



ST ANNE'S

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Newsletter

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Thanks to those who attended the recent parish AGM, here is the principal's report on the state of the school for those that missed it.

E te pāriha, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

It is my pleasure to present this report, containing the state of St Anne's Catholic School, to the parish.

Enrolments—Over the last year, the school has been very busy. We have had a large roll increase and are sitting at around 140 students (last year 110 at the same time) and are looking to finish at around 150. If the trend continues we may have to have a waitlist for entry to the school in the very near future. While it is not a competition how many students we have, it is an indicator of the great things going on in the school and the confidence of the community. It also means, more students, more people coming closer to God.

Staffing updates—As a staff, we welcomed Clara Mapley as a permanent staff member, and Hazel Harnett-Garbes to the team this year. They are both new to the teaching profession but are proving to be inspirational. Our staff are a tight unit and we get along really well.

Professional Development—In terms of professional development this year, teachers are completing the paper 'TH501 Catholic Social Teaching.' as part of the Diploma of Religious Studies. We are doing a lot with e-Learning which involves the use of digital learning. We are still part of the 'Accelerating Learning in Literacy' development offered by the University of Canterbury. We also continue to develop our te reo Māori as we have been for the last few years.

Parish links—The school has continued to enjoy being part of the parish through school Masses. We thank you for your patience and positive comments after these Masses. We were overjoyed to have 19 students from school in the First Communion programme this year. It was a lovely event and we thank the parish for their prayers. We thank Marian Jones for her inspirational ideas and leading of RE in our school. The 'Walk with Jesus' Holy Thursday walk and service was her idea, along with the Pentecost/birthday celebration. It is nice to have some thinking outside the box when inspiring the children.

Role of the parish—Unfortunately, it is rare that an 'ideal' Catholic is enrolled. However, I am utterly impressed by the evangelizing nature of Fr Dan and the parish. You truly welcome people to the church and help all families to progress through the sacraments. It is rare at St Anne's for a child to enter the school and not finish it a baptised Catholic or with a much stronger faith. That says something and I for one, praise Fr Dan, our staff and the parish for this.

Commitment to our bicultural foundations—As a school, we have a strong commitment to Māori language and culture. Whilst only around 20% of students are of Māori descent and around 30% of staff, we are all New Zealanders and we wouldn't be New Zealanders without respecting our bicultural foundations and the Treaty of Waitangi. We also know from research that Māori students achieve far higher in a school that understands Māori and values the students and their culture. We also know students who can speak more than one language have higher cognitive function. I have a vision of students leaving our school speaking both English and Māori well and having a strong knowledge of both cultures. I have appreciated the support by some community and parish members asking if we can run courses for them.

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COMING EVENTS

June

- 28 Matariki Sth Library Rms 1 & 2
- 29 Assembly Rms 3 & 5
Disco 5—6pm

July

- 4 BOT meeting 6pm
- 6 Assembly Rms 1 & 2
- 7-22 **July School Holidays**

- 23 Term 2 commences 9am
- 26 St Anne's Feast Day

August

- 1 SE Zones Winter Tourn Yrs 5-8

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We have just started a 'beginners class' for parents and parishioners which hopefully we will get more and more to. I have currently been asked to work with all Catholic schools in the use of te reo Māori in prayer within their schools. This is because there is a strong bicultural emphasis in the new Religious Education Bridging document and also the National Liturgical Office are wanting to promote more use of te reo Māori. It's nice to be ahead of the game in education for a change.

Property—We have had a full school paint over the Christmas break. This was to make the school a little more child friendly whilst keeping on top of the maintenance. We have also had a lot of old water pipes re-laid in the school due to wear and tear.

To conclude, I love leading this school and I thank the Stella Maris Parish for all the support you give to me and the school. We are truly giving our best in the learning and faith development of the children in our school. I have a saying I use when any visitor is welcomed onto our school.

Ko Īhu te tauira (Jesus is our example)

Nā tāna korero (by his words)

Nā tāna mahi (by his actions)

Nā tāna whakahau (by his commandments)

Mā te mahi e whakatinana ai te whakapono (we live our faith)

Mā te Atua koutou e whakamānawa! (God bless you all!)

Safety At The Gate—Even in the week since our last week's newsletter, in which gate and road patrol safety was addressed our staff and student road patrol have witnessed at least three unsafe manoeuvres outside our school; illegal parking on yellow lines; parking across driveways; and unsafe U turns outside the school. **PLEASE** stop these unsafe practices for the safety of our students and other road users!

School Arrival Time—Now that winter is truly here and making itself felt we remind you that school doesn't open until 8.30am. If child/ren need to be here before 8.30am then you need to enrol them in Kidsbase. If they walk or bike, they should leave later so they don't arrive before 8.30am. Waiting in the foyer **is not an option**, as it disrupts the Reading Recovery programme being taught each morning before school.

Winter Uniform— It is alarming the number of students who don't come dressed for cold weather. We have, and continue to, distribute jackets donated by Kidscan, to all students. There really is no need for students to arrive without a sweatshirt or jacket; or suitable school shoes, as we can assist with these as well if necessary.

Cultural Festival Tickets-Tickets purchased through school will be distributed in Term 3. If you missed the close off you can still purchase directly from Ticketek. As in the past few years we will be taking the students not involved in kapahaka to watch. The cost for this will be \$5 and a note with details will be sent home soon.

Dallas Wichman



Principal

ALTAR SERVERS ST ANNE'S CHURCH

	Saturday	Sunday
30 June/1 July	Zana Solodi Hollie Parker Lola Edlin	Jasinta Tanoai Dominic Tanoai
7/8 July	Ruthie Atherton Tylah Harrison	Tina Tiatia Rachel Tauanuu Henry Swain
14/15 July and 21/22 July	Volunteers for the holidays please	

MuftiMania 2018



Apifo'ou College in Tonga needs our help...

This year we're supporting the students and staff of Apifo'ou College to rebuild classrooms and replace resources damaged by Cyclone Gita.

LOCK IN THE DATE TODAY!

Friday 6th July 2018

www.caritas.org.nz

www.nzcppa.org.nz



A joint project of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

'The Kingdom of Tonga'

dress as Queens, Kings, Princesses or Princes for the day

Each student is asked to bring an item for the Bake such as:

- ✂ Home baking - cakes, muffins, biscuits, etc; or
- ✂ home made preserves - jams, chutneys, pickles, bottled fruit, etc; or
- ✂ Home made sweets.

The Fundraising activities and items below will be available to purchase.
All proceeds will go to CARITAS to forward to the Apifo'ou College in Tonga

ROOM 7 - BAKE SALE

Room 6 — sausage sizzle

Rooms 3 & 5 — indoor/outdoor games

Rooms 1 & 2- raffle



Magical Musical Mayhem—Holiday Programme

Here at the Christchurch School of Music we are offering a holiday programme for children aged from 7-12 years as part of the Kidfest programme from 16-20 July in our Music Centre at 60 Ferry Rd. The programme will run from 9am-3pm each day. It's going to be a holiday programme with a difference as it has a strong musical theme. Children will be able to learn an instrument, play in

an ensemble, participate in singing games and rhythm activities and complete musical themed art activities. Although it says 7-12 years on the Kidsfest website we will also accept 5 and 6 year olds.



St Bede's College Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for St Bede's College 2019.

All students wishing to attend St Bede's need to submit a completed application to the College by 27 July 2018.

Application forms can be downloaded from the St Bede's College website <https://www.stbedes.school.nz/welcome/enrolment/> or you can collect one from the College.

For further information please contact enrol@stbedes.school.nz

WANTED

St Anne's Students

RODEO DISCO



5.30 - 7.00PM

FRIDAY 29th JUNE

ST ANNE'S RANCH
(School Hall)

REWARD

Prizes on the night

DOOR ENTRY \$2

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2

DRINKS & SWEETS \$1 EACH

GLOW STICKS FROM \$1 EACH

