



St Anne's Catholic School

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Hi everyone

My name is Dallas Wichman and I am the newly appointed Principal to St Anne's school and I am looking forward to being part of the school's community. When I came to look around the school to see if it was the place for me, I was drawn to the school by the friendly and welcoming students and staff. When you walk into a school you get a feeling of what the school is like, and at St Anne's I felt a sense of belonging and care.

Yesterday was no different, the powhiri was a special welcome to the school with many of the tangata whenua speaking including Fr Dan, Rhondda Sullivan, Peter Callanan and Sister Kathleen. I was lucky enough to have people who are important to me, join me in the occasion with my family, ex-colleagues, and my parish priest all supporting me. A big thank you to Judi Parker for her efforts in organising the event and the Kapahaka group for their great singing.

Thanks to all of you who have made yourself known to me and to those who haven't please pop in and say hello if you are around the school. I look forward to meeting a lot of you at the Parish/School Mass this Sunday. It is a very special day as it is the feast day of St Anne, the person who our school was named after. St Anne is Mary's mother, therefore Jesus' grandmother and is the patron saint of mothers and of women in labour. Little is known about St Anne apart from what is found in the Gospel of James, which is not part of our Catholic Bible. Why do we then honour someone we know little about? We know the parents of Our Lady nurtured her, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was her parents' teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." Their example must have been followed as she brought up Jesus. It was their strong faith that helped Mary have the strength and courage through his life and crucifixion.

St Anne, pray for all parents and caregivers that they may provide the loving home and faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen.

God Bless you all and have a happy feast day.

Dallas Wichman

Principal

COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 24 St Anne's Feast Day Assembly/
Concert 9am
Basketball Certs presented by
Canterbury Basketball
- 26 Parish & School Mass 10.30am
St Anne's Feast Day
- 27-31 Maori Language Week
- 31 SE Zone Winter Tournament

AUGUST

- 3-4 PLP Interviews Rooms 4 & 6
- 6 Parent Meeting—LIFE Education
- 7 Rm 2 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon
- 14 Science Slam 9-10.30am
- 19—20 PLP interviews Room 5
- 20—24 LIFE Education Programme
- 21 Rm 1 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon
- 27 Canty Winter Tournament
- 31 Cultural Festival Week

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Mission Fair Mufti Day –mystery
prize
- 4 Rm 5 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon
- 6 Fathers Day
- 7-11 Social Justice Week
- 8 Jump Rope for Heart Day
- 9 Mission Fair Mufti Day –class raffle
- 11 Rm 6 Assembly 9am Mass 12noon
Winning speeches at assembly
- 23 MISSION FAIR
- 25 Term 3 Finishes 3pm

St Anne's Feast Day Concert

9.00am Friday 24 July

In the Mission Centre

Please come and help us celebrate our feast day with
poetry, song and dance.

We extend a special invitation to all grandparents
as we remember St Anne, the grandmother of Jesus.

Sports at St Anne's For Term 3

Winter Weekly Sports - Continues on Thursday at Hagley Park for Room 6. All three teams have been training hard and are seeing some good results.

Basketball – Training continues on a Monday mornings for both the Year 5/6 team and Year 7/8 team. Competition starts in Week 2 and goes through to week 7. Both teams have impressed so far this season, Year 7/8 are first and Year 5/6 are second in their grades. Certificates will be awarded by James from Canterbury Basketball on Friday 24 July.

South East Zone Winter Tournament- This is held at Hagley Park on Friday 31st July. We have 7 teams entered, involving children from Room 5 and 6 plus a few from Room 4.

A big thank you to all the parents who have offered to help on the day, anyone else who is interested are welcome to join us on the day.

Jump Rope for Heart: During Term 3 each class will train for our Jump Rope for Heart Day in week 8. More information about this day will be available closer to the date.

As promised we hope to have the new sports uniform on display in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for it.



A big **THANK YOU** to Kay Taylor,
grandmother of Harley and Amy for the
beautiful new cushions in
the Learning Centre.
They are just wonderful!

If you have a 4wd vehicle and rope and can assist with straightening the basketball hoop pole could you please contact the school office. Thank you.

GARDEN CLUB

We are making a new garden and hoped someone may have a rotary hoe and could help dig over the area for our new garden. Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you.

Faith Facts

July 25th – St James the Apostle: James, son of Zebedee was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle.

Laudato Si'

Pope Francis's highly anticipated encyclical - *Laudato Si'* is now out. Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Here are some things to know and share.

What are the basic facts about this encyclical?

An encyclical is a teaching document issued by the pope. Encyclicals are among the more solemn and thus more authoritative papal documents. This one is called *Laudato Si'* ("Be praised" or "Praise be to you")—a line by St. Francis of Assisi. *Laudato Si'* is the first encyclical prepared entirely at Pope Francis's initiative. It is devoted to ecology and related themes.

If anyone has access to paper or card that can be used for artwork I would love to hear from you.

Marian Jones (Rm 2)



GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND
at the GONDOLA!

Bring your grandparents to the Christchurch Gondola on 25 and 26 July and enjoy some special time with the family!

PLUS receive a free digital family photo from our photographers!

Children FREE
Grandparents \$15 (\$10 off)



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PERSONALISED LEARNING PLAN (PLP) INTERVIEWS Room 5 will

Rooms 4 & 6 - Monday 3 & Tuesday 4, August

(Room 5 interviews will be held following Mrs Reddy's return later in the term)

Your follow up interview based on the report sent home at the end of term 2 will be held on Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 August. This will allow you as parents/caregivers, your child and teacher to look at areas of success, next steps in learning and social development of key competencies for your child.

Please complete and return the form below to the office by **Wednesday 29 July** to enable us to confirm your interview time by way of a timetable to be sent home Friday 1 August.

We will endeavour to accommodate your preferred time however this will work on a 'first in' basis.



INTERVIEW TIME FORM (Each interview will be 15 minutes)

Dates and Times:

Monday 3 August 3.15pm to 6.45pm & Tuesday 4 August 3.15pm to 4.45pm

Child's Name :

Room No :

Preferred Day and Time

PARISH & SCHOOL MASS - 26 July 2015

St Anne's Feast Day

This coming Sunday, 26 July, the whole school will join the St Anne's parish for the 10.30am Mass in the St Johns Hall. Pupils will be taking part in a variety of ways.

The pupils' involvement at Sunday Mass is an important aspect of our special character and faith development. Could you please fill in the form below with names of your children who will be attending and **return it to the class teacher** tomorrow, Thursday 23 July, **whether children are attending or not.**



Parish & School Feast Day Mass - Sunday, 26 July 2015

Participation In Sunday Mass – 10.30am

My child / children (will / will not) be able to participate in this Mass.

Name : _____ Room No : _____ Name : _____ Room No.: _____

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Parent / Caregiver : _____ (Please print) Signed: _____ Date: _____

Community Statement for the St Anne's Parish and Primary School

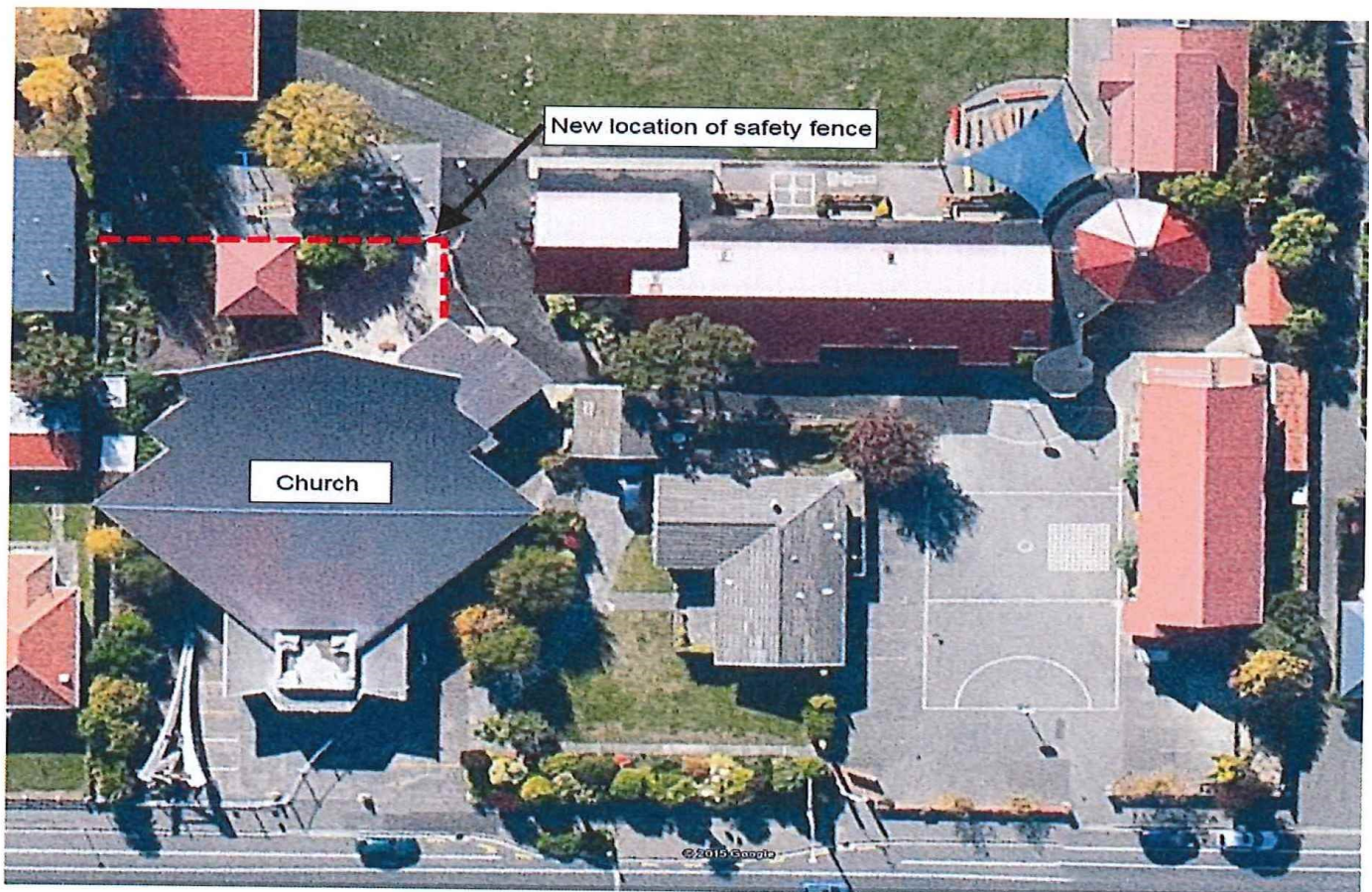
In August 2015 work will commence on the St Anne's Church to enable the Church to be re-opened for Mass. This work consists of the following:

- The top 3 metres of brick will be removed from the external face of the high back walls of the church plus the removal of the brick down to window level at the south eastern corner of the Church.
- Inside the Church new connections will be installed to improve the connections between the roof diaphragm and the walls (in three locations).
- The two walls at the front entrance of the Church will be strengthened by encasing them with plywood sheets.

The duration of this work is approximately eight weeks and the Contractor nominated to undertake the work is Farrell Construction Ltd.

Because the top 3 metres of brick will be removed from the back wall the position of the safety fence at the back of the Church can be slightly adjusted to enable the School to start their Spring Garden.

The new position of the safety fence is shown on the image below and this position has been approved by the Structural Engineer.



Keith Beal
Property and Development Manager
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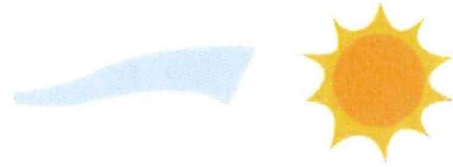
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17th July 2015

LIFE EDUCATION

Learning with Harold



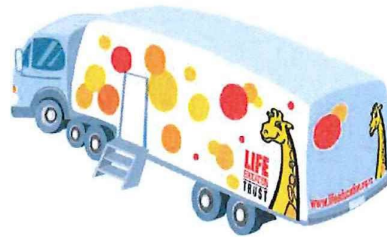
Dear Parents and Supporters

An information session will be held on Thursday 6th August and we would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents or interested supporters to come along and find out how Life Education Trust can have a meaningful impact on your child's personal growth and development.

Date: Thursday 6th August

Time: 2.30 pm (Pre- school crèche available)

Location: Life Education Classroom



Who is Life Education?

Life Education is a charity that delivers a range of high quality health education to over 225,000 primary and intermediate school children each year. We go into schools by invitation and our program is linked into the school curriculum. Life Education is the largest provider of children's health education in New Zealand.

What children learn from the Life Education Programme?

Life Education is a preventative approach and through its programme teaches children about the wonder of life, themselves, and other people, with the aim of showing them how to reach their full potential.

The Life Education Programme contains five major strands:

- 'Self Esteem'; focus on building a positive personal image.
- 'Social Relationships' focus on friendships, bullying and self-responsibility.
- 'Body Systems' teaches children about various aspects of the body and their functions.
- 'Food and Nutrition' discuss body image, exercise, nutrition and good health.
- The 'Substances' modules are tailored to explore the effects of legal and illegal drugs on the human body.



Thank you for your support
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