

St Anne's Catholic School

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Upcoming Dates

Week 7

Wednesday 29 November Senior Kapa Haka Practice Multipurpose Room

Parent Information Meeting for Weet-Bix TRYathlon 3.00pm, Arohanui Tuatahi

Thursday 30 November Year 8 Tumanako Student's Retreat Tyburn Monastery

Friday 1 December

"We are made in the image and likeness of God." Genesis 1:27



Venue - Outdoor stage on our school field

11.15am

Come and have lunch with your children....bring a blanket and picnic lunch.

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Celebrate a selection of our school's cultures and support your children - hope you can join us!

Don't forget your sun hat, sunscreen and water to drink. Keep safe and sunsmart.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Cultural Dance Festival

On Friday we will be celebrating our cultural diversity through dance with our annual Cultural Dance Festival. Through song and dance we share our uniqueness and our Oneness in Christ.

- we come from different places, countries
- each culture represents a part of who God is
- we each have a story
- different gifts brought our families to NZ

We begin with lunch from 11.15am. You are most welcome to bring a blanket, kai, and a large umbrella. Hopefully the day is overcast. The festival itself will begin at 12.30pm. We ask that all our pupils stay for the full Festival.

A sausage sizzle, lollies and bottled water will be available to purchase on the day.

End of Year Activities

Our Year 8 Retreat will be held at the <u>Tyburn Monastery</u> in Bombay. This is an idyllic retreat centre. Check out the website.

Our Year 6 Boys Retreat will be held at <u>Chosen Valley</u> in Ararimu Valley. This is more of an action packed day. Remember your togs boys.

Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for our Year 6 Boys and Year 8 Girls will be celebrated on Tuesday 12 December at 7pm in the Church. It is a time to reflect on their journey and celebrate their contributions as a school community.

School Prizegiving

We look forward to our School Prizegiving on Friday 8th December at 12.30pm in the Church. It is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the success of the pupils. We will contact the Whanau of those receiving awards by email or letter over the next few days. Seating is limited and we advise to get there early.

A thought to leave you with

"Sadness is an enemy to devotion."
Catherine McAuley

God bless Glen Ryan PRINCIPAL



Week 8

Monday 4 December
Liturgy prepared by DRS
Assembly prepared by Tika
Tuatahi
ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 6 December



Kids Tryathlon TeamMountford Park, Manurewa

Thursday 7 December Year 6 Arohanui Boys Retreat Chosen Valley

Friday 8 December
Final Whole School Mass
Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
9.00am Church
Our last whole school Mass
with Fr Mike Wooller

School Prizegiving
Class and Hub prizegiving
12.30pm Church
This occasion is by invitation
only, due to limited seating.

Week 9

Monday 11 December School Reports Will be sent home today

Tuesday 12 December Graduation MassYear 6 and Year 8 students
7pm Church

Thursday 14 December Christmas Liturgy Whole School 9am Church ALL Welcome

Friday 15 December LAST DAY of school School finishes today at 12.45pm.

Leaders in Wellington



It was an early start to the day for student leaders Aria, Kaybrielle, Maribeth, Charlie, Caleb, Lucius, Leonel, Ashton, Mr Norman and myself as we boarded our flight to Wellington for our whirlwind day trip. A quick flight and we were off to visit Weta Workshop (home of the the creators of Lord of the Rings, and The Hobbit), Pukeko Studios: where "Thunderbirds are Go" was filmed and then a quick break for lunch and sustenance before we headed up the cable car to enjoy the magnificent views of Wellington Harbour. It wasn't long before we were back on the path again, heading to Parliament and a few pictures, before our final trek along the waterfront, enjoying the

sea-breeze, seabirds and numerous art sculptures. Our final stop was Te Papa Museum and a special viewing of the Gallipoli exhibition, an amazing story of how our soldiers fought for us. On the plane we headed back to Auckland all tired but buzzing with the excitement of having visited and learnt so much more about our beautiful country. We are all grateful to the Board of Trustees who funded our trip and gave us the new opportunities of learning we experienced on the day.

LEADERS TRIP TO WELLINGTON - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW PHOTOS

Mrs Joanne Milich-Misikini Associate Principal

Order your copy of our 2017 School Magazine

Our annual school magazine is at our printers and will be available Week 9. To secure your copy, an order form was sent home last week. The cost of this year's magazine is \$20.00 each.

Please fill in the form and together with the money return them to the school office. A copy will be made available to view first and then buy in Week 9.

This magazine is available to ALL our students in the school, that want to buy it but I especially encourage the Year 6 and Year 8 students or any other



student that would be leaving St Anne's at the end of this year, to purchase this amazing magazine as a precious taonga to remember your time here at St Annes.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE NOTICE - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW

Students star in latest Zoofari video

Click on the link below to check out some of our Whakanui students starring in one of the latest videos from our very own Auckland Zoo.

The Warehouse Zoofari with St. Anne's Primary School

Gospel Value of the Week HOPE

Pope Francis speaks about 'hope'
Tumanako

UPCOMING LITURGICAL
CELEBRATIONS:
Please join us.

Sunday 3 December



Friday 8 December

Final Whole School Mass for 2017 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.00am Church

*Includes farewell to staff who are leaving and farewell to Fr Mike Wooller, Parish Priest

Sunday 10 December



Thursday 14 December Christmas Liturgy 9am in the Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM



Liturgical year

ADVENT (click on ADVENT heading, to view short video about Advent).

Video: Fr Mike Schmitz talking about Advent (click on link to view video about Advent).

Catholic Community Links

<u>Auckland Catholic Diocese</u>

St Anne's Parish Mass Time



<u>Advent</u>-'adventus' coming <u>Prepare for the Coming of the Lord!</u>

Advent is the special season of the year when we wait in joyful hope, thanksgiving and anticipation to celebrate:

- Christ's birth at Christmas, God gifts us His only Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Redeemer and Salvation, The Word made flesh;
- The coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the <u>Sacrament</u> of Holy Communion;
- Jesus Christ's second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily, through prayer, repentance, fasting and reflection.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

We are also called to be a light to the world,

to reflect God's love and grace to others.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:5

Let your light so shine before people,

that they may see your good works,

and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:15



Meaning of the Advent
Wreath - video

Meaning of the Advent Candles

Purple is also the color of royalty and the <u>sovereignty of Christ</u>, King of Kings, demonstrating anticipation of and reception of the coming King celebrated during Advent.

<u>The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolises Hope</u> with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming - prepare our hearts and minds.

<u>The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolises Faith</u> with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus - Rejoice and Celebrate!

<u>The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolises Peace</u> with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on earth, goodwill towards all people."

God Bless

Mrs Tumua Pala'aia (Director of Religious Studies)



Well done to the following children who have received

Principal Awards

Aroha Reception 1. 2. 3 & 4:

Sarah Oshana Losalina Tulo Usenia Williams Brent Olinares

Tika - Year 1&2:

Dolina Nissan Latoya Tully Benjamin Shamon Celina Nguyenvu

Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Lily Stone Tyquin Shelford Angella Sta Maria Jayne-Lee Su'a Tupou Faaui Braxton Sila

Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Regina Topia Alena Lotulelei Marcel Tanuvasamanaia Stephanie Luteru

Tumanako - Year 7&8

Maribeth Tabaquero Oceana Uitime



Celebrating our Achievements & Successes

congratulations!

Week 6 Excellence Award

Congratulations to Joel for sharing his incredible knowledge of animals with others on the Tika Tuarua educational trip to the Auckland Zoo. The zoo educators were very impressed with Joel's amazing knowledge on animals.



Outstanding Karina

Our Excellence Trophy for this week goes to Arohanui student Karina for her focus and dedication to improve and reach her goals in writing and through this she had made a move of two years progress in her writing.



Disciple of the Week

Week 6 - Ms Ifopo for supporting pupils with care and gentleness. Growing and celebrating the faith as a member of the Charismatic Group in the Parish.

Week 7 - Louisa from Pompallier for cleaning up our environment and looking after it.



Sharing our learning at Assembly

INQUIRY BY ARIA - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW

WHAKANUI TUARUA ZOO TRIP - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW

WHAKANUI TUATAHI - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW



Upcoming Sports Fixtures:

Thursday 30 November Year 4-8 Cricket Coaching Sessions St. Anne's School field

Wednesday 6 December Year 3-6 Weet-Bix TRYathlon Mountfort Park

On Tuesday 21 November some of the Year 5/6 St Anne's students represented our school at the MPSSA Athletics Tournament. We had the smallest number of participants. Twenty seven of our students participated in seven different athletic events. I was really surprised that some students from other schools participated in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m sprints as well as the high jump. I felt for them just knowing the the pressure they were going through. I was chosen to be in the relay team. My first event was sprints. In my first 100m race I came first, my second 100m race I came second and my third 100m race, I came third and in my 200m race I came third. The other Year six girls I were racing against were really fast and I was extremely surprised that I was placed in any of my races. In high jump I did not place because I couldn't jump because of my knee so I did not make it over the first height and then just sat down and rested before my final races. I really enjoyed myself and wish that we had Athletic Tournaments every week. I was the only year six girl from my hub who went to the tournament and there were only two other girls from Arohanui Tuatahi who came to the tournament. I was really gutted that I did not even get over the first pole at high jump. We had to leave before they revealed all the prizes because we had to be back in time for 2-45, the end of school. So we have no idea who got what so we will have to wait until Monday at Assembly to find out if we got anything.

This day was a new experience for me and I really enjoyed it.

Bronwyn, Arohanui Tuatahi

Year 5&6 Interschool Athletics

On Tuesday 21 November, 27 sporty students from St. Anne's school participated in the MPSSA Athletics Tournament. We participated in High Jump, Long Jump, Sprints, Relays, Discus and Shot Put. We walked down to Jellicoe Park and when we arrived we saw all the other schools slowly coming towards us. It was a beautiful day and everyone had shelter from the hot sun under their own school gazebos.

The first event that I did was sprinting. I raced lots of other Year 5 girls and they were so fast that I didn't get placed. The next event was sprinting again but the 200 metres. I tried so hard that I started improving. Straight after running my feet felt like I couldn't walk anymore. After one hour of waiting I jogged to the field for my next event which was high jump. We started practising without the bar. Then finally after everyone had turns practising the teacher put the bar on. My heart was beating so fast it felt like I had just ran 200 kilometres. I waited for nearly five minutes for the teacher to call my name. The moment came, I ran as fast as I could then jumped as high as I could. I closed my eyes then found out that I made it through. I kept trying until the third one. I jumped three times trying to get over this bar but then I failed the height. I walked back to the gazebo and waited for a minute. I looked at the book where it showed me the time of my next event. My face went pale. I quickly ran with Pauline to go to the long jump. I was so lucky that I was on time. I wasn't that scared because I had been practising this at school with other good people. The man called out, "St Anne's Girls." Pauline went first. She ran so fast and jumped, then it was my turn. I tried to remember the skills Mrs Tino and Kara taught me. I ran and jumped. I tried lifting myself to the highest I could do. I fell to the mat and my glasses came off. I waited for an hour and a half for the relays. After waiting for so long we had to walk with our tired feet to the field and we ran to our places and waited. Then the man shot the gun. Jade quickly ran to me then passed me the baton. I ran so fast and came second. I passed it to Nadine, she ran to Pape and Pape tried her best to keep up with the other girls. We came fourth place! I was super happy.

Alena, Arohanui Tuatahi







MPSSA Sportsmanship Trophy Winners

Congratulations Arohanui (year 5 & 6) students who represented St. Anne's Catholic School at any Manurewa Primary School Sports Association (MPSSA) events this year!

We have been awarded the overall sportsmanship trophy out of all Manurewa primary schools.

What a great end to our sporting year!

ATHLETICS DAY AT COUNTIES ZONES

On Friday 17th of November, four of our Year 7&8 girls represented the Central Counties Zone and our school at the Counties Zone Athletics. We were very nervous in the beginning, but as we arrived the excitement started building. Introducing ourselves: Josephine Purcell (Discus), Salafai Samoa (Shot Put), Patricia Lotulelei (Long Jump), and Jazmine Gillespie (Long Jump and High Jump).

Although we didn't place on the day, the experience was amazing, fierce competition from so many students from all over the place. Central Counties, won the cup for overall highest sports scores for 2017 and they also won the for the Best cup Sportsmanship.



Thank you to our parent helper Mrs Purcell and our awesome teacher Mrs McNamara for taking us and helping on the day.

Lunchtime Cricket Coaching

There was a fantastic turnout of year 4-6 students at lunchtime cricket coaching with Counties Manukau Sport last week. It was a scorching hot day and there were smiles all around. Well done to the students who came along and tried cricket for the first time. Everyone is welcome! Remember you must have your sunhat and fitness gear to participate.



Meet Paddington Bear

Last week Auckland Transport sent all Travelwise primary and intermediate schools a pack inviting students to attend a fantastic event they're having on the 3rd December at Paddington (Newmarket) Station. Paddington Bear will be there to meet with children and promote safety around railway tracks. There will also be entertainment and a chance to win spot prizes.

There is also a poster competition. Auckland Transport encourage students to produce posters promoting safety around railway tracks. Posters brought along to the Paddington Station event on 3rd December qualify the student to win 30 tickets for their class to attend a special screening of Paddington 2 the Movie. There are four sets of 30 tickets to be won.

CLICK ON THIS LINK FOR THE FLYER WITH MORE DETAILS



Aroha team

On Thursday 23 November, all the children and teachers in the Aroha team, brought their teddy, or favourite toy to school for the picnic. There was fruit. Iollie and chocolate cake. The cakes had been prepared in class during oral/vocabulary and written learning activities. It was great to hear the children talking about and introducing their toys. The students were allowed to sit with friends in other classes, as they ate and then the toys had a race. What a lovely fun morning, enjoyed by us all.







Reading and Writing tips

Click on this link for some ideas on helping your child at home, with their reading and writing...



Last Wednesday our school choir took the stage at the Vodafone Events Centre and celebrated our 'Kiwi As' spirit, through the power of music at the 23rd 'Kids for Kids' concert.

I have really liked the time and the effort that Miss Maletino and Mrs Maletino have put into the choir group. They have been my inspiration since I have joined the choir. On performance night, it was very exhausting and soo amazing! My favourite part was when the main lights went dark and the crowd showed their flash lights from their phones and it looked like a bunch of stars flying, right to left...left to right...in the air. I also enjoyed a night of singing and was inspired to be part of raising awareness of saving people and children that have struggled in life. - **Benedict Papalii**

What did I think of the Kids for Kids Choir night? AMAZING! There are no words to explain how much fun and amusing the night was and I have to say that my definite highlight was the song 'Computer Games' from the unique intro to the funny 'reboot' part. All in all the night was awesome and I am happy to say I was a part of it. - Alyssia Toafa

KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW

Library News

As the end of the school year approaches, please make sure that all library books are returned to the library. We are blessed to have such a well resourced library and we would like to have all books returned for stocktaking and ready for use in 2018.

Auckland Libraries are again running a free summer reading programme for children aged 5 - 13 years. For those who are not already members, it is free to join Auckland Libraries and allows access to a vast array of amazing resources. Visiting the library during school holidays is a great way for your child to continue growing their reading skills.



Last Day Term 4 2017
Friday 15 December 12.45pm

Children NOT returning to St Anne's School next year...

If you know that your child or children will **NOI** be returning to St Anne's next year, please let the school office know as soon as possible. (Excluding Year 8 girls and Year 6 boys that we know will be leaving). Thank you.

ATTENDANCE DUES

Please ensure that if you have outstanding Attendance Dues to pay, that your account

is paid before school finishes on <u>Friday 15 December</u>
Please call at the school

Please call at the school office if you would like to discuss your account or you are unable to make payment.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1:

Wednesday 31st January - Friday 13 April

Good Friday: 30 March Easter Monday: 2 April Easter Tuesday: 3 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

Torm 3

Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September

Term 4:

Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December 12.45pm "Kia Māia te Whai / Dare to Explore!", is Auckland Libraries' 2017 summer reading challenge.

Children are encouraged to read a little bit every day and complete fun challenges this summer.

By supporting your child, you will help them:

- Maintain or improve their reading skills while they are not at school.
- Grow their love of books and reading.
- Have the unique bilingual and bicultural experience that New Zealand offers.
- Become confident and comfortable library users.
- Have fun and enjoy an adventurous summer holiday.

Visit the Auckland Council Libraries website and sign your child up for some valuable summer reading.

https://www.daretoexplore.nz/about

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open in the Christmas holidays on the following days:

Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 January 9am - 12 noon on both days.

We introduced the new school uniform almost 2 years ago and it was decided that parents would be given this time to have their children wearing the new uniform.

Therefore from the start of 2018 ALL children must be wearing our new uniform:

BOYS: Navy shorts, blue shirt, polar fleece (All year), summer hat, sandals (Term 1 and 4), black school shoes (not canvas or sneakers) and socks (Term 2 and 3).

GIRLS Year 0-4: Blue/white dress, polar fleece, summer hat, sandals (Terms 1 and 4). Tunic, blue blouse, polar fleece (Terms 2 and 3).

GIRLS Year 5-8: Culottes, blue blouse, polar fleece (All year), summer hat, sandals (Term 1 and 4), black school shoes (not canvas or sneakers) and white ankle socks (Term 2 and 3)



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