



E-Newsletter # 5
Term 2 Week 4

Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Upcoming Dates

Friday 15 May

PINK SHIRT DAY
Stop Bullying
Friday 15 May 2026
GOLD COIN
DONATION

No Hub Led Mass

Assembly
Led by Tika Tuatahi
1.30pm

Monday 18 May
Liturgy
9am

**A very big
welcome!**

To the following students (and
their whanau) who have
recently started at our school

Nicole Java
Yhin Rull
Delta Toafa
Elijah Falemai-Seuula

Greetings, Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, **Kia Orana, Fakalofa atu, Kumusta, Shlama Ellokhon, Zdravo, Kona Mauri, Malo Ni, Salam Alaikum, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Chao Ban**

As we reach the midpoint of Term 2, I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful achievements and growth we've witnessed over recent weeks

Student-Led Conferences - Last night

Our Student-Led Conferences are taking place **tonight (Wednesday, May 13th) from 3:00pm onwards**. If you haven't already booked your time slot, there may still be spots available at www.schoolinterviews.com (Access Code: rt4qw).

Our students are demonstrating such maturity, confidence, and ownership of their learning. They are articulating their thinking clearly, showing genuine enthusiasm for their achievements, and setting thoughtful goals for their continued growth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - A Journey of Grace

We are blessed to have begun our Sacrament of Reconciliation programme with our students. Last Wednesday, our Year 7-8 students experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our parish priests. Today our Year 3-4 students are participating in this beautiful sacrament.

Fr Tony, Fr Carl, Fr Kevin, and Fr Peter - will continue to guide our students through this sacred experience of God's mercy and forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a precious gift in our Catholic faith. It offers our students the opportunity to. We are grateful to our priests for their gentle, pastoral approach with our students, and to our teachers for preparing the children so thoughtfully for this sacrament. This is a beautiful moment in our students' faith journey, and we thank you for supporting your children through this experience at home as well.

Life Education Trust

The Life Education caravan arrived on site this week, and students have been thoroughly engaged in learning about health, wellbeing, and making positive choices. Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education team have been teaching our students about their bodies, healthy habits, resilience, and decision-making. This programme provides age-appropriate health education that complements our school curriculum and supports our students' overall wellbeing.

School Uniform

Do you have any second hand uniform that your child no longer fits and is clean and in good condition? We would love to be able to give it to other families - please drop the uniform at the school office or library.

If you need any second hand uniform, please see Mrs Downes or Mrs Watson in the library. Limited stock, so check regularly.

Attendance Dues

If you would like to discuss your account or are having difficulty making payments, please contact Mrs Sparks at the school office - we are here to help you. Ph 09 269 0023

Please pay by Eftpos or cash at the school office.

We also welcome internet banking.

If you choose this option, the school bank account details are as follows:

St Anne's Catholic School
(Manurewa) Board

ACCOUNT DETAILS:

ASB [12 3032 0129996 00](#)

Reference: Please ensure you include your child's name as a reference.

Amount: Choose your frequency of payments - weekly, fortnightly, monthly or termly.

3G4G Festival at Buddhist Temple

On May 6th, students from Arohanui and Tūmanako attended the 3G4G Festival at the Buddhist Temple. This wonderful interfaith experience allowed our students to learn about different cultural and religious perspectives, building understanding and respect for diversity. Our students engaged thoughtfully with the experience, asking respectful questions and showing genuine interest in learning about others' beliefs and practices. These experiences help our young people develop the cultural competence and open-mindedness needed to thrive in our diverse world.

Teacher Only Day - Maths Curriculum Professional Development

On May 11th, our teaching staff participated in Accord Day 3 - professional learning focused on the revised New Zealand Mathematics Curriculum. Our teachers engaged in activities that create a deeper understanding of mathematical processes, Geometry and Rational Numbers. This investment in professional learning directly benefits your children, ensuring they receive high-quality, contemporary mathematics education.

Ngā mihi nui

Glen Ryan
Principal

My God, I will look to you confidently for grace.

M Frances Warde

Navigating Success Together:

New Tautai Pacific RTLB Site Now Live



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In our commitment to "navigating" (Tautai) toward better outcomes for our ākonga, RTLB (Cluster 12) has a new website dedicated to supporting our Pacific students, families, and educators. This site features a wealth of resources, including:

- Cultural Resources: Tools to support Pacific worldviews in the classroom.
- Pacific Stories: Engaging content for our learners.
- Professional Learning: Insights and recordings from our RTLB Fono.

We invite you to visit, explore, and share this resource with your networks. Visit the site: [Click Here](#)

St Anne's Catholic School Board Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Colin Hopkins (Presiding Member)

St Anne's Catholic School Board
office@stanne.school.nz

Parade Day for St Anne's Netball

St Anne's Netball Club had its opening round and parade day last Saturday. The club plays at the Netball Manurewa Centre on Browns Rd and always brings the atmosphere to parade day. This year the club dressed in Mardi Gras theme and chanted a cheer written by Kahlani. The club won Best Dressed Junior Team Trophy and the Cheer Trophy both now proudly displayed in the school reception.

BSLA (BETTER START LITERACY APPROACH)

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Your child's class will be participating in the BSLA (Better Start Literacy Learning Approach). BSLA is a structured reading and writing programme we use school-wide to develop student literacy skills.

As part of this approach, some information/data about your child's learning will be collected by the University of Canterbury. Please be assured that all data will be kept private and used only for research purposes. No individual student will be identified in any reports.

If you do not want your child's data to be collected by the University of Canterbury or have any questions, please contact Mrs Milich-Misikini: joannem@stanne.school.nz

Ngā manaakitanga

Joanne Milich-Misikini
Tumuaki Tuarua/Associate Principal
Find attached resources for whānau

[BSLA - Better Start Literacy Approach](#)

MPSSA Boys Football Tournament

On Wednesday 6th May, 11 Year 5 and 6 boys represented St Anne's at the MPSSA Boys Football Tournament. Many of us were excited because it was our first time playing football.

We started the day well by winning our first game 6-0. We then played three more games, winning two and drawing one. After lunch and a rest break, we played in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was very close and ended in a draw, so we had a penalty shootout. After three rounds of penalties, we won and made it into the final.

The final was another tough game, but we worked hard as a team and won 2-1. We were very proud to finish 1st in B Grade Division 1.

Thank you to our coaches, Mr Ross and Miss Israel, for training and encouraging us. Thank you also to our whānau for supporting us during the day.





Thank you to all the volunteers who run the club, and the whanau who support them with practices and on the courts on Saturday. A great start to the season, goooo St Anne's!



MPSSA Girls Football Tournament

Congratulations to our amazing St Anne's Y5/6 Girls Football Team for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship at the MPSSA Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament. The girls proudly represented our school with pride, respect, teamwork, and positivity throughout the day. We are proud to share that the team placed **1st in B Grade Division 1** and also received the **Sportsmanship Award** for their positive attitude and encouragement on and off the field. Well done, girls!



Car Park Safety - Thank You and Wet Weather Reminder

Thank you to our school community for the improvements in car park safety. The majority of families are using designated parking spaces, keeping driveways clear (especially around the church office and priests' house), and being patient during busy times. Your cooperation makes a real difference.

Wet Weather Parking Reminder:

As we move into winter with more frequent rain, please remember:

- **Park only in designated spaces** - not on grass areas
- **Allow extra time** - wet weather creates more congestion
- **Drive slowly and carefully** - visibility is reduced in rain
- **Keep pathways clear** - students need safe, dry paths

During wet weather, it can be tempting to park closer to avoid getting wet, but **safety must come first**. If the car park is full, please park on nearby streets legally and safely, or arrive a few minutes earlier or later to avoid peak times.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and for modeling safe, considerate behavior for our students.