



E-Newsletter # 7
Term 2 Week 10

Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Upcoming Dates

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR TERM 2
FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR TERM 3
MONDAY 20 JULY 2026**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY
TERM 3
MONDAY 27 JULY 2026
NO SCHOOL**

**A very big
welcome!**

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

John O'Brien
Richie Mitai
Pe'a Foai
Franco Hermosa
Nitasha Isaïs

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 final day of Term 2, my heart is full of gratitude for the incredible journey our school community has shared. This week brings us to the close of what has been a truly special term - one filled with learning, growth, celebration, and moments of joy that will stay with our tamariki forever.

On Monday, two teams competed in the MPSSA Year 5-6 Netball Tournament, with our young netball players representing St Anne's with skill, determination, and team spirit. Our netball programme has been one of the highlights of this term, with our 14 teams showcasing what it means to work together, support each other, and pursue excellence with aroha.

This week we have celebrated the richness of our diverse communities with International Language Week - a beautiful reminder that our differences make us stronger and that every culture has unique gifts to share with our kura.

On Friday we gather to celebrate Mass - a beautiful celebration giving thanks for Term 2 and all God has blessed us with. All whānau were welcome to join us.

Reflecting on Term 2

Looking back over this term, I am harikoa - delighted and grateful - for the journey we've shared:

- Our students have grown in faith, in learning, and in character
- Our staff have demonstrated unwavering commitment to excellence and care
- Our whānau have supported us with generosity and trust
- Our community has celebrated together, learned together, and supported one another

We have witnessed wonderful sporting achievements, cultural celebrations, liturgical moments of deep faith, and countless acts of kindness and aroha.



Well done to the following children who have received

Principal Awards

Aroha - Year 0&1:

Luna Amosa

Tika - Year 1&2:

Lynis Finau

Whakanui - Year 3&4:

Greer Tahitahi

Juliana Tautolo

Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Chlowee Garcia

Manuoocher Manu

Celebrating Samoan Language Week

What an incredible, vibrant week connecting our community through sports, arts, music, and our beautiful gagana (language). A massive fa'afetai tele lava (thank you very much) to everyone who made it so special.



We extend a special thank you to our parent representative, Li'amanaia Kaisara, who was our main inspiration for the week. During Monday's opening flag ceremony, he spoke powerfully to this year's theme:

Looking Forward to Term 3

We look ahead with great anticipation to Term 3. Term 3 begins on Monday, July 20th with Powhiri and Welcome Liturgy at 9am. We look forward to welcoming new students, whānau and reuniting with our returning tamariki.

A Very Special Celebration Awaits Us

One of our favourite occasions on our school calendar is St Anne's Feast Day, Friday, July 24th.

We will gather for a special School Mass at 9:00am, celebrating our patron saint - Saint Anne, mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. What follows will be a beautiful morning tea with our grandparents, where we will welcome grandparents and extended whānau to share in the joy of our school community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the special relationships between our tamariki and their kuia and koroua (grandmothers and grandfathers), and to give thanks for the wisdom, love, and support they bring to our families.

A Season of Celebration Ahead

Term 3 promises to be filled with:

- Wonderful cultural celebrations
- Liturgical celebrations including the Feast of the Transfiguration and Feast of the Assumption
- Sporting achievements and tournaments
- Student-Led Conferences to celebrate learning progress
- Creative ST(RE)AM programmes
- Deepened faith formation and prayer

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou - heartfelt thanks to all of you for being part of this wonderful school community. Enjoy your precious time with your children. Make everyday count.

Glen Ryan
Principal

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

Disco Fever - [Please click](#)

Last Friday, our school community came together for a fantastic disco that was not only a wonderful celebration and lots of fun, but also a tremendous success in supporting our tamariki. We are thrilled to announce that the disco raised over \$3,500, which will go directly towards subsidizing the Year 6 and Year 8 camp experiences.

This generous contribution from our whānau means that more of our students will be able to participate in these valuable outdoor education experiences that develop leadership, resilience, independence, and team spirit. The funds will help ensure that no child misses out on this important opportunity due to financial constraints.

Thank you to everyone who attended, danced, supported, and contributed to making the disco such a joyful and successful event. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of our tamariki!



"E afua mai i mauga tetele
manuia o le nu'u." (From the
high mountains come the
blessings of the village.)



He challenged our Samoan
students to carry three core
values wherever they go:
fa'aaloalo (respect), **alofa**
(love), and to always be loud
and proud to be Samoan.

He also finished the week on a
high note by leading the whole
school in an energetic,
island-style Jump Jam Zumba
session—bringing everyone
together through authentic
music, movement, and fun!

South Auckland Community of Schools

One of the true highlights of Term 2 was hosting the South Auckland Schools Kahui Ako Catholic Mass - an amazing celebration that brought together eight Catholic schools. This was a beautiful occasion where:

- Students from multiple Catholic schools came together in faith and unity
- Our students mixed with peers from other schools, building friendships and connections
- We celebrated our shared Catholic identity and mission
- We gathered for shared kai (food), strengthening community bonds

The energy, enthusiasm, and spirit of unity displayed by all the young people was truly inspiring. Seeing our tamariki worshipping alongside students from other Catholic schools, and then gathering together to share kai, reminded us of the power of coming together as one larger faith community. Events like these strengthen our Catholic education network and demonstrate the incredible potential of our young people when we work together.



St Anne's Netball

Yr 5-6 MPSSA Netball



Congratulations to our two netball teams who represented our school at the MPSSA tournament yesterday. You played with great skill, determination, and wonderful spirit throughout the day. We are so proud of the way you represented St Anne's, showing teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you also to our amazing coaches and umpires for your support, guidance, and presence throughout the tournament. Your dedication helped make the day such a positive experience for everyone involved. [Please click](#) for more pics

Wetiwetia Ana!

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It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of our 2026 netball season. It's been fantastic watching our players develop their skills on court, the enjoyment on and off the court and those Saturday goodie bags. Enjoy the final rounds of netball and we look forward to celebrating together at our St Anne's Netball Club Prizegiving on Saturday 22 August.

ST ANNE'S NETBALL CLUB 2026



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