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St Anthony's School Newsletter Week 7 Term 4

Message from the Principal

Ponderance



Today, a special cross was affixed to our new block, He Atawhai.

Kia ora te whanau St Anthony's School

With just over two weeks until the end of the school year, the students and teachers are busy preparing for the myriad of end of year events that we have scheduled.

In relation to our new building, He Atawhai, we are still waiting for the Council to sign the building off, which is hopefully happening early next week, and then the students and teachers will move back in. Students in Kea and Tui classrooms have been in to check out their new classrooms. They were very impressed and excited about their new and innovative space!



Comments from Kea students

"I like the new space because it is roomy and cosy" William

"I like that it's bright and comfortable" CJ

"I like all of our new furniture and the eco-friendly space" Emilio

"I prefer this new learning environment than the old one. The lily pads are awesome!" Sam

And for more exciting news... A furniture grant for \$7,000 has been recently received from First Sovereign Trust which has allowed us to purchase around \$15,000 of new furniture for He Atawhai Block! We will also be purchasing two new TVs; one for the new break out space as well as replace the current TV in the Meeting Room. These will be very effective teaching and learning tools as students and teachers will be able to easily share and engage together with what is on their screen. I would like to acknowledge **Amber Proudfoot** for her amazing work with this application, as well as all of the other successful grant applications she has organised this year. We have been awarded **\$23,400** so far in grants this year which is outstanding! We are so lucky to benefit from your expertise, Amber!

Staff Farewells

We will be hosting an Afternoon tea for our two departing staff, Davinia Penman and Sarah Macintosh at 3pm (after our End of Year Assembly) on Thursday 14 December in the Library. We hope that you will be able to join us in farewelling them.

New Student Management System - LINC-ED From Term 1 2018

We are changing our Student Management System (SMS) to LINC-ED and will be live to parents and students from February 2018. LINC-ED is a unique web app for NZ schools that is designed to be simple, secure and stylish. Students' work will be produced digitally, shared digitally and their learning will be captured digitally, brought all together in one central place. LINC-ED allows teachers to upload, embed and link documents, presentations, images and video; receive feedback and set targets. Above all, LINC-ED's e-portfolio system promotes the sharing of learning and creativity. Check out <https://www.linc-ed.com/> (<https://www.linc-ed.com/>) for more information. The teachers are very excited about this move and can't wait to share what is possible for students and parents next year.

Have a wonderful rest of the week.

Ngā mihi na

Jennifer Ioannou
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

We look forward to seeing you and your families at the school events outlined below.

Wednesday 6 December - Thank You Liturgy and "He Atawhai" Classroom Block Opening 6pm
Thursday 7 December - 2018 Transition Morning
Monday 11 December - Year 8 Principal's Day Out
Monday 11 December - Leavers' Dinner 6pm
Wednesday 13 December - End of Year Mass 6pm
Thursday 14 December - End of Year Assembly 2pm; Staff Farewell Afternoon tea 3pm
Friday 15 December - School finishes 1pm

Board Update

- The Board and Staff have completed a first draft Strategic and Annual plan for 2018 - it is a document that sets out our intended priorities to continue to make St Anthony's the best school it can be and it also outlines the philosophy and values that drive those priorities. The document is attached below and we would welcome any comments on this document via the Board email address (bot@stants.school.nz) where you can also indicate whether you would like more information or an opportunity to meet to discuss any particular issues. Comments by 10 February 2018 please so that our Plan can be finalised and signed off at our Board meeting in Week 5 of Term 1 2018 and submitted to the Ministry of Education by 1 March 2018.
- We would like to publicly and sincerely congratulate Sarah Macintosh on her promotion to the position of Junior Syndicate leader at Miramar North School after 10 years of service at St Anthony's, including being our most recent staff trustee on the Board. We will announce a new staff trustee to begin in 2018 for the remainder of this election cycle (to May 2019) once staff have held their election process.
- Reminder of notice of Board resolution (please refer to the notice on our Website <http://www.stants.school.nz/news/2017/11/27/notice-of-board-resolution-to-vary-the-number-of-parent-...> (<http://www.stants.school.nz/news/2017/11/27/notice-of-board-resolution-to-vary-the-number-of-parent-representatives-on-the-board>) - to vary the number of parent representatives on the Board to be discussed at the Board's meeting of 30/11/17 at 7pm, held in the school staff room.

Attachment

Draft 2018 Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan (/Media/Get/530cc27a-8688-4a64-a849-c11019e0c2a5) 
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Faith News

We are absolutely delighted today to have baptised 15 children at our very special mass this morning. It was the first baptism that we have had with so many children being baptised at once. The mass was wonderfully organised by our DRS, Denise Johnson and celebrated by Fr Paul. We congratulate and welcome the following children into God's family and in particular the faith family of the Holy Trinity Parish:-

The Lenes have baptised Basil, Atelaite and Ethel
The Webleys have baptised Hope and Rueben

The Johnsons have baptised Abby
The McLeods have baptised Sophia and Issac
The Jacksons have baptised Curtis, Oliver and Hunter
The Garvies have baptised Kees and Mason
and the
O'Regans have baptised Jimi and Molly



This amazing day has been acknowledged coincidentally with the cross going up on our new block, He Atawhai.

We pray that as these children journey through their school years here at St Anthony's that we achieve the bishops' words that

"Our Catholic School is a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

The Catholic Education of School-Age Children: NZ Catholic Bishops Conference 2014

Please keep all these families in your prayers.

Advent begins tomorrow and we need your help...

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches) and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

As part of our preparation for Christmas over the next two weeks, we will be collecting goodies which will go into Christmas Hampers for families in greater need. This is how we support the work of our St Vincent de Paul team who will be distributing the hamper so December 15th.

So our challenge is to have the office overflowing with goodies.

- Next week is the week of non-perishable food items and toiletries
- The following week is the giving of Christmas goodies and gifts suitable for others. If you wish to provide a gift could you please wrap it and place a note as to the age and gender the gift would suit.

This collection is a practical way we can reach out to bring Christ's love to the homes of our neighbours who are really struggling and for whom this extra help will alleviate their burden - so we say thank you for your help.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Siobhán Bolger** (Kea Class) who has been selected for the U13 Wellington Gold Softball Rep Team. She will be travelling to Whanganui in February. What an outstanding achievement Siobhán!

Congratulations also to **Daniella Zadimas**, who after competing in the Eastern Zone Athletics and the Regional Athletics, has now qualified for the Wellington Regional Primary and Intermediate Schools Athletics Championships to be held in Masterton on Tuesday 5 December.

We are very proud of our **Year 7/8 EPRO8 'Stars' team** who came 3rd in the semifinals yesterday and are through to the Regional Finals. Congratulations to Lucca, Eddie, Sophie and Ruben. What a fantastic result!



A Change for Tui

By
Ariana Tritsarolis

What a change.
The stage has gone,
our desks too.

To top that all off.
We only have,
15 chairs.

I love
this new class.
So much space.

Also,
we have new resources.
A whole bunch of them.

New fancy sliders,
that may I add, is glass.
We can see Kea.

But if I had one wish,
it would be...
That this school went to Year 9.

A Poem on Change

By
Hagan Macfadyen

Change is unpredictable.
It's not what you think.
Change is the cause of difference.

The thing that you least expect is change.
Your brain changes every second
But you don't expect that to happen.

If you don't change you can't grow.
You need change but you don't always want it
When you get it - it's fantastic!

MySchool - Stationery for 2018

We have changed how we order stationery for our students. Beginning 2018, parents/caregivers will now order their child/ren's 2018 stationery online (and pay later) via OfficeMax. You have the opportunity to have the stationery delivered to your home for a small fee or purchase it instore (Victoria Street).

The following link to a flyer which goes into more detail about the new system <http://bit.ly/myschool2018> (<http://bit.ly/myschool2018>)

Once the Year stationery lists are confirmed, they will 'go live' and be available to order/purchase.

Rather than re-charge for items you still have or have been returned unused, parents are able to remove these items from their Year lists and continue on with ordering. We believe this system will be more feasible for parents and will also eradicate the need for the school to bulk buy and hold stationery for the whole school.

MySchool also ensures that we get the cheapest prices at the beginning of the year.

Junior Syndicate Scooter Skills

Last week, the Junior Syndicate students engaged in scooter skills with Hilleke from the Wellington City Council. If parents are looking to buy a new scooter, you can use the promo code for Micro Scooters: SSAnts when ordering online from Micro to receive a discount.



"I learnt to hop off your scooter safely" - Eve

"I learnt when you glide you put your front foot forward and tuck the other foot behind and do one or two pushes" - Alina

"I learnt that you need to always say 1,2,3 stop so you don't hurt other people" - Kahu

Library

Lucky Bookclub

Scholastic Lucky Bookclub has finished for the year with our last orders going in this week. A huge thanks to those families who supported book club this year - the school receives 20% of sales in rewards for free books for our library and classrooms.

Any family that has purchased from Issue 8 (the most recent) and wants to keep the books a secret (like for

Christmas), please email Kate library@stants.school.nz . The books will be set aside and you contacted when they arrive.

Thanks also to those who purchased from the Bookfair we held in Term 2. It was so successful that the school received 30% in rewards!

FOSA

Need some ideas for those hard to buy for relatives or secret santas this Christmas? We have the following available for purchase at the school office:

First Aid Kits - a perfect gift for someone who needs one for the car, boat, bike rides or under a pram.

Large Kits - \$15 each

Small Kits - \$10 each

St Anthony's School Recipe Book - plenty of great ideas that have been tried and tested by our St Anthony's community.

2 for \$15 or \$10 each

Both are also great to have on hand in the cupboard for when you need a quick present.

Thanks for your fabulous support of our school this year.

FOSA

School Lunches

Friday 1 December

Pizza

Thanks to our fabulous parent lunch heroes Nicolette Pink and Lynda Adams. Year 6 helpers are Elena Boulieris and Sam Taylor, thanks guys!

Friday 8 December

Hot Dog & Chips

Thanks to our fabulous parent lunch heroes Lisa Gibson and Kelly McLeod. Year 6 helpers are Summer Hood and William Thurston, 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.

Please find the lunch order form attached below for tomorrow and next Friday. You can also download the form from our school website: <http://www.stants.school.nz/fosa/> (<http://www.stants.school.nz/fosa/>) There are spare copies in the office if you have trouble downloading/printing the form.

Lunch order form

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Community Notices

El Rancho Summer Camp (Sun 14 - Thurs 18 Jan 2018)

Registrations are now open for our Summer Kids Camp for 8-12 year olds! Earlybird tickets are currently available at the discounted rate of \$175, once these sell out tickets will be \$195.

SPLASH Fest is the theme .. join us for a wet and wild adventure like never before: Live bank, competitions, exciting outdoor activities including waterslide, tubing & kayaks, performing arts and loads more. OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available. Follow this link to our website to

register: <http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html> (<https://elrancho.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=25bca47dcec9d1192742dca1b&id=36da2a0250&e=0983361a40>)

'Jewetts' Christmas Carols

Carols on the Green returns to the Seatoun Bowling Club this year for a fun evening for the whole family. Come along from 5pm (Friday 1st December). The bar will be open. Entertainment for the kids. Food will be available but you can bring your own food too. Christmas Carols playing in the background with a couple of compulsory sing-a-longs!. So get your friends and family together, grab the picnic blanket or deck chair and head on down to the bowling club. 12-16 Dundas Street, Seatoun. AND It's all for a good cause, check out <https://www.fosterhope.org.nz/christmas-gift-drive/> (<https://www.fosterhope.org.nz/christmas-gift-drive/>)

Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 10th December 2017

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from *Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall) and FishScene Ltd, 1c Taurimu Street, Hataitai Village*. The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the WCC Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will

assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle. As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food & general maintenance. Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm).

Rata Studios

Are offering 3 days of Making/Creating before Xmas for 10-13 years olds. It's a *Makers Christmas* at Rata Studios. Join us for three fun days exploring and creating to make ordinary Christmas objects extraordinary. Design and build your own holiday decorations and gifts using papier mache, laser cutting and electrical circuits with tutors Jess Weichler and Therese Eberhard. For 10-13 year olds, Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 December. Find out more on our website. <http://ratastudios.co.nz/course/makers-holiday/> (<http://ratastudios.co.nz/course/makers-holiday/>)

Bigair Gymnastics and Cheerleading

We can help make your Christmas Shopping much easier this year! Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM for our Drop & Shop! Get your Christmas shopping done while your children have some active fun at BIGAIR! From Monday the 18th to Thursday the 21st of December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular **pre-Christmas Drop & Shop Holiday Programme!** Our **January Holiday Programme** runs from Monday the 8th to Friday the 26th Jan 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of **gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.** Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions. BIGAIR GYM offers classes in **trampoline, parkour, cheerleading, and tumbling.** We have **gymnastics** classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school aged children. We also host kids Birthday Parties! Term 1 2018 bookings open from Monday 27th Nov 2017, classes fill up fast so call BIGAIR today! Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1 2018 classes online www.bigairgym.co.nz (<http://www.bigairgym.co.nz>) or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR OWHIRO BAY on 383 8779, email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz we would love to hear from you!

The Rock Academy School Holiday Programme

Perfect for aspiring singers and musicians. Programmes will be run in December 2017 & January 2018 For More info, please visit: www.therockacademy.co.nz (<http://www.therockacademy.co.nz/>) Or email: admin@therockacademy.co.nz

Welcome Tours

Presents: Fun Times School Holiday Tour for grandparents and primary school-aged children. This three-day tour to the Wairarapa in January is a great way to nurture the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Any travel hassles are taken care of by Welcome Tours (<http://www.welcometours.co.nz/>) and the small group of holidaymakers finds it easy to have fun and get to know one another. If you haven't done so already, you may wish to inform your school community about this opportunity. Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th January. If you would like to find out more contact Sue Russ, Director, Welcome Tours, phone: 021 163 8471 | 04 478 6033 Bookings and enquiries can be submitted via the website www.welcometours.co.nz (<http://www.welcometours.co.nz/fun-times-school-holiday-tour.html>)

Parent Calendar

November 2017							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
30 Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) focus: Commitment Movin' to School - 8.20 Week 3 Term 4	31 All Saints' Day 09:00 All Saints Day Mas 19:00 BoT meeting	1 Nov All Souls' Day School newsletter sent	2 14:15 Assembly - Kiwi Cl	3	4	5				
6 Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) focus: Commitment Movin' to School - 8.20 Week 4 Term 4 15:15 Student Led Confe	7 09:00 Kiwi Class Mass 10:00 Eastern Zone Athle	8	9	10	11	12 First Holy Communion				
13 Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) focus: Communication Movin' to School - 8.20 Week 5 Term 4	14 09:00 Tui Class Mass 19:00 Baptism Informati	15	16 School newsletter sent 10:00 Kids Sing	17 14:15 Assembly - Tui Cla	18	19				
20 Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) focus: Communication Movin' to School - 8.20 Interzone Athletics	21 Junior Syndicate Scoote Mary Potter Hospice - S +2 more	22	23 Junior Syndicate Scoote 13:00 Stacy Gregg Book	24 13:10 Creative Writing W	25	26				
27 Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) focus: Love Movin' to School - 8.20 Week 7 Term 4	28 House Football Tournar 09:00 Takahe Class Mass	29	30 School Baptism 9am School newsletter sent 19:00 BoT meeting	1 Dec	2	3 14:15 Assembly - House				

Events shown in time zone: Auckland

Calendar



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