



E-Newsletter #  
Term 1 Week 4

Learn to Love,  
Love to Learn

*Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako*

## Upcoming Dates

### Week 4

Tuesday 17 February  
Shrove Tuesday Liturgy  
9am

Mini Sports Games -  
12pm - 2pm  
House Chants - 2.00pm  
Meet the Teachers in the  
Hubs - 2.20pm

Wednesday 18 February  
Ash Wednesday School  
Mass - 9am

### Yr586 MPSSA Swimming Tournament

Friday 20 February  
Hub Led Mass  
Whakanui Tuarua  
9am

### Week5

Monday 23 February  
Liturgy  
Whakanui Tuarua  
9am

Yr 788 CCSA  
Softball Tournament

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

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we move into Week 4 of Term 1. Our students have settled beautifully into the rhythm of the school year, and it has been a joy to see them engaged in their learning and growing in faith and friendship.

### House Leader Retreat

Our House Leaders attended their retreat at St Francis Centre on February 12th. This special day focused on servant leadership, responsibility, and what it means to serve others with humility and love. Our leaders returned inspired and ready to lead by example. We are proud of their commitment to making St Anne's a place where everyone feels valued and included.

### Swimming Success

Our Years 3-6 students have been participating in swimming lessons at Manurewa Pools over the past two weeks. It has been wonderful to see students developing their water confidence and swimming skills in a safe, supportive environment. Swimming is such an important life skill, and we are grateful to the staff supervising these sessions and to the parents who have supported the transport arrangements.

## Preparing Our Hearts for Lent

This week marks a significant time in our Catholic faith as we journey into the sacred season of Lent.

### Shrove Tuesday -February 17th

On Tuesday, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a special liturgy at 9am. Shrove Tuesday (also called Pancake Day) is the day before Lent begins. Traditionally, this was when Christians used up rich foods like eggs, butter, and sugar before the fasting period of Lent.

Following our liturgy, we will have **Mini Sports Games @ 12pm, House Chants @ 2.00pm and Meet the Teachers in the Hubs @ 2.20pm**

Shrove Tuesday reminds us to give thanks for God's abundance and to celebrate community before we enter the more reflective season of Lent. It's a day of joy and gratitude.

**Ash Wednesday - February 18th**



Well done to the following children who have received

## Principal Awards

### Aroha - Year 0&1:

Felicity Oge  
Solomon Sagapolutele  
Haizley Wainohu-Franklin

### Tika - Year 1&2:

Amera Cantonjos  
Kahlani Maka

### Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Atielle Alsalama  
Tasinah Salu

### Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Siana-Lei Falemai Seuula  
Mary Faull

### Tumanako - Year 7&8:

Nia Hartman  
Giuliana Ilalio



## Disciple of the Week



In Week 4 the Disciple of the Week trophy was awarded to Noah of Arohanui Tuatahi for helping another student who was hurt in the playground

On Wednesday, February 18th, we will gather for Full School Mass at 9am to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is one of the most important days in the Catholic calendar.

During this Mass, students and staff will receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross. The distributor will say "Turn away from sin and follow the Gospel." These words remind us that life is precious and that we are called to turn toward God.

Ngā mihi nui

Glen Ryan  
Principal

*Catherine's spirituality was centred on the mercy of God...prayer in action...action in prayer.*

**Angela Bolster**

## Mini Sports Games

Following our liturgy, we will have our exciting Mini Sports Games at 12pm - a fun mini sports event that celebrates our Houses with games and house chants. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to join us. Pupils are to wear School Uniform to school and may change into House Colours after our Liturgy.

What to Expect:

- Fun, team-based sports activities and games for all students
- A relaxed, joyful atmosphere celebrating community
- A "Meet the Teacher" opportunity - connect with your child's teacher in a fun, informal setting
- Laughter, team spirit, and lots of smiles!

### Meet your child's Teachers

Following the Mini Sports Games and House Chants, we warmly invite all whānau to **Meet the Teachers at 2:20pm in your child's Hub**. This is a valuable opportunity to:

- Connect with your child's teacher in their learning environment
- Get to know each other and begin building a strong home-school partnership
- See where your child learns each day
- Ask questions and share information about your child
- Meet other families in your child's Hub

### Sausage Sizzle:

We will be running a sausage sizzle for families during the Mini Sports Games. Sausages will be available for \$2 each - a delicious treat to enjoy while you watch the games and connect with our school community. Please bring cash on the day.

## Safety Reminders:

Our traffic patrol has noticed that some students are being dropped off on the opposite side of the road from school and are crossing the road **without using the traffic light pedestrian crossing**.

This practice is extremely dangerous. Students crossing away from the designated crossing are at significant risk of being struck by vehicles, particularly during peak traffic times when visibility is reduced and traffic is heavy. Drivers do not expect children to be crossing mid-block, and reaction times may not be sufficient to prevent an accident.

## Kia ora e te whānau

Just a reminder for Tuesday: all students are to come to school in full uniform for our liturgy.

After the liturgy, students may change into their House colours for the remainder of the day:

- Red – Chanel
- Yellow – Maher
- Green – Pompallier
- Blue – McAuley

Students are welcome to go home in their House colours at the end of the day — there is no need for them to change back into uniform.

We look forward to a vibrant and joyful day as we celebrate together.



## Past Pupil Joel



Joel has been made a prefect at DeLa Salle and he was commissioned at their Dedication Mass. He is also in the Special Character Team. Nga Mihi

## Auckland Zoo's Wellbeing

Auckland Zoo's Wellbeing in Nature Community (WiNC) Programme to invite your organisation to an upcoming Te Pō Hono – our Saturday evening Zoo Lates running from 4–8pm from 17 January – 7 March (excluding Waitangi Weekend, 7 February).

Te Pō Hono offers a relaxed, quieter way to experience the

## Keeping our children safe:

Let's show our children we care:

### ALWAYS Use the Traffic Light Pedestrian Crossing

Remind your child to use the traffic light pedestrian crossing to get to school safely. This is not optional. Never allow your child to cross the road at any other point, regardless of how close you are to school or how quiet the traffic appears. One moment of convenience is not worth the risk to your child's life.

### Park your car in a in a parking bay

Please do not park your vehicle on the Parish footpaths or grass especially during drop off or collect your child. Instead:

- Park in the parking spaces and walk your child to and from the school gate
- Allow extra time, this keeps your child and other children safe
- Be patient and courteous to other drivers and pedestrians

### Model Safe Road Behaviour

Children learn from watching us. When we park illegally, or take shortcuts that compromise safety, we teach our children that rules don't matter and that convenience is more important than safety. Please model the road safety behaviours you want your children to follow.

### Working Together:

I understand that mornings and afternoons can be busy and stressful. However, the safety of ALL our children must come first, always. I ask for your cooperation and commitment to these safety expectations.

## Student Invoices

School invoices for all students have been emailed to parents - if you have not received a copy please let us know at the school office. This year every student is invoiced for the following items:

### ATTENDANCE DUES – 2026

Parents/Caregivers, as a condition of enrolment and attendance, parents are required to pay compulsory Attendance Dues as determined from time to time by the Proprietor and approved by the Minister of Education. Accounts are emailed every month and sent home with your child at the beginning of each term.

- **\$136 per child, per term (\$544 per year). Please ensure that you make regular payments, Attendance Dues are COMPULSORY.**

### 2. CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER CONTRIBUTION

Catholic Special Character Contributions collected on behalf of the Proprietor are permitted under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020. These contributions are eligible for a taxation rebate.

- **\$17.50 per term, per child (\$70.00 per year)**

### 3. STATIONERY- Compulsory for every student

Years 1-4    \$30.00                      Years 5 -8    \$40.00

All students received their stationery on the first day back at school this year. We ask that you pay for your child's stationery as soon as possible or by 13 March 2026 as the school has already paid our supplier.

Zoo in the evening light, with keeper talks throughout and space for your group to connect with nature and each other at their own pace. It's a lovely opportunity for whānau – tamariki are very welcome.

We have complimentary tickets available for community groups (normally \$24 adult / \$14 child).

**To register your interest**, please fill in the expression of interest [here](#). Please ensure that you write a comment requesting tickets specifically for Zoo Lates.

This programme offers free tickets for community groups working with underserved Auckland communities. Priority is given to groups focusing on healthcare, mental health, and social support.

**Schools Attendance Services**

Yes to education. Yes to employment. Yes to your future.

We're here to support you and your child to engage successfully in education.

What we provide:

- Attendance support for enrolled students
- Advocate for students and whanau
- Support non-enrolled students to re-engage with learning pathways

How we can support:

- Identify and work through barriers for attendance
- Collaborate with schools and support services
- Provide flexible support to meet individual needs
- Promote student voice and whanau involvement

Areas we cover: Papakura, Rosehill, Drury, Manurewa

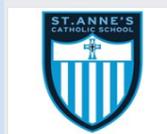
Contact: 0800 747 667  
Address: 238 Great South Road, Manurewa

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St Anne's Manurewa Schools' Attendance Service  
(021) 742 552 / 0800747667

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Thank you to the many families who have made payments (or set up an Automatic payment) for their child/children's Attendance Dues, Stationery and Catholic Special Character payments.

Our school bank account number is on the bottom of your invoice, please include your child's name as a reference, or details are below:

**ASB - St Anne's Catholic School (Manurewa) Board**  
**12 3032 0129996 00**

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sparks at the school office if you would like to discuss your account or are having difficulty making payments - we are here to help you and your family Ph 09 269 0023

## School Uniform

If you have any second hand items of school uniform that your child has grown out of and you no longer need, please bring it to the school office or library. We would appreciate any items in good condition that we can pass onto other families.



If you need a second hand school uniform you can check with Mrs Downes or Mrs Watson in the library to see what they have in stock.

**Please ensure all your child's uniform is named and check the lost property bins at the back of the Admin block for uniform that has been found left around the school.**

### Attendance Matters

**Every day at school counts, and we love seeing our tamariki learning, connecting and growing each day. Regular attendance helps children build strong routines, friendships and learning foundations.**

**If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know every day they are absent by ringing the office, emailing the school, website or using the school app. Staying in touch helps us support your child and your whānau.**

**This year, The Solomon Group will be working alongside our school and community to support regular attendance and help ensure our students are at school every day and ready to learn. Together, we can make a positive difference for our tamariki.**

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Email: [office@stanne.school.nz](mailto:office@stanne.school.nz)

School website-<https://www.stanne.school.nz/absence-form>  
download school app: [https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/](https://schoolapps.nz.co.nz/)

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