



Title St Anthony's Newsletter - Term 1 Week 9

Message from the Principal

### Ponderance



#### Kia ora te whanau St Anthony's School

An effective school is always innovating, improving and keeping up with a changing world in order to best meet the needs of its students. Over the last week, during my leadership certificate training as well as when visiting Catholic Schools in Auckland, I have had many thought-provoking, reflective and valuable learning opportunities. The professional learning has prompted me to explore Simon Sinek's Golden Circle **starting with the WHY** we do what we do at St Anthony's, followed by unpacking the **HOW** (principles) and **WHAT** (practices) and the **WHO**. As a staff, we will be regularly exploring these questions when making decisions that affect our students' learning and well-being.

If you have any feedback about what we could be doing better at St Anthony's, please do send me an email [principal@stants.school.nz](mailto:principal@stants.school.nz), or come and see me - as you know, my door is always open.

#### Student Achievement Reporting

The staff and I are thrilled with how LINC-ED, our new Student Management System is operating and how it has the capacity to enable effective communication between school and home with the sharing of student goals, reporting to parents, as well as administrative tasks (e.g. notices for the Senior Syndicate with the class blog to come next term).

Our teachers are passionate about engaging with families and reporting regularly on your child's progress and achievement. Next week, student progress and achievement comments are being released and these will be emailed to parents via LINC-ED. Year 1 students will receive a Literacy, Numeracy and General Comment report. Years 2-8 students will receive comments for Writing and Mathematics. Each term, different learning areas will be reported on (e.g. Term 2 you will receive information about Reading, BANKS and Learn about our Faith).

Next term, I will be communicating with parents about 'Progressions Reporting' and what this will involve as a result of the removal of National Standards.

#### Tracy Shanks - Resignation

I would like to take this opportunity to inform our community that Tracy Shanks has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Miramar Central School and will be finishing at the end of the term. Tracy has been at St Anthony's for 10 years and has enjoyed teaching in the Junior Syndicate, and more recently, in Kea Class. She has ably led the Staff in the areas of Literacy and Assessment during her time at our school.

Miramar Central would like Tracy to start at the beginning of next term and they have requested that we release her earlier than normally would be the case. We have worked quickly to secure a teacher for Kea Class who is able to start from the beginning of Term 2. We are delighted to have appointed Christine Taylor, a very experienced and capable teacher. You will be invited to meet Christine in due course.

We will be having a farewell morning tea for Tracy on the last day of term, Friday 13 April at 11am. If you are able

to join the staff at this time in the Staffroom to farewell her, it would be wonderful to see you. Please RSVP at the office by Wednesday 11 April.

### **Holy Week Liturgy**

A BIG thank you to Denise Johnson (DRS), the teaching staff and students for the very special Holy Week Liturgy last night. It was a wonderful and prayerful experience. Thank you to all the families who attended - it was a fantastic turnout!

I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing Easter break with your family and friends. A reminder that it is a **school holiday on Easter Tuesday**. The staff and I look forward to welcoming back the students on Wednesday 4 April.

Have a blessed Easter.

Jennifer Ioannou  
PRINCIPAL

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### Board Update



**FOSA Quiz night** Thank you to everyone who took part in our fabulous quiz night last Thursday. It was a great social occasion for our families and friends and we really appreciate everyone joining together to raise money for our backfield development. We raised the fantastic amount of \$1454. Special thanks to our sponsors: Wellington Airport, Oikos, The Larder, The Roxy, Chocolate Fish Café, and of course the Gasworks for hosting us.

**Balancing St Anthony's Budget** One of the most important jobs that your Board of Trustees does is to keep the books balanced. We are putting together a special Signmee so you can find out more about how much it costs to run our school, and where the money comes. Make sure you look out for it!

**Thoughts for Easter** Your Board wishes you a special and restful break with your families at Easter. The break at Easter gives us all a chance to focus on the spirit of Easter in our times - that is to reflect on the meaning of our past and to set our sights on new beginnings and ways to cope with on-going changes in our lives going forward. Have a wonderful time together, stay safe and take joy in your beautiful, potentially chocolate covered, children!

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### Faith News

Once again the children have to be congratulated for leading us in a moving reflection of the Passion of Christ. What an amazing effort from our readers, singers and actors as they created a Passion that moved so many of us! Thank you, students and thanks to those who helped return the church to its correct setup. This was much appreciated!

As we begin the **Triduum** tonight, let us take time to think about some of last nights' reflections and link them to our times:

*Jesus chose Judas to be one of his twelve apostles, a faithful follower. But Judas betrayed his friend in exchange for money.*

*Jesus had to face the condemnation of the crowd – a crowd which included those who should have spoken up for him.*

- 20/05/02 - Timor-Leste survived 24 years of oppression under Indonesia's occupying forces. and it continues to face many challenges.

- Christians in areas with extreme religious restrictions pay a heavy price for their faith. Imagine if there were laws forbidding you to go to church or to pray?

*Jesus Christ was crucified and died on the cross.*

The crucifixion continues in our world with great pain and suffering as billions of people live without enough food, and without peace.

*We wish you all a happy and holy Easter. We hope you take time as a family to recognise how blessed we are to live in New Zealand and remember that Easter reminds us of our eternal life promised by the Risen Christ.*

Denise Johnson  
Director of Religious Studies (DRS)

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### Student Leadership News

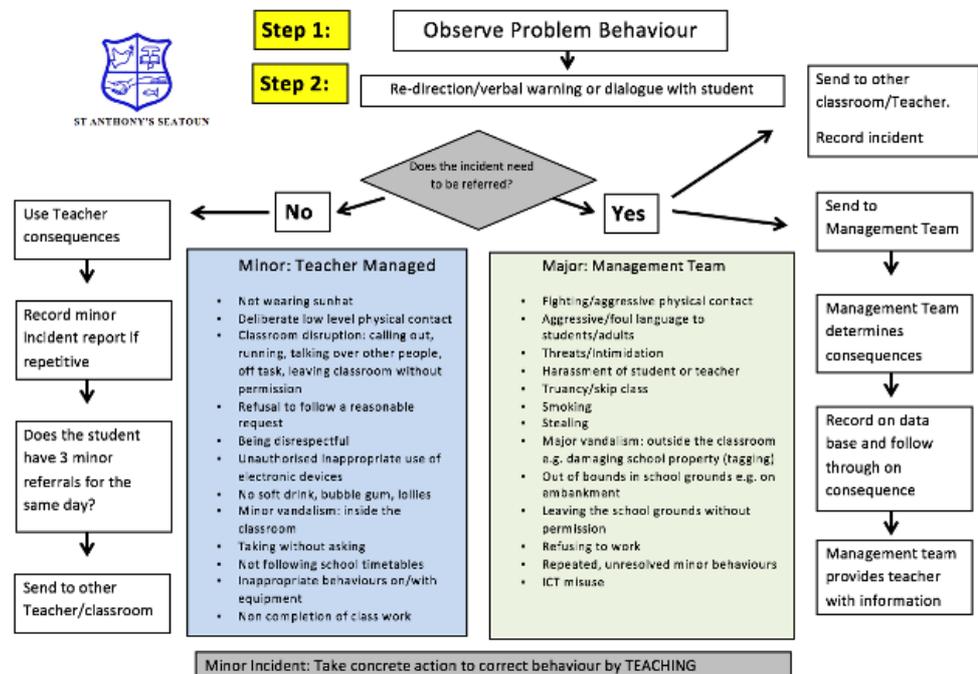


On 1 March, Maia Bouras, Eddie Hudson, Cassara Balogh, Isaac Hudson, Devlin Crang and Olivia Napp attended a meeting with Michael Balogh, parent helper, and other Eastern Suburbs schools. At the meeting, they discussed the predators around the Miramar Peninsula and how to trap and monitor them with the tracking tunnels and traps that were supplied by Zealandia.

The students have set the traps and tunnels around the school and data was gathered yesterday and then the results shared with other Eastern Suburbs Schools. So far only mice prints have been found. The students' next steps include continued monitoring, further investigating how many predators there are and analysing the data on the numbers with other schools, with the view to reducing the number of predators - rats and mice in particular.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

At St Anthony's we do not tolerate bullying behaviours that affect others in a negative way and they will be addressed if such behaviour occurs. In instances where negative behaviours prevail, the following Minor and Major Behaviours Chart is used. If student behaviour concerns you during the year, please discuss this promptly with your child's teacher in the first instance. It is imperative that the behaviour is brought to our attention so that it can be addressed.



Student Achievement

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded R.E.A.L Principal Awards at the Week 7 School Assembly.**

Kiwi Class - **Tom Adams** - for commitment to and enthusiasm for learning!

Hoiho Class - **Alice Mulhern** - for demonstrating the school value of Respect. She always follows our class treaty by listening carefully, using kind words and helping to keep our classroom tidy. Well done, Alice.

Takahe Class - **Abby Johnson** - for being a wonderful listener in class and always doing her best.

Kea Class - **Fraser Lindsay** - for being a great example of being a self-starter in Kea Class. He embraces and initiates new learning opportunities with energy and enthusiasm.

Tui Class - **Eddie Hudson** - for being a respectful and hardworking student. Always ready to lend a hand and follow through the task. Eddie is showing himself to be a responsible leader who truly shows the R.E.A.L values in all he does. Keep up the good work Eddie, a great start to 2018.



**Movin'March**

Thank you to everyone who took part in Movin'March! What a great effort by our school community again this year. Please continue to provide opportunities and encourage your children to move to school as the benefits are great. We will finish the term with our final Movin' to School with Mrs Ioannou from Strathmore Shops at 8.20am on Monday 9 April and will begin again in Term 4.

**ANZ Bank Community Service Day - Friday 6 April**

We have been very fortunate to secure volunteers from the ANZ Bank as part of their 'Community Day' service to work around our school and give back to the community. Michael Tritsarolis, who is a parent at our school, has organised for this wonderful initiative to happen. At this stage we envisage them painting the inside of the staff bathroom in the junior block, gardening on the bank and the garden by the playground, as well as repainting the designs on the concrete which have faded. If you have any gardening tools and equipment (e.g. gloves, forks, secateurs, etc) to lend, please bring them to the office on Thursday 5 April. They will be returned to you on Friday afternoon. Thanks in advance.

**School Photos - Thursday 3 May & Friday 4 May (Week 1 Term 2)**

Looking ahead to next term, we are pleased to be having Sue Allman People back at St Anthony's for the third year.

All ordered class, sibling (family) and individual portraits photos need to be **pre-paid**. Envelopes will be given out today and we would appreciate them being returned **on Wednesday 11 April**. The deadline is 30 April the first day of Term 2, however with the school break beforehand there is the possibility that this may be overlooked.

**Term 1 Key Dates Reminder**

- Friday 30 March - Good Friday - *school closed*
- Monday 2 April - Easter Monday - *school closed*
- Tuesday 3 April - Easter Tuesday - *school closed*
- Wednesday 4 April - EZ Football for Yrs 7 & 8, Miramar Park
- Thursday 5 April - BoT Meeting, 7pm Staffroom
- Friday 13 April - Mufti Day - *Last day of Term 1*
- Monday 30 April - *First day of Term 2*

News from FOSA

**Entertainment Books !**

The NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Books are being launched - that means for every book sold another **\$13 towards our fundraising efforts.**

Any orders or purchases before 3rd April entitles you to *Early Bird Offers* (up to an *additional \$185 of saving*). Flyers are being sent home today, just complete your details at the bottom, or alternatively order online NOW and get instant access: [www.entbook.co.nz/1042q81](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1042q81) (<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1042q81>)

This is one of THE most mutually beneficial fundraisers there is around! Get yours in time for the upcoming School Holidays - movies, swimming pools, go-carting, indoor bowls, cafes, McD's, etc., Thank you so much for your continued support!

**School Lunches - Lunch order form attached below for Weeks 10 & 11**

Friday 6 April

**Burgers**

Thanks to our fabulous parent lunch heroes Lou Bolger, Caroline Griffin & Brent Hudson. Year 6 helpers are Joe Thurston and Eve Williams, thanks guys!

Friday 13 April

**Subway**

Thanks to our fabulous parent lunch heroes Jacinta Handscomb and Simone Meech. Year 6 helpers are Siobhan Bolger and Fraser Lindsay, thanks guys!

Please ensure the correct amount is given. Payment received over and above the required amount will be considered a donation to FOSA. **Please also remember** to put money and order in a **plastic bag big enough** to hold lunch.

Lunch order form for Weeks 10 & 11 Lunches

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Music Lessons

**Dynamite Music** offer piano, guitar and drum lessons at school on Tuesdays. Lessons are in small groups and start from \$13/week, There are special offers for new students - Join 34 students who learn with us at school. For a free two week trial, email [simon@dynamitemusic.co.nz](mailto:simon@dynamitemusic.co.nz) or text 027 380 0239



**The Rock Academy School Holiday Programme** Perfect for aspiring singers and musicians. 2 Programmes will be run in April: 16th – 18th April. 24th – 27th April (Excludes 25th – ANZAC Day) For more info, please visit: [www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz) (<http://www.therockacademy.co.nz/>) or email: [geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:geoff@therockacademy.co.nz)

**Spotlight Performing Arts**

Run out of All Saints Church, Hataitai, this new school will open in Term 2 on Thursdays from 3.30pm. Does your child love to SING, DANCE and ACT? Led by a London West End Performer. **\*\*Free Taster Session Thurs 5th April for all students in the area aged 4-16 yrs \*\***  
Book your child's place NOW! <http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz/taster-session>  
(<http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz/taster-session>)

**Homestay Families Needed**

Are you able to provide a caring and supportive environment for an overseas student on some weekends and school holidays? Scots College is looking for Homestay families for students aged 12-18 years. Homestay rates are \$300.00 /week, \$110.00 /weekend or \$55.00 /per night If you would like to know more please contact Leanne at [chotel@scotscollege.school.nz](mailto:chotel@scotscollege.school.nz)

**Connectionz+ - "Developing the Brain" Workshop session for Parents**

How your brain grows and learns is obviously central to success and well-being, yet it is only in recent years that we have even begun to understand how it works! There are ways we can help our children to develop by simply having an understanding of the brain. Nathan makes this topic easy to understand and uses everyday language to explain the huge power of the early years, the changes happening in the teenage years - and the ways to get it functioning at its best as much as is possible the rest of the time! Nathan Wallis is an extremely engaging speaker who will bring knowledge to help us understand the young people in our lives. He is a father of three & foster parent with a professional background in child counselling, teaching and social service management. He has developed a reputation as a lively and engaging speaker who uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic come to life.  
<http://www.connectionzplus.co.nz/index.php?page=course&t=3109>  
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**Kāpiti Island for Kids School Holiday Programme**

This programme is available for children ages 9-13 and runs from 25-27 April 2018. 3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: [bookings@kapitiisland.com](mailto:bookings@kapitiisland.com)

**Weta Workshop School Holiday Programme**

**"Calling all Superheroes" - April 19-20**  
In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative superheroes! We warmly invite the children of St Anthony's School to come along. From sketching and sculpting, our workshops for ages 7-12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at [www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays](http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays) (<http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays>)

**Seatoun AFC School Holiday Football Programme**

We are running our regular programme at Seatoun Park for kids aged 4-12 from 9am to noon on the following days of the upcoming school holiday: Week 1: Monday 16 April to Friday 20 April, Week 2: Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 (ie. NOT Wednesday 25 ANZAC Day). For more information please check the Holiday Programme page on the club's website: [www.seatounafc.org.nz](http://www.seatounafc.org.nz) (<http://www.seatounafc.org.nz>)

**Parent Calendar**

Today April 2018 Print Week Month Agenda

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Apr
◀ Movin' March Holy Week - Te Wiki Tapu <a href="#">+2 more</a>		<a href="#">+4 more</a>	School newsletter sent	Good Friday		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
REAL focus - Persistence: 'Don't stop until you are proud!'	Easter Monday	Easter Tuesday (School Resumes <a href="#">+2 more</a> )	19:00 Bot meeting	ANZ Community day at 14:15 Assembly - Hoiho		
Week 10 Term 1	9	10	11	12	13	14
◀ REAL focus - Persistence: 'Don't stop until you are proud!'	Week 11 Term 1	09:00 Takahe Class Mass	School newsletter sent 11:45 St Anthony's Comr	End of Term 1 - Mufti 11:00 Tracy Shanks Fare		15

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 14:00 Meet the Teacher	27	28	29
30 R.E.A.L value - Kindness Week 1 Term 2	1 May	2 Tui Class Mass	3 Sue Allman (School Photos) School newsletter sent	4	5	6

Events shown in time zone: Auckland

Calendar

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