



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

### 29 Here-turi-Kōkā 2018 (August)

Kia ora koutou e hoa mā

I have had many people enquiring to place siblings at school due to concern of missing out with the rise in numbers at school. This is a really good idea as we need to know who is coming when we are forming classes. We are at a seven year high at the school with some classes currently full. We have a seven year waitlist for our non preference spots, so unless some leave, even a new born won't make it by their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are looking to have a waitlist for all students later next year if the trend continues.

We have had a big increase in numbers since our cluster sent preschool teachers around all our schools observing the classroom teaching and learning, and saw the difference in approaches. Our ICT provider said of the 30 schools she has worked with, ours has the strongest culture of willingness and openness to change and adapt especially in our most experienced teachers. This is not a 'show off' start to a newsletter, but to say that I am extremely impressed and thankful for the staff who I work with. I also want to ensure we are as organised as we can be, with numbers and class sizes, so people don't miss out and are stuck with their area zoned school.

**Strike / Auporo** - What's happened since the auporo? Not much! Staff are wearing black today to signify that members 'are dark' or 'upset' that there has been no offer. Our big point is teachers being free to teach. By far the biggest concern that teachers bring up is workload. They're dealing with increasing Government requirements to constantly assess and measure children and, at the same time there are more children with high and complex needs in their classrooms without the extra support those learners need.

### Survey / Arotake

We are conducting a survey that we would really like all of you to participate in. As an incentive to get a response from everyone, there will be some decent prizes for the lucky ones 'pulled out of the hat.'

### Māori Made Easy

I have been asked by some of the community who come to Monday lessons for what resources I recommend.

1. For absolute beginners—advanced beginners. [www.tokureo.maori.nz](http://www.tokureo.maori.nz)

This site has 25 minute video lessons—sit back and watch. You can answer questions if you want once it is over. The next day, just watch the next episode and so on. 5 seasons (350 episodes in total). Each set of learning is recapped the next day and then a few days later. The videos were made using latest research into language acquisition so was pretty good at the time (made a few years ago)

2. For beginners who can still study (ie. gets a bit tricky at week 7 but push on!!!!)

Māori Made Easy by Scotty Morrison (Book available at Paper Plus and online)

3. Māori Made Easy #2 by Scotty Morrison (I'm recommending it before it even arrives on the shelf in a week's time. If it is as good as number #1, I can't wait)

I've tried a lot of books, online stuff and apps and these are the favourites so far but everyone learns differently.

Noho ora mai,  
Nāku noa, nā

Dallas Wichman  
Tumuaki

## COMING EVENTS

### September

- 6 Cultural Festival
- 9 Parish/School Mass Rms 1 & 2
- 18-20 Koru Games Rm 7
- 26 BOT Meeting 6pm
- 28 Term 3 ends

Both the **Parish Attendance Dues** invoices for Term 3 (emailed) and the current **school Parent Contribution Statements** were sent home some weeks ago. Please make arrangements for these to be paid in full or via regular small payments by way of automatic payments. If you did not receive an email from the Parish then your account is up to date or they do not have your correct email address (check it hasn't gone to spam/junk)

**Parents of Year 8 students**— please have your outstanding contributions paid to school by the end of the year. It's always good to start college with a clean slate.

Thank you.

## Performance day is almost here ! Thursday 6 September.

Today we tried everyone's costume on for final fittings.

We would be very grateful if anyone has family or friends who might loan us Filipino costumes/national dresses for four of our smaller girls. Please contact the school office urgently if you know someone who can help with this.

The performers will need to be at school by 8.15am on Wednesday 5 September to bus to a rehearsal at Horncastle.

On Thursday 6 September the whole school will travel to Horncastle Arena by bus to participate or watch the show. We have approximately 90 students performing so we would appreciate if all girls (with hair long enough) to come to school with their hair already in a neat bun please.

Please remember if you are coming along to watch you need to be seated by 12.15pm as doors close at 12.30pm



## ENVIRO SAINTS REUSABLE PRODUCTS

**WE ARE SELLING A NEW BATCH OF WRAPS WITH NEW PATTERNS AND IMPROVED INGREDIENTS AND A NEW PRODUCT, REUSABLE METAL STRAWS AND CARRY CASES TO KEEP THEM IN.**



- We now have metal straws to sell. If you are sick of constantly wasting plastic straws, get some of our reusable ones.
- All Money Raised Goes TO Enviro Projects at school.
- The wraps now have a pine resin to make them stickier and last longer.
- We will re wax any old wraps that have started to lose wax.

We will be selling these to the wider community soon, so if you interested, get in quick to get the designs you like.

**We will be selling in the school foyer every Thursday after school.**

We also have an order form online you can access via the parents facebook page.

**SMALL WRAPS**

**\$5**

**LARGE WRAPS**

**\$10**

**STRAWS \$10**



## Book Club

**ISSUE 6 OUT NOW!**

**Orders due back to the office by Friday 31 August**

### ALTAR SERVERS ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Date	Saturday	Sunday
1 / 2 Sept	Ruthie, Chloe, Enric-Roy,	Jasinta, Rachel, Madison
8 / 9 Sept	Hollie, Lola	Ben S-N, Theresa, Aiden
15 / 16 Sept (Samoan Sunday)	Ruthie, Tylah, Shiloh	Salu, Joejerry, Dominic



# Free workshops about living



## waste-free



Kate Meads runs great workshops for learning how to **reduce waste in your household**. Visit [www.thenappylady.co.nz](http://www.thenappylady.co.nz) to find out more about her.

Enviro saints are **offering to pay** for your tickets (\$15-25) so you can go and learn from her. The price of tickets pays for a **goodie bag worth \$60-\$100** full of products to help you be wastefree. If you don't want the goodie bag, you can attend free.

If you are intrested fill out and **return the slip** below and return it to Mr Halkett. If you have any more questions contact Mr Halkett ([josh@stannes.co.nz](mailto:josh@stannes.co.nz), school cell: 027 7755338).

**One paid ticket per family per workshop. Limited number of tickets available to be offered.**

### Food Lovers Masterclass

Sumner

13 September 2018

Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre (Main Hall)

37 Nayland Street, Sumner

Christchurch

Thursday 13 September 2018

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tickets from \$15 - Includes \$60 Goodie Bag

### Waste Free Parenting

South New Brighton

10 September 2018

South New Brighton Community Hall

74 Beatty Street

Christchurch

Monday 10 September 2018

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Tickets \$25 - Includes a \$100 Goodie Bag



I would like a ticket to Kate Mead's workshop.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick which you would like to go to:

☐ Food Lovers Masterclass

☐ Waste Free Parenting

☐ I would like a couples ticket

☐ I have a community services card (allows us to purchase the tickets cheaper)