



ST ANNE'S

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Talofa Lava

Welcome to Samoan Language week!

Around 25% of our students are Samoan and are a big part of our community. To celebrate, tomorrow we are having some Samoan food at lunchtime, so students don't need to bring as much as usual for lunch. **To be safe, just leave one thing out of their lunch tomorrow.** We also have a display in the library, a display in the foyer and prayers in Samoan.

THURSDAY

- Bring slightly less in lunches
- Samoan students can wear Samoan culture attire

FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND!!!!

This is exciting for 18 of our students and their families. It would be great if as many people as possible come to support our children (if you are staying in town over the long weekend). It is during the normal 10.30am Sunday Mass. It is interesting that Jesus' disciples spent around three years learning from him and then the night before he died, they shared in the Eucharist with him. It took them three years to understand it and even then they were confused. The Church in Christchurch allows eight year olds to take first communion which is three years after they start school where they learn more about their faith. While we can get carried away with the look, the photos, the feast etc, it is the sacrament that is most important.

CONTACT

A reminder that contact with staff should be firstly to the classroom teacher via email ('first name'@stannes.co.nz) or the school phone (03) 3843073. Please refrain from text or messenger contact. Staff don't have school phones so please allow them to separate personal life from work for their wellbeing. If you feel the teacher was unable to resolve your issue then you can contact me and I will check the correct process has been followed. Thank you for your understanding here. Calls regarding student absence should always be made to the school phone, which if unanswered will allow a message to be left.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman
Principal

COMING EVENTS

June

- 3 Holy Communion 10.30am
- 4 **Queens Birthday Holiday**
- 8 R6 Art Gallery visit
- 10 Rm 1 & 2 Class Mass 10.30am
- 13 Catholic Convention



CHALLENGE: Hebe Hopa (above) tackles the mud head on. Left - Hottie Parker jumps from the scaffolding. Right - Eve Solodi climbs through the obstacle course.

PHOTOS: GORDON TRIGG



Pupils show true grit

ST ANNE'S Catholic School produced an unconventional cross-country event, using an obstacle course which involved ducking, diving and getting muddy.

The Grit Challenge was the idea of a parent who works for a scaffolding company and involved a technical run including two crossings, jumping a fence, tunnels, poles, large barrels

and several mud-based obstacles.

The pupils climbed up a four-level scaffolding feature and jumped off into matting.

Principal Dallas Wichman said the challenge was put together to promote the school's attitude of grit.

"To persist when things get difficult and give things a go which we know is a big determinant of success in life."

"The event was amazing and brings so many families rather than the traditional 'running around the park' style cross-country which we know is dead boring."

He said the pupils loved the course.

"They loved getting really high on the scaffolding obstacle and dropping off onto our high jump mat."



This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe that through the power of God, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus, who gives himself to us in a very special way. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life," and when we share in the Eucharistic meal, we share life with the Son of God himself. Children all over the country will be making their First Communion on Sunday. We pray especially for our students who will be making their First Communion at 10.30 on Sunday morning here at St Anne's and wish them a very happy day.

Space Rocket

On 2nd of May, Wednesday afternoon, the first ever school rocket was successfully launched from New Zealand. It flew into the sky about 10ms from earth. The unmanned St Anne's rocket named Orbiter 13 took off from St Anne's airfield at 2:00 pm and touched down on Earth at 2:00 pm. 28 people witnessed the memorable event and a video of the launch was successfully recorded by St Anne's best video recorders named Rian Sulu, and Josh Franklin.

"Today represents a significant milestone in open access to the sky, to better understand our planet and improve life on earth," St Annes spacecraft council said. "This is the beginning of new life and St Anne's spacecraft scientists are already starting new rocket experiments to reach further heights".

St Anne's spacecraft President Josh Halkett is planning to launch another St Anne's space rocket to the moon and they are still waiting for a approval of the National spacecraft President Mr Dallas Wichman to sign the paper, St Anne's spacecraft vice President John Ballon is planning a bigger, better and stronger space rocket and developing new rocket fuel.

*By John Ballon
Rm 5*

Linwood Avenue Community Corner Trust is reopening this coming weekend, Saturday June 2nd, with an open day from 10am until 2pm with tours of our new facilities, children's activities, demonstrations of our regular classes and of course snacks and drinks for everyone!