



E-Newsletter # 5  
Term 2 Week 2

Learn to Love,  
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

## Upcoming Dates

### Week 3

Monday 12 May

### ROTUMAN Language Week

Liturgy led by  
Whakanui Tuatahi  
9am

Tumanako Technology  
Greenmeadows  
12pm - 2.30pm

Tuesday 13 May  
MPSSA Boys Rugby  
Yr5-6  
Bruce Pulman Park

Wednesday 14 May  
Feast of St Matthias, Apostle  
Student Led Conference  
3pm

Thursday 15 May  
MPSSA Boys Rugby  
Yr5-6  
Bruce Pulman Park (save day)

Tumanako Technology  
Greenmeadows  
12pm - 2.30pm

Student Led Conference  
3pm

Friday 16 May  
NO MASS

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*

Dear Parents and Whānau,



## Student Led Conferences (SLCs)

Our Student Led Conferences play an important role in your child's learning journey. This is a special time for students to:

- Share their learning progress and goals
- Reflect on their achievements
- Show how they are tracking against their year-level expectations

We warmly invite you to attend on:



Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May



3.00pm – 6.45pm

Please book your time at: [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Use code: **z29h7**



## Upcoming Sports Events – Term 2

We are gearing up for an exciting term of sport! Our students are getting ready to represent St Anne's with pride and enthusiasm in the following events:

- **Year 6 Boys Rugby Tournament** – Our boys are training hard and can't wait to hit the field.
- **Football Tournament** – We are looking forward to some competitive matches and great teamwork.
- **Volleyball Tournament** – A fun and active opportunity for our players to show their skills.

## Week 4

Monday 19 May

Liturgy led by  
Tika Tuarua  
9am

Tumanako Technology  
Greenmeadows  
12pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 21 May

MPSSA Boys Football  
Yr 5-6  
McLennan Park

Thursday 22 May

Tumanako Technology  
Greenmeadows  
12pm - 2.30pm

Friday 23 May

Hub Led Mass  
led by Tumanako  
9am

Assembly  
Led by Tika Tuatahi  
1.45pm

A very big  
welcome!

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

Fialau'i'a Matafeo  
Melina Mokofisi  
Falahola Mausia  
Orion Hann  
Zahra Sau  
Faith Simon-Layug

- **Year 7–8 Hockey Tournament** – Best of luck to our senior students preparing for the turf!

We encourage all our teams to give it their best and enjoy the spirit of sport and fair play! —ka mau te wehi!

## Attendance Matters

We have been in touch with whānau to share your child's attendance for Term 1. Our school-wide goal is **90% attendance or better** each term—this means **no more than 5 days absent**.

### St Anne's Term 1 Attendance:

62% (324 pupils) = less than 5 days absent

24% (124 pupils) = from 5 to 9 days absent

8% (43 pupils) = from 10 to 15 days absent

6% (30 pupils) = more than 15 days absent

Being at school each day helps tamariki thrive in their learning and relationships. Thanks for your continued support in helping us reach this goal!

## Student Teachers at St Anne's

We're excited to welcome five student teachers completing 4–5 week placements with us this term. Even more special, all five are locals!

It's a privilege to support their journey into teaching and contribute to the future of education in Manurewa. We wish them all the best and hope they leave feeling inspired and well-prepared for the classroom ahead.

## Free Eye Tests for 7-Year-Olds

We are excited to be part of a University of Auckland study offering free eye exams for our 7-year-olds. As part of the programme:

- Every student will receive a free pair of sunglasses 
- Each child will be sent home with a personalised eye health report

A great initiative supporting both health and learning!



A Powhiri to welcome all new whanau for Term 2.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Need Help with Attendance Dues?

We understand that from time to time, finances can be a challenge. If your whānau needs support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students, the Auckland Diocese may be able to help:

You are welcome to:

- Speak with Mrs Sparks at the school office for a confidential chat and to collect an application form
- Or contact Auckland Common Fund Ltd directly on (09) 360 3040 for more information

You can also download the application form from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland website

Please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to support you.

## Parking Guidelines – Keep Our Tamariki Safe

We are fortunate to have good parking space available, but **unsafe or inconsiderate parking** has been putting others at risk. Please follow these key reminders to keep everyone safe:

1. **Use Designated Spaces Only** – Park between the white lines to avoid blocking others.
2. **No Parking on Yellow Lines** – These must remain clear for pupils and whānau, and to allow traffic flow.
3. **No Parking on Grass** – Please keep off grassed areas to protect our grounds and plants.
4. **Respect Parish and Priest Access** – Do not park in the Parish Priest's driveway, Church Office spaces, or the turning bay. These are reserved for Church use only.
5. **Disability Parking** – These parks are for **permit holders only**. Please do not use them unless you clearly display a valid mobility permit.

Let's work together to make drop-off and pick-up safe and respectful for all members of our community.

## Pink Shirt Day – Friday 16th May

We are standing up against bullying by taking part in **Pink Shirt Day** on **Friday 16th May**.

Tamariki and staff are encouraged to wear **pink** to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect. Let's show that **St Anne's stands together!**

## Life Education Onsite

We are pleased to have **Life Education** onsite this term! The mobile classroom and specialist educator provide fun, engaging lessons on:

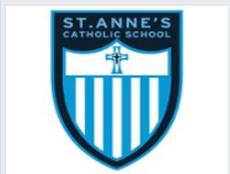
- **Food and Nutrition - Aroha and Tika**
- **Identity, Feelings and Emotions (Decision making) - Whakanui**
- **Relationships (Decision making and problem solving) - Arohanui**
- **Relationships (Resilience) - Tūmanako**



### Lost Property

Please check the lost property box for your child's uniform. This can be found outside the school office. Please ensure all uniforms are named including hats and shoes.

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Tamariki always enjoys this interactive learning experience—it's a highlight of the school year! Lessons start in Week 5.

### 🙏 Weekly Priest Visits – A Special Blessing

We are truly blessed to have our four parish priests visit every Wednesday to speak with our hubs.

Their presence helps nurture the spiritual life of our school and offers valuable opportunities for connection, reflection, and support.

Thank you to our priests for caring so deeply about our tamariki and taking the time to be with them each week. We are grateful for your guidance and aroha.

### 👤 New Enrolments Welcome!

It is wonderful to see so many new 5-year-olds keen to join St Anne's! We're thrilled to be opening our third and fourth New Entrant Aroha classrooms in Term 3.

If you have a child turning 5 this year, or 2026, or know someone in our community who does, please get your enrolment in early to confirm your place. It also helps us to plan staffing for 2026.

### God Bless

Mr Ryan  
Principal

*May the Holy Spirit take possession of your heart and lead you to complete union.*

**Patricia O'Neill**

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