



# ST ANNE'S

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Kawerongo**  
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**(August)**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Board of Trustees cannot provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike.

The NZEI has advised the St Anne's Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15 August. The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that the school will need to close during this strike.

It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. We know that this is an inconvenience for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact the office if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely  
Evan Taylor  
Board of Trustees Chair

Kia ora koutou e hoa mā

**Strike / Auporo** - I hope you enjoyed our 'Dear Diary' last week. It wasn't a single teacher but more an example day. We love our jobs and what we do, however, hopefully you can see the time and emotional commitment that goes in and why teachers don't hang around long. Principals also often last less than five years due to workload etc. We want to inspire great people to be great teachers. We can't do this with low wages and huge workload and stress. Thank you for your support and my apologies for the inconveniences it will cause.

**What are you doing on Wednesday the 15th? (apart from finding childcare) / Ka te aha koe ā te Rāapa 15?** - For all Catholics, Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption. This day celebrates the assumption of Mary to Heaven at her death. Whilst other denominations have lowered the importance of Mary, Catholics strongly believe that Mary is important. Jesus announced her as our Mother, she was the first disciple and she has been the main figure in all certified apparitions (and non-certified ones). Like Jesus, we believe she ascended body and soul. This day is given so much importance, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means, you, as a Catholic (or your child as a Catholic) are obligated to celebrate Mass and make it Holy!!!!!!

Even if you haven't done it before, talk to your employer about the possibility of leaving work for a few hours to attend Mass, look up Mass times around Christchurch because if they say 'no' there will be early morning and late evening Masses to suit somewhere in Christchurch. Don't be embarrassed, be proud.

Students are getting confused, you tell them love and faith are the most important thing, but people aren't putting it first (or second or third). Showing them love is the most important thing this week. Loving each other and loving God.

Some parents ask me how to help their child who isn't acting how they want at home, what should they do. My suggestion is to go to Church (even if the singing is cringe worthy). Show them you believe love and being thankful are the most important things. Let's not confuse them but lead by example. One hour a week of thinking how we can be better people and being thankful for all we have, sounds good to me. Leave your watch and phone at home, put your arm around your child in your pew, enjoy an hour of cuddles and reflecting. Kia kaha e te whānau!

**Illness / Māuiui** - There is a lot of illness at the moment. Please remember that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should be kept home for at least 24 hours from the last episode of illness. Also if your child has a sore throat, severe coughing or feeling unwell it may be a good idea for them stay home and rest until they are fit and well so they do not relapse. Thank you for your understanding.

### COMING EVENTS

#### August

- 9 Altar Servers Meeting 2.45pm
- 10 Assembly

#### 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

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**Lateness / Tūreititanga** - Student lateness is increasing. The number of students signing in late per day in the past week (for reasons other than appointments) 7, 12, 5, 2, 9, 9. Data proves that being early to an event or learning opportunity increases the learning as you feel more welcome, secure and relaxed due to not being rushed. These emotions promote learning. Not only do you miss some of the lesson, data shows you will learn less for a significant amount of time until you are in the right state. This is usually the 'next lesson' all going well. Suggestions are arriving ten to 15 minutes before school starts, therefore if you arrive at 9.10am, in terms of optimum learning, you are actually 20-25 minutes late. Something to ponder (sorry, I live my life with data and research as a guide).

Noho ora mai,  
Nāku noa, nā



Dallas Wichman  
Tumuaki

PS-don't know what some of the Māori means, come to beginner te reo Māori lessons, Rm 3, Mondays, 2.30-3pm. Tētahi wā tino pai!



### Rms 6 & 7 Porters Ski Trip

- The day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the students who attended. We were very lucky to have received funding to pay for the ski hire and lessons for the day so that those skiing only had to pay \$10 towards the bus, (and extra clothing if needed). We still have some payments outstanding, so if you haven't paid yet can you please do so urgently. Thanks you :)

### Young Vinnies of St Anne's.

Recently some of our Year 7 students attended a Commissioning Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul at the Pro Cathedral. It was a joyful and uplifting occasion. During the Mass all the students made the following pledge:

*We, the members of Young Vinnies, motivated by the Gospel call of Jesus Christ, want to share our gifts and time with other people in a special way.*

*We respect the dignity of each individual, understanding that we are all made in God's image.*

*We will strive to make a positive difference in the lives of other people through our good works and by maintaining a compassionate understanding towards our community both locally and globally.*

*We will treasure our families and encourage our school community to be aware of the needs of others through friendship, Christian values and practical service.*

Let us all pray for these young leaders in our school and continue to support all their endeavours.



*Stella Maris*  
Catholic Parish of Ferrymead

The Parish Attendance Dues invoices for Term 3 were emailed last week. If you have not received yours please check your junk/spam folder. If you still don't have it then it may be that we don't have your correct email address, so please contact the parish office 03 384 1600. Thanks

### ALTAR SERVERS ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Date	Saturday	Sunday
11 / 12 Aug	Ruthie, Zana	Tina, Allyssa, Madison
18 / 19 Aug (Samoan Sunday)	Ruthie, Hollie, Lola	Ben S-N, Keyarn, Rachel
25 / 26 Aug (Filipino Sunday)	Nico, Leilani	Sabrina, Sophia, Abyrse