



E-Newsletter # 9
Term 3 Week 4

Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Upcoming Dates

Friday 21st August
Mass led by Whakanui
Tuarua - 9am

Saturday 22nd August
St Anne's Netball Club
Prizegiving

Monday 24th August
Liturgy led by Whakanui
Tuarua - 9am

Y 5/6 Volleyball
Tournament @ Bruce
Pulman Park

Friday 28th August
Assembly led by
Whakanui Tuatahi -
1.30pm

Monday 31 August
Liturgy led by Aroha
Tuarua & Tuatoru - 9am

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 Celebrations

We really enjoy celebrating the vibrant diversity of our school community. Recently Cook Island Language Week brought wonderful celebration of the beautiful language, customs, and cultural pride.

Tongan Language Week is now underway, celebrating our Tongan whānau and their rich heritage. Throughout the week, our students are engaged in language learning, exploring greetings, cultural customs, and traditional practices.

Throughout this term, our regular Kapa Haka sessions continue to strengthen our connection to te ao Māori, and our Siva Storytelling Programme provides wonderful cultural and literacy enrichment for our Aroha pupils. Our pupils love to sing and dance.

Spiritual Moments

We have been blessed with wonderful liturgical celebrations recently - The Feast of the Transfiguration where we remembered Jesus' transfiguration and The Feast of the Assumption celebrating Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Five of our pupils were recognised for their service within the school at the Catholic Caring Mass held at Christ the King Church and celebrated by Bishop Steve. It was a wonderful celebration of the mahi involved in all schools and community groups.

*Congratulations Sebastian, Fondazione, Annie
Amelia & Mya-Rose.*

**A very big
welcome!**

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

Sana & Danial Tom
Israel Taulanga
Marco Garcia
Ogemaota Skelton
Jonathan Urvaru
Xedrick Dewandran
Cailee Domingo

Congratulations...

**Discipleship Award
Winner**



Ngatuakana from
Tika Tuarua

We are supporting

DAFFODIL DAY
next Friday 28 August
Please bring a gold coin
donation for our
daffodil coin trail.
Thank you
for your support



Congratulations Amelia!

📖 We are absolutely delighted to
celebrate the wonderful achievement
of one of our students.
Amelia (Year 8) won the **Proclaiming
the Word Competition** - a tremendous
accomplishment and our first win in
this prestigious event. This is a
remarkable recognition of Amelia's
confidence, faith, and public speaking
skills. She has represented St Anne's
with pride and excellence, and we
could not be prouder.

🌟 Congratulations, Amelia - you are a shining star



Sporting Achievements

⚽ The Year 7-8 CCSA Netball Tournament saw our netball
players compete with excellence and
teamwork. Our Yr 7 team came third.

🏆 Our Year 5-6 students showed
wonderful determination at the MPSSA
Cross Country with the highlight being
Dion'Dre winning our first ever Year 6
title.

🍌 St Anne's Shield training is well
underway for this amazing inter-school
competition, held yearly since 1960.
Come and have a watch,
26th August @ Bruce Pullman Park.



Congratulations Dion'Dre!

Term 3 events...

We also look ahead with anticipation to exciting events still to come:

- **St Anne's Shield Competition** - our Catholic inter-school sports challenge, 26th August
- **School led Parish Mass**, Saturday 29th August
- **ST(RE)AM Slam Challenge Awards** celebrating creative learning, from 7th September
- **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori** (Māori Language Week), 14th-18th September
- **Rehu Tai Manurewa and Auckland Finals** for our senior students
- **Mercy Day Mass** on Thursday September 24th

Lost Property

Please check in the bins at the back of the office for your child's lost clothing. Please also clearly name your child's clothing.

Enrolments

Do you have a child about to turn 5 and they are not yet on our waiting list?

Please contact the school office as soon as possible, to collect enrolment forms.

Student-Led Conferences

420 of our students showcased their learning progress through Student-Led Conferences to their whānau recently. It was wonderful to see our tamariki taking ownership of their learning journey, sharing their achievements with pride, and setting goals for continued growth. These conferences are a powerful reminder of how capable and confident our young people truly are.

Ngā mihi nui

Glen Ryan
Principal

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

School Photos

Thursday 20th August - School hub/class photos are being taken by Photolife. Please ensure your child comes to school looking neat and tidy.

Friday 21st August - Sibling photos are being taken - please ensure you have returned the form to the school office, confirming that you would like photos of your children taken together. We look forward to these lasting memories of our school community.



Parish/School Vigil Mass

Saturday, August 29th at 5:30pm.

This is a beautiful opportunity to worship together with our parish community as Tika leads this special celebration. We warmly welcome you to join in the celebration. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Development and Upgrades

We are excited to share updates on some wonderful improvements coming to our kura. Our playground will soon benefit from new safety matting, creating a safer space for our students to play and enjoy outdoor activities.



Additionally, we are undertaking an external repaint of several of our school buildings - the Admin,

2nd Hand Uniform

Please check with Mrs Downes or Mrs Watson in the school library if you need 2nd hand uniform - availability depends on what is in stock.

If you have school uniform your child no longer needs and is still in good condition we would be grateful to have it so that it can be given to other families - please bring it to the office or library - thank you.

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Aroha, Whakapono, and Atawhai hubs will receive fresh paint, enhancing the visual appeal and pride of our school.

Most excitingly, we have a confirmed design for our proposed Fale Pasifika. This beautiful structure will provide a wonderful space for cultural learning, celebrations, and community gathering. The design honors our Pacific heritage while providing functional space for our students and whānau. We are currently working on

applying for council consent so that we can move forward with this important project. This is a significant investment in our school's future and in celebrating the Pacific cultures that are so important to our community.



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