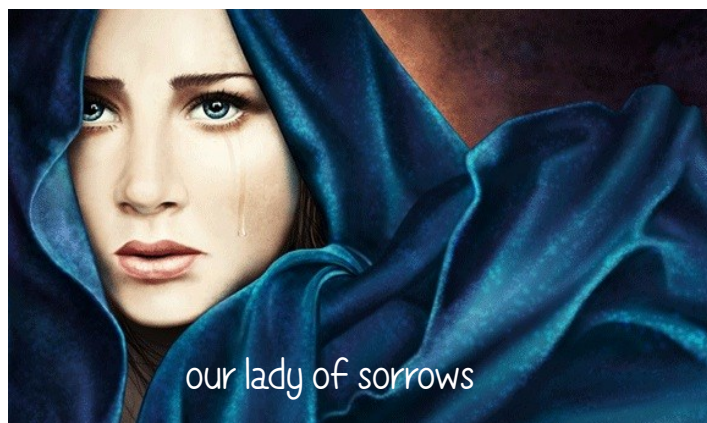
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**Sun 17 Sept**

Henry

Benedict S-N



On Friday 15 September it is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

This feast dates back to the 12th century. The title "*Our Lady of Sorrows*" focuses on the sorrows of Mary's life from "Bethlehem to Calvary", most especially "her intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ." (Saint John Paul II). Because of this Mary knows our sorrows and our pains too. We honour our Blessed Mother Mary, as a faithful disciple and exemplar of faith.



## NEW WORLD Ferry Road Happy Birthday!

Help us Celebrate one year in our new store

Thursday 14 September

Bouncy Castle - tastings - Chicken n Chip giveaways and more...



### Young aspiring basketball players—Do you want to take your game to the next level?

**FREE** Youthtown Breakaway RAMS Camp during the upcoming October School Holidays.

This is a great opportunity for all students from years 3-13 to develop their basketball skills while being mentored by Canterbury's own Rams players. Due to popular demand we are now running 2 camps, the East camp at Linwood College and the West camp at Hillmorton High School. Registration is via [www.youthtown.org.nz](http://www.youthtown.org.nz)

**Kiwi Volley Holiday Fun** programme for year 7 & 8 students takes place on 11th, 12th and 13rd October 2017, 9am—2pm at St. Margaret's College, Cost: \$60 per person. These sessions are **full of fun** and they include a mini tournament. Complete beginners are welcome! Players will learn all the basic skills, meet other Volleyball players and have a ton of fun! Register at: <https://www.canterburyvolleyball.org/kiwivolleyball-holiday-programme>

### YMCA After School Recreation Programmes

#### Term 4 Enrol now!

The YMCA Christchurch offers a wide range of after school recreational activities to cater for those of all ages and abilities, during school term time.

#### Miniball & Basketball

Get your child involved and see them develop skills, friendships and a team spirit while also staying fit and healthy.

#### Gymnastics & Dance

Both programmes are designed to help children develop their motor skills, confidence, balance and body awareness.

All programmes are \$95 a term. To enrol pop in and see us at 13a Bishopdale Court, Bishopdale Mall, or for further information and online booking go to [www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/](http://www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/)