



E-Newsletter #
Term 4 Week 3

**A very big
welcome!**

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

*Francis Feulufai
Jovin Jacob
Hubert Idago
Marcelino Abdal
Felicity Oge
Molly Luatua
Irene Kowhai
Ameliya-Maia Folaumoela
Xander Marsters
Arlo Maddren
Marcus Iringan
Passion Amituanai
Odisho Khamis
Shema Ah Kuoi
Allynah Vargas*



Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

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*

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we move through Term 4, it is wonderful to reflect on the vibrant activities and achievements of our school community over the past fortnight.

Celebrating Our Past Two Weeks

Week 1

What a wonderful start to Term 4. We began with a beautiful Pōwhiri to welcome our new students: Irene, Ivanna, Molly, Arlo, Xander, Felicity, and Marcelino. It was heartwarming to see our school community embrace these new members with such warmth and aroha.

The week concluded magnificently with our Whole School Mass on Friday, where we acknowledged Mercy Day. It was a beautiful celebration of our Catholic faith and the values we hold dear.

Week 2

Week 2 brought continued growth and learning. We warmly welcomed more new students - Marcus and Passion - into our St Anne's family. We celebrated Niuean Language Week, beginning with a wonderful Liturgy led by Evi Hartman and our Niuean Students. It was a wonderful celebration.

Our Year 7 and 8 students engaged in the Tupu Māia Programme run by our wahine Warriors with a focus on building resilience and leadership skills.

A highlight was our Hub-led Mass celebrated by Tūmanako, where we celebrated the life of Fr Grahame Connolly. Grahame was a Priest at St Anne's from 2000 to 2011. It was a lovely service and the guard of honor was emotional for all.

Our House Leaders were treated with a flight to Wellington as a thank you for their service throughout 2025. They visited Te Papa Museum, Weta Workshop, Parliament and the Cable Car. It was a big day.



Well done to the following children who have received

Principal Awards

Aroha - Year 0&1:

Maraia Daurewa
Kirk Oliveros

Tika - Year 1&2:

Lauryn Lomano
Heleina Moala
Grace Alkass

Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Kaleah Daurewa
Noah Areeckal

Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Nathan Mugadza
Patrick Taterita
Wayne Lim
Rose Cania

Tumanako - Year 7&8:

Ynes Payne
Natasha-Grace Folaumoeloa

Disciple of the Week



In Week 2 the Disciple of the Week trophy was awarded to Hadassah of Pompallier for helping another student who was hurt and showing compassion.

Excellence Award

In Week 2 the Excellence trophy was awarded to Tūmanako for their reverence in celebrating the life of Fr Grahame Connolly

The week concluded with a wonderful Assembly led by the Aroha Team on Friday afternoon, showcasing the talents and learning of our students.

Week 3

Wednesday, October 22:

- **MPSSA Year 5-6 Touch Tournament** at Bruce Pulman Park - Our Year 5 and 6 students will represent St Anne's in this inter-school competition. Mr Ross and Ms Asi will accompany the team. We wish our players all the best - **postponed**
- **School Board Meeting** at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 23:

- **STRIKE DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED** - Please make alternative arrangements for childcare on this day.

Friday, October 24:

- **Hub-led Mass** celebrated by Arohanui Tuarua at 9:00am - All whānau welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration
- **Niuean Jump Jam** at 12:45pm under the canopy - Led by our talented student Evie, this will be a vibrant celebration of Niuean culture through music and dance.
- **MPSSA Year 5-6 Touch Reserve Day** (if required due to weather)
- **Squash session** for Arohanui students (12:40-1:40pm) - Part of our sports enrichment programme

Week 4

Monday, October 27 is Labour Day - school will be **CLOSED**.

Enjoy the long weekend with your whānau

Tuesday, October 28:

- **MPSSA Year 5-6 Softball** at Mountfort Park - Another opportunity for our students to showcase their sporting talents. Mr Tulabing and Mr Ross will support our team. Good luck to the team

Thursday, October 30:

- **Kauri Flats School Visit** (9:00-10:45am) - Staff from Kauri Flats will join our Year 5 and 6 classes for a Writers Toolbox collaborative learning session.

Friday, October 31:

- **All Saints Feast Day Mass** at 9:00am - A special celebration of this important holy day in the Catholic calendar, honoring all the saints in heaven. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the lives of holy men and women who inspire us. All whānau are warmly invited to attend.
- **Assembly led by Whakanui Tuarua** (1:30-2:15pm) - Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us
- **Squash session** for Arohanui students (12:40-1:40pm)

Ngā mihi nui

Glen Ryan
Principal

Kayden Shines at the Proclaiming the Word Competition



We are incredibly proud of Kayden, who represented St Anne's Catholic School at the Auckland Catholic Primary Schools Proclaiming the Word Competition, held within the Wharenui at Whaiora Marae. Kayden spoke with confidence, reverence, and heart - a true reflection of our school's values.

One of the judges even approached her afterwards to personally commend Kayden on her exceptional presence and performance. It was a beautiful moment of affirmation for all her hard work and preparation.

We also extend our congratulations to the overall winner from St Joseph's, Otahuhu, and celebrate all the students who took part in this special event. Ka pai, Kayden - we are so proud of you!

Compassion....the flame of mercy. Compassion enkindles the flame of mercy.

Lucille Ciafre

Student Accounts

Thank you to all our families who have paid their accounts for 2025 or have set up an Automatic Payment.

All accounts need to be paid by 1 December 2025 - please contact Mrs Sparks at the school office if you would like to discuss your account or payments.

Our school bank account details are:

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

Please ensure you include your child's name as reference so that your payment can be allocated to the correct account.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact Mrs Sparks at the school office or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from the school office, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

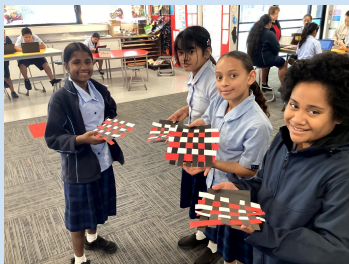
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ACFL-2021-Attendance-Dues-Financial-Assist-Application-Form.pdf>

Please return the form to Mrs Sparks at the school office - we are here to help you.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2025 – Celebrating Language and Culture

This year our Aroha Team beautifully led our celebrations for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with a heartfelt liturgy, setting the tone for a week filled with whanaungatanga and ako. Throughout the week, students and staff took part in a range of activities including raranga (weaving), Māori bingo, and language games that encouraged everyone to kōrero Māori with pride.

We concluded the term with a special Māori Mass, honouring our faith and culture, followed by a shared kai for staff.



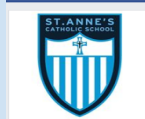
A huge ngā mihi nui to everyone who supported and participated in this kaupapa — your enthusiasm and commitment help keep te reo Māori alive in our kura.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!





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Fijian Language Week 2025 – Vosa Vakaviti Week



The first week in Term 4 we celebrated **Fijian Language Week (Macawa ni Vosa Vakaviti)** with our wonderful Fijian students leading us in prayer, song, and dance. The week began with a beautiful **Liturgy**, where our Fijian tamaiti (students) shared readings, prayers, and hymns in **Vosa Vakaviti**.

Each day, the students said **lotu (prayers)** before **morning tea** and **lunchtime**, reminding us of the importance of **vakavinavinaka (gratitude)** and **veilomani (love and care for one another)**.

During the week, we enjoyed learning simple Fijian greetings such as:

- **Bula!** – Hello / Welcome
- **Vinaka vakalevu** – Thank you very much
- **Moce** – Goodbye
- **Sa malo vakalevu** – Well done

The highlight of the week was the **meke (traditional Fijian dance)** performed by our Fijian students. Their pride and joy shone through every movement, celebrating their language, culture, and identity.

We are so proud of our Fijian students for sharing their beautiful culture with our school. **Vinaka vakalevu** to all who helped make this week special — a true celebration of **vosa, vanua, kei na lotu** (language, land, and faith).

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