

St Anne's Catholic School WOOLSTON

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COMING EVENTS

16 'Have a Go Day' Bamford Sch Yr 5/6

Term 4 starts 9.00am Mon 12 Oct

SEPTEMBER

14-18 Book Week

23 MISSION FAIR

25 Term 3 Finishes 3pm

Kon'nichiwa

It's book week at St Anne's and we are doing lots of different things to celebrate. Teachers have organised activities at lunchtimes for students to get involved in, we have a 'stop everything and read' bell that is going randomly throughout the day. I'm reading books in the library at 1pm daily (lunchtime) and teachers are doing interesting reading activities in their own classes. We had Librarians fro Linwood Library visit with books and activities on Tuesday.

Book week home challenges:

- Get to a library over the week or weekend.
- Take a photo of your child reading in a strange place. The best shot gets a prize from the prize box. E-mail photos to principal@stannes.co.nz

Thank you to the parents who have taken up the offer to come up to me and give some feedback. Without your praise or suggestions it's hard to know if we are on the right track. Do keep an eye on the calendar section of this page for all upcoming events.

Pot: It is great to see the pot coming along. Thank you to Sulekha for all the work she has done on this with the children.

Year 8 girls—Information has gone home today from the Canterbury District Health Board on the vaccination for HPV. Please read the flyer and check out the information at <u>www.immuniseforlife.co.nz</u>. If you would like more information please contact your doctor.

Class Liaisons: I am looking for one (or two) parents from each class to be the 'go to' parents. The idea is that you make a contact list for parents from that room, maybe a text tree. Parents could contact you if unsure of things (especially for new parents to the school), possibly social get togethers (coffee groups etc.), the options are endless. I have seen this done really well in other schools and would love to see this happening in ours. It helps make people feel welcome and included, and enhances communication. A class liaison would need to be a regular face at school (pick up, drop offs), have a close relationship with the classroom teacher and is a social person. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, see me or e-mail me principal@stannes.co.nz



Fundraising: We are registered for the 'Our School Project' fundraiser. If you have time, create a log in and have a practise. It is a general knowledge quiz site where schools get money for each quiz you take. Pick us as the preferred school and go for it. Thanks heaps for this and ask friends and family to do the same. **ourschoolproject**.org

Facebook—please get family and friends to go to our page and click 'like.' They will then see the great things that are happening at the school. If you click like, they will receive the our posts on their main page.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman (Principal)



ECONTRACT PRESERVE ALEOOR

| Rm 1 | Angela | For excellent independent writing skills. |
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| | Willow | For excellent thinking about her reading. |
| Rm 2 | AJ | For putting great effort into completing all activities to a high standard. |
| | Sawyer | For making good progress in learning his spelling words. |
| Rm 4 | Joshua | For working hard to improve his skipping ability. |
| | Maia | For setting herself goals and working to achieve them. |
| Rm 5 | Samoaotearoa | For writing and delivering an informative speech on healthy eating and exercise. |
| | Leroy | For his growing ability and contribution in team sports especially basketball. |
| Rm 6 | Asa | For a great speech about Minecraft |
| | Indi | For an amazingly written/spoken speech. |

Congratulations Paige on receiving your First Holy Communion



Congratulations to elisah and ethan (Rm 6) for being picked for Canterbury Basketball teams to play in a tournament in Invercargill in the Term break. Well Done!



Jump Rope 4 Heart was a great success! The students enjoyed themselves and thanks to the generous donations and sponsorship earned by the students we were able to send \$474.20 to The Heart Foundation.

Awesome Work !

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| Samantha | Rm6 | 4 th |
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| Sawyer | Rm2 | 13 th |
| Jamal | Rm6 | 22 nd |
| Charlie | Rm5 | 29 th |
| Letone | Rm6 | 30 th |

<u>Christchurch Schools'</u> <u>Music Festival</u>

20 students from Room 5 are representing St Anne's at the above event. Last week they attended an area rehearsal at Shirley Boys' High and sang beautifully. **Mimi Cresswell** is playing in the Orchestra at every performance and we are very proud of her. They perform at Horncastle Arena on 28 October, next term. Everyone is welcome. Tickets on sale at Ticketek.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Head Lice

A notice was been sent home with each child on Monday. Please be sure to check your child's hair and treat with a recommended treatment if necessary— at least twice!

If you need further information about head lice treatment please ask at the school office, contact the public health nurse or ask at your local pharmacy.

Remember the easiest way to avoid this nasty problem is to check hair regularly.

It is **important** that we keep on top of this issue so please check, **sign** and **return** the slip to **school.**



Dear Parents and friends

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our annual Mission Fair as we help our children to learn of the importance of giving to those who need our help through a variety of activities. We look forward to seeing many of you and your friends at our Fair next Wednesday.

May God bless you all. Grace Reddy (DRS)

Mission Fair

Wednesday 23 September Mufti can be worn this day!

We would be grateful if you could send along goodies for the Cake Stall on the morning of the Mission Fair

eg: home-made cakes, muffins, biscuits, sweets, jams and preserves- vegetables, fruits and lemons sell well too.

A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available on Mission Fair Day **\$2 sausage & \$1 drinks** Orders will be taken each day next week

Please continue to donate other items like books, toys, games etc. any day from now on.

25^{TH} Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:31-35

We hear Jesus asking his followers a difficult question: "Who do you think I am?" Listen carefully, and see which disciple gave the right answer.

Reflection/Discussion

We are happy to be followers of Jesus. Just as a lamb follows the shepherd we know that we are safe when following the ways of our Lord.

- Name some of the things that we find difficult to do. *(List these and ask the children how they feel when they have to do something difficult.)*
 - Who helps to do this difficult thing?
 - How do you feel when that difficult thing is over and done with?

Faith Facts

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross: The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The basilica and the shrine were destroyed in 614 however the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands on the site and was built in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Laudato Si'

Pope Francis shares his closing prayers: At the conclusion of this lengthy reflection which has been both joyful and troubling, I propose that we offer two prayers. The first we can share with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator, while in the other we Christians ask for inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.

PLASTIC BAGS— if you have any plastic supermarket or shopping bags could you please send them to Room 5 for use at the Mission Fair.

