

#### 15 DECEMBER 2015

What a blur the last two terms have been.

When you look back through our class blogs and our Facebook page, it is almost overwhelming the amount of awesome stuff that has happened at the school this year.

Last weekend, I talked to a parent who sent her child to a large intermediate school because her son would have 'more opportunities.' She told me that there was a lot of sports and clubs available, but with 500+ students at the school, her child never made any of the '1<sup>st</sup> teams' and there usually weren't '2<sup>nd</sup> teams', so, in the end he had far less opportunities than the small full primary school her son had come from. There were also very few leadership opportunities. Needless to say, her second child stayed at the small full primary school.

The students of St Anne's get so many opportunities. Wherever we can, all students who want to, are involved. Our Year 7 and 8 students are flourishing with leadership opportunities. Look back through our blogs and Facebook with your children over the break and have fun talking about the great things going on here.

To the staff and Board of Trustees, you have worked so hard over the last two terms. Enjoy a break to refresh and unwind. You have had a lot on. You have had a change in leadership, you've had ERO (we have a fab report by the way-online soon), you've had staff retire, staff leave and even logo change. Although 40% of the permanent teaching staff are leaving, what's remaining is 100% dedication to the students and school.

We congratulate Marian Jones on her appointment to the role of DRS following Mrs Reddy's retirement.

I am so excited about the plans and direction for next year, but for now we should enjoy these last few weeks of preparation for Christmas.

**Uniform**— Our new uniform supplier is Mainland Uniforms. Our uniform (with new logo) will soon be available for purchase from their shop at 511 Wairakei Rd or online at www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz/. In the new school year orders can be placed at the school office. If you need to purchase uniform before the new school year please visit Mainland Uniforms shop or order online.

Year 8's, Grace, Ryan and Sulekha, all the best in your new adventures. We wish you well. To all those who have assisted the school, we thank you. In particular, the PFA. I would love to see some more parents and friends jumping onto this committee next year. To all others have a great Christmas and break, and we'll see you next year.

God Bless



Dallas Wichman (Principal)

## Farewell Assembly

Farewell Assembly with an item by Room 4, will be held in the circle outside the office on Wednesday, 16 December @ 11.00am. School will finish for 2015 at the conclusion of assembly at approx. 12noon.



### From The Board of Trustees

Good evening everyone, the 2015 school year is at an end with Christmas fast approaching for some well needed rest and relaxation. It has been a year of changes here at St Anne's. We have the area at the back of our church available for use again; we are once again back in the Church, which is great and of course we welcomed our new Principal Mr Wichman.

At St Anne's we are fortunate to have a very passionate and professional teaching staff who give so much more than what is expected to the school and our children. I would like to acknowledge our support staff who do the utmost for the children here and a also a big thank you to Father Dan who works tirelessly across our parish, and is always a welcome presence in the school.

We have the Parents & Friends committee who are a very energetic group of parents who support the school, with fundraising activities and various events that we all enjoy. I would like to thank them for all of their efforts over the year.

We farewell two of our teachers this year, Mrs Reddy and Mr McInnes. I would like to wish them the best of luck in the ventures they are about to undertake.

To my fellow board members, thank you for all the hard work and commitment you give to the school, it is really appreciated.

To our graduating students, congratulations on your achievements I know that your teachers and parents are very proud of you all. I hope you have enjoyed your time at St Anne's. I am sure that you leave with fond memories of your time here, and we wish you all the very best in the next stage of your education as you leave to attend high school.

On behalf of the School Board I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas, and we look forward to 2016.

Rhondda Sullivan (BOT Chair).

## Parents & Friends Assn

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Parents and Friend Committee.

What an awesome year we have had as a committee. We have been busy meeting each month planning and organising the various fundraising activities this year—the Easter and Christmas raffles, the school disco, a bacon fundraiser and our Quiz Night.

I really want to extend a huge thank you to all those in our school community who support our fundraising initiatives. This year because of your support we have been able to fund a visit to the school by the LIFE Education Trust, subsidise school swimming, fund additional sports equipment, various trips for the children and our big Fun Day for the kids to finish the year.

The end of year Fun Day last Friday was a great day with a lot of activities and fun things available. This year we had giant games, inflatable activity course, water slide, sausage sizzle, face painting and loads more. We also announced the winners of the Christmas raffles. It was great to see so many families come down and join in the fun.

We have had some new faces on the committee this year which is great. But we'd love to see more people come along and get involved. It's a fun way to get involved, and a nice opportunity to meet other parents. If you are interested in joining the committee in the New Year just come along to one of the meetings or get in touch with a committee member.

Again, thank you for all your support and I wish you all a great Christmas.

Sarah Taylor (PFA Chair)



# LAST LETTER FROM THE DRS OF 25 YEARS AT STANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Tena koutou, Talofa lava

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching your children and so many others over the last 25 years. Now it is time to say goodbye to my teaching career which has spanned over 40 years – the time is right for me and I am in a very good place, looking forward to my retirement.

My role as DRS has been the highlight of my teaching career. It has given me the most wonderful opportunity to engage with students from Years 1-8 and develop their faith through the special character



activities via ongoing RE events throughout the year from start to finish. Yes it has been an extremely busy but rewarding role. The students have delighted me in the ways in which they have been selfless in giving to the less fortunate, participated in singing hymns, readings and prayers during all our Masses. They have continued to become more aware of the importance of living their faith through the liturgical seasons, Sacramental celebrations and prayer, which are integral to their life as Catholics.

I have endeavoured to be an energetic and enthusiastic DRS for the sake of the students and it has been one of my strongest beliefs to lead by example, to 'walk the talk'. It is important to instil in the minds of our young children the value of prayer, forgiveness and loving service towards others. I encourage you also to lead by your examples so that students can develop a closer relationship with God and thus promote justice, peace and prosperity. Children, especially in primary school, need to be taught honesty, self-control and discipline with love, so that they are equipped to make the best decisions in life as they grow older.

I wish you all the very best – our students at St Anne's are the bright futures of tomorrow. I believe that a strong ongoing partnership between teachers and parents enables students to ultimately achieve the very best in life and be happy.

I shall miss the fun I had organising the Mission Fairs with the students. I shall miss the feast day celebrations and the Parish and School Masses. I shall miss the children's willingness to help, the genuine smiles and loving comments. I shall miss seeing students perform amazing assemblies. Most of all, I will miss being immersed in and surrounded by children. However, thanks to God, I have a life-time of beautiful memories which I take away with me to cherish always.

St Anne's is a very special school community and Parish. I shall miss you all. Thank you for the many ways that I have grown both personally and spiritually because of you. I have learned a lot.

May God bless you and guide you always. Keep smiling!

I wish you all a holy and joyful Christmas.

Grace Reddy

## STATIONERY LIST 2016

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All items to be named please	Room 4
	4 x IWB or 1B5
<u>Room 1</u> - Stationery will be available from	1 x Warwick A4 Exercise Book
the class teacher	2 x OfficeMax The Really Useful Big
	Book, Unruled, 340x240mm, 30
Room 2	Leaves, 60 Pages
All children need:	1 x 3B1
2 x 1A8 - Poetry, RE	_
1 Clever Kiwi Fun Doing Maths Book 1	2 x Clever Kiwi Reading Workbook
2 Clever Kiwi <u>Reading</u> Workbook	1 x Clever Kiwi Fun Doing Maths
2 Black Whiteboard Markers (named)	Book
1 highlighter	1 Manila folder
1 large Glue Stick (Amos brand is good)	1 x compass
1 x 1I5—writing	1 x protractor
	2 pencils
Home Reading Journal \$4.50 (purchased	1 ruler
from school office)	1 rubber
	1 Pencil sharpener
	3 glue sticks
	3 Black pens
	2 red pens
Room 3	2 Black whiteboard markers
4 x IWB or 1B5	Colouring pencils
1 x Warwick A4 Exercise Book	
2 x OfficeMax The Really Useful Big	Room 5
Book, Unruled, 340x240mm, 30	1 x Clever Kiwi Reading Workbook
Leaves, 60 Pages	1 x Clear file 20 page
1 x 3B1	4 x 1B5
2 x Clever Kiwi Reading Workbook	1 x 1A8
1 x Clever Kiwi Fun Doing Maths	2 x E5 Quad Book
Book	4 pencils
	4 blue pens
1 Manila folder	4 red pens
1 x compass	2 Whiteboard Markers
1 x protractor	Ruler, Eraser, Glue stick, Scissors
2 pencils	Coloured pencils
1 ruler	Maths:
1 rubber	
1 Pencil sharpener	Protractor
3 glue sticks	Compass 1 pair seiscore
3 Black pens	1 pair scissors Scientific Calculator
2 red pens	
2 Black whiteboard markers	Pen drive
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### Class Lists for 2016

Room 1 - Cathy French	
Hemi-Mason	Nia Nia
Lily	Morrison-Radford
Kahliya	Watson
Jeremy	Swain
Рірра	Barr-Jones
Mac	Bowden
Noah	Graham
Alexander	King-Edghill
Zak	Walker
Zshavana	Lal
Mackenzie	Smith
Willow	Haines

Room 2 - Ma	arian Jones
Alyster	Justiniano
Henry	Swain
Keyarn	Prakash
Benjamin	Franklin
Sophia	Lopez
Dominic	Tanoai
Laurah	Umaga
Letisha	Sinafoa
Zhyren	Mangaoil
Theresa	Lemana
Joejerry	Loto
Aidan-Jeremiah	Aileone
Rangiatea	Solomon
Theresa	Vergara
Ruby	Swain

Room 3—Josł	n Halkett
Izaiah	Gomez
Chloe	Palmer
Sarah	Barnes
Sawyer	Orchard
Hugo	Taylor
Brooklyn	Bailey
Sophia	Su'a
Leilani	Palepoi
Luke	Lovell
Taylan	Prakash
Rachel	Tauanu'u
Nathaniel	Panganiban
Austin	Cherry
Eliza	Fraser
Atalaita	Aileone
Riantiti	Sulu
Jasinta	Tanoai
Joshua	Franklin
Maia	Watson
Olliver	Hollis
Hollie	Parker
Lola	Edlin
Charlotte	Pender
Paige	Bradbrook

## Term Dates 2016

The following dates have been confirmed by the BOT. School will commence **9.00am, Tues 2 Feb, 2016** 

Term 1	Tues 2 Feb	- Fri 15 April
Term 2	Mon 2 May	- Fri 8 July
Term 3	Mon 25 July	- Fri 23 Sept
Term 4	Mon 10 Oct	- Fri 16 Dec



## Class Lists for 2016

Room 4 - TBC

Levi	Moase
Nico	Solodi
Maximillian	Pickard
Shiloh	Trigg
Oscar	Taylor
Sabrina	Lopez
Tylah	Harrison
Charlotte	Letufuga
Ben	Sanft-Nafoitoa
Ema	McLaughlin
James	Evans
Levi	Letufuga
Brayden	Batson
Tina	TiaTia
WhunnDaa	Taia-Gempton
Leroy	Cherry
Benjamin	Levy
Ashlyn	Hensley-Smith
Salu	Loto
Marquees	Watson
Amy	Brown
Noella	Lene
Kavalla	Borrell-Grant
Noah	Witchall
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Enosa
Taylor
Swain
Edlin
Lum
Lauvao
Harrison
Fido
Aileone
Aaifou
Justiniano
Sullivan
Mounty
McKean
Bradbrook
Solodi
Cherry
Loto
Templeton
Boyes
Houston
Vili-Umaga
Leala
Trigg
Brown
Lene
Fitzell-Karawana
TiaTia

# Stella Maris Catholic Parish of Ferrymead



	<u>Thurs, 24 Dec</u>	No 9.00am Mass
	6.00pm	<b>Woolston Family Vigil Mass</b> in St Anne's School Grounds, or if wet, St Anne's Church, Woolston (Little girls dress as angels; Little boys dress as shepherds)
8	6.00pm	<b>Diamond Harbour</b> Christmas Carols; followed by
)	6.30pm	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> at DH Community Church
	8.30pm	Sumner Christmas Carols; followed by
	9.00pm	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> at OLSOS Catholic Centre
	<u>Fri, 25 Dec</u>	9.00am Christmas Day Mass

**Christmas Masses** 

#### Weekend Masses

Sat, 26 DecVigil Mass6.00pmat St Anne's Church, Woolston

Sun, 27 DecSumner8.30amat OLSOS Catholic Centre

10.30amWoolstonAt St Anne's Church, Woolston



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### **New Year Masses**

<u>Thurs, 31 Dec</u> 11.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer at St Anne's Church, Woolston
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9.00am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Woolston