



St Anne's Catholic School

Living our faith through our actions

1906 - 2016

discovering our past, living our present, inventing our future

What an exciting week we have just had. Students were excited about finding their new classes and seeing all the changes over the holidays. The staff have been extremely busy getting some exciting programmes ready, helping our new teachers, Josh Halkett and Sarah Lean-Massey to get ready and reorganising all of our resources.

Whaka Inaka: This week we are going on our first visit to where Steam Wharf Stream (the one behind our school) enters the Heathcote. We are going as part of the Whaka Inaka conversation programme, which gives us a chance to encourage more whitebait (Inaka) back into our rivers. Classes will all visit the site at least once and then our newly formed Enviro group will make observations of the conditions and whether there are pests in the area on a weekly basis. **If you are able to assist a class in walking down, please contact them via e-mail (addresses on our website) today if possible or pop in to see them tomorrow. Each class will need one to two parent helpers.**

St Anne's in the news—Last week our juniors were on TV3 news while they were at the Art Gallery, see Room 1's blog if you missed it. You can get to it from our website. I was on CTV talking about 'back to school' and we had a big section of the Southern View on Monday talking about our logo change and what it represents. You can access this online also.

TOMORROW

Furniture Sale: 3-5pm—In the St Anne's Hall. Lots of cheap furniture we no longer need. Help us make some space.

Meet the staff Fish and Chip night: Please come down and have dinner at school then look around your child's class and other rooms (please do try to get around all of them). Bring some fish and chips or dinner of your choice and hangout with us. We understand work finishes at different times for people so arrive anytime after 5pm and we will finish up by 6.30pm. All family members are invited.

Road Survey: Not all of these came back. Please return by Friday. This is for the safety of your children. I have attached it again over the page.

God Bless

Dallas Wichman

Ash Wednesday, The Beginnings of Lent—Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water.

While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call with repentant hearts. This mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent.



COMING EVENTS



February

- 11 Furniture Sale Hall 3pm
- Meet the Teacher Fish & Chip night 5pm—6.30pm
- 20 Philippines Day Cathedral Sq 12—4pm
- 23-26 Yr 7/8 Camp—Hororata
- 24 Estuary Trip Rms 1 & 2 12.30—2pm

March

- 7-18 Swim Weeks—Pioneer Pool
- 9 Have a Go Day—Winter sport Sports Spectacular Yr 3/4 — Linfield Pk
- 25-29 **Easter Break**

April

- 15 End of Term

February Birthdays

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| Leilani | Rm3 | 3rd |
| Chris | Rm5 | 5th |
| Chloe | Rm5 | 12th |
| Nathaniel | Rm3 | 13th |
| Harley | Rm5 | 15th |
| Laurah | Rm2 | 16th |
| Lola | Rm3 | 17th |
| Naomi-Clare | Rm5 | 17th |

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| Taylan | Rm3 | 18th |
| Joejerry | Rm2 | 21st |
| Zshavana | Rm1 | 25th |
| Zander | Rm5 | 26th |
| Rachel | Rm3 | 26th |
| Asa | Rm5 | 26th |
| Mackenzie | Rm1 | 28th |

\$3 Pie Day Fridays

• Mince • Mince + Cheese • Steak & Cottage (potato topped mince)
Place order in Rm 3 before school and it will be delivered piping hot to your room ready for lunch !



Lunch orders are now available on Wednesday.
Order envelopes are available in the foyer and should be placed in the green mail box in the office.

Play Rugby in 2016 - Linwood Rugby Club – 56 Kearneys Road

Linwood Rugby Club invites all existing and new players to register for the 2016 season – we have teams for 5 – 13 year olds. IF YOU ARE NEW TO LINWOOD RUGBY PLEASE BRING A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE WHEN YOU REGISTER. Under 6 to Under 8's grades NO subscription fees. Under 9 - 13 grades \$50 per player, with a maximum of \$50.00 for the entire family at junior level.

Linwood Registration Dates are:
 Sunday 14th Feb - 11am - 2pm
 Thursday 18th Feb 2016 - 5.30pm - 7.00pm
 Sunday 21st Feb - 10am - 12pm

All new and returning players must attend a registration to be weighed so that they can be placed into the correct grade.

Orienteering Day at the Groynes - Sunday 28 February 2016

Fishing lakes, Johns Road

Mass starts regularly from 10.30am—1pm

For more info ring Christchurch City Council on 941 8999 or visit www.bethere.co.nz



Crossing Survey—Please complete and return to the classroom teacher

Child's Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Please tick

- My child crosses Ferry Road most days.
- My child enters and exits a car on Ferry Road most days.
- My child walks home but does not cross Ferry Road most days.
- My child enters and exits a car but not on Ferry Road most days.
- Other (please briefly explain) _____