



# Special End of Year Edition



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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

The end of our 2017 school year has been climactic and exciting. The last couple of weeks has been a time of celebrating our learning and celebrating the moments we've had. It has been a time of review, reflection, and celebration. Please enjoy this special edition of our e-newsletter highlighting our school's end of 2017 celebrations.

God bless  
Glen Ryan  
PRINCIPAL





**2018 Pompallier Captains**  
**Bianca Velasco & Nicholas Beirne**



**2018 Maher Captains**  
**Ashanti Amanuel & Jasiah Tofaeono**

# Dare to show up and shine

Well done to all our Year 5 boys and Year 7 girls for putting your names forward for house captaincy roles and then presenting your speeches in front of our whole school. It takes a lot of courage to speak in public, but you did it!

Congratulations to our elected house captains for 2018. We know you will carry on the great leadership of our 2017 House leaders, adding your own touches to shine as the 2018 school leaders for our school.



**2018 Chanel Captains**  
**Selene Villaluna & Patrick Taefu**



**2018 McAuley Captains**  
**Pele Faalogo & Josiah Vaipulu**

# Diversity Celebration

It was a beautiful sunny day....The sights, sounds and colours of this year's Cultural Festival highlighted that our cultural and ethnic diversity is alive and growing in our school. The beautiful singing, dance actions and costume designs made you feel that you were celebrating in each individual nation's country. The familiar sound of the conch of the Pacific opened our festival, followed immediately with prayer and our very own Kapa haka group welcoming all our whanau...and then the journey through our nations followed with songs, music and dances from the Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, the Middle East (Assyrian), Samoa, India and Fiji. One stop was a 'Pacific Fusion' dance where more nations were added like Tonga, the Tokelau Islands and the Philippines. This amazing display of colour and dance from our Tumanako learners was completely choreographed by themselves. Once again a special performance from the Staff was the finale, a performance of a fusion dance of many cultures just before our ending prayer spoken in Samoan by Arohanui student Felix. All our students smiled with pride as they shared and told stories through each of the beautiful dances and movements they performed.



Tumanako 'Pacific Fusion'



Assyrian Dance from our Aroha students



**Kiribati students from Arohanui Tuatahi shared their culture with their hub by choreographing the dance themselves and then teaching it to their hub. Parents and whanau also helped the Arohanui Tuatahi teachers and students make the beautiful costumes and headpieces. Incredible performance on the day - one of the favourite performances by all!**

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# Reflection Time Retreat

Thrilled. Anticipation.

Mixed emotions of excitement twist and turn throughout my stomach, giving me the lightest butterflies I'd ever felt. I'd never been to the Tyburn Monastery before, so this trip was bound to be an unforgettable experience. Stepping foot onto the Monastery, I immediately felt relaxed. Surrounded by silence and the attractive greenery of the garden brought a peaceful atmosphere to the Monastery. I can remember thinking, "Wow, this would be the perfect place to study" as I watched the setting in awe. We started off with a warm welcome from Mrs McNamara, which was also when she introduced the "string web" game in the garden. Bursts of soft pigments flashed into my eyes as we gracefully approached the garden. It looked so perfect, so organised! From the faint sound of the lambs, to the delightful fragrance that it had to offer, I truly loved the Monastery's garden. The "String web" game was a very overpowering game to me, because not only did I learn about how blessed my Year 8 friends were, but I also learnt that once we come together through Jesus, our savior, then we lift up high, just like how Jesus rose! Shortly after, we were given a task to draw a design for our candles. I decided to draw a cross with angel wings so that not only does it symbolize Jesus and how he rose, but it also symbolizes iRise youth that I'm a part of (AKA, my 2nd family :)). I also doodled on some roses with intertwined vines that connect the roses, to symbolize how my journey always has a different challenge, which is why the vines are tangled, and that there's always a silver lining and a reward, hence why the roses are there. A phrase that I think perfectly describes this journey is; Do the mahi, get the treats! The activities were endless joy but I'd have to say that one of the more emotional activities to me was the inspirational talk with Mother Lucy. Her story about her vocation was very interesting because of all the hardships she had to face, such as her leaving while her father was sick. Her story was very empowering! Overall, I really enjoyed this holy experience, I feel like I've become closer to God both physically and emotionally! And, this is only the beginning of my journey!

By Kaybrielle Ineleo  
Tumanako



'Tyburn Monastery ...an unforgettable experience'.



# The Big Day Out at Chosen Valley



We went to Chosen Valley with 39 eager and excited Year 6 boys. Our focus was to make the most of our time by making memories, supporting each other and challenging ourselves. We started our day with a liturgy about we can celebrate the talents God has given to each one of us. We recognised that each of us have the power to use what God has given us, for our own good and for the good of others. We shared stories about our friendships and it was amazing to hear how this has been fostered. We also talked about the ups and downs, but how this makes us stronger. After we had our liturgy, I could tell that the boys just wanted to go on the activities. Our wonderful helpers, had their safety briefing and after what felt like a long morning tea, the boys were ready for the first six rotations. During these six rotations, the boys would be going: Trolleys (racing down a hill), Swimming/rafts, Kayaking, Balance Island, Archery and Rope Maze. All I could hear while walking around the park were screams of laughter and some of them screams of fear especially going across the bridge on the Balance Island. After our six fun filled activities, we had a quick break for lunch. They couldn't wait to get back to it! After lunch, the remaining three activities were: Flying fox, Confidence Course and Waterslide. All the boys loved it. The confidence course was very challenging and some boys even thought it was like American Ninja Warrior. The flying fox. It was quite quiet while the boys went on the flying fox. It was great to see some boys step out of their comfort zones. Once they took a step off the plank, they went zipping over the water to the other side of the park. How fun!! The last activity was the waterslide! It was so hot, it was nice splashing into the cold water. Again, the cheering as each of the Year 6's went down. They even had a secret trick to speed themselves up to make them go faster down the waterslide. After all the fun, we finished and thanked our wonderful helpers who made our day possible: Mr Ross, Mr Lui, Miss Heaney, Ms Maletino, Miss Prendergast, Mrs Vargas, Mrs Faui, Mrs Williams, Mr Hicks, Briana and Trinity. On the bus ride back to school, lots of the boys slept after a full day. We managed to come back two minutes before the bell, perfect timing!

Thank you to all the Year 6 boys for a wonderful retreat day.  
From Miss Maletino and Mrs Crummer.



Awards given at Prizegiving:

Christian Values Award  
Most Improved Student  
Academic Award  
Service Award



**Aroha Tuatahi Winners**



**Aroha Tuarua Winners**



**Aroha Tuatoru Winners**



**Aroha Tuawha Winners**

# 2017 School Prizegiving

We all had lots of fun on celebrating our students achievements. Many famous people made appearances on our big screen including Harry Potter, Dumbledore, Ron Weasley and even Ironman. Lucky for Mr Ryan, Google saved the day with the House Captain naming. It was a special event and one the pupils will remember for a long time. Congratulations to all our winners.



**Tika Tuatahi Winners**



**Tika Tuarua Winners**



**Whakanui Tuatahi Winners**

## Arohanui Tuatahi Winners



Our Parish Priest Fr Percy - God bless you and many more happy returns.



## Whakanui Tuarua Winners



## Arohanui Tuarua Winners



## Tumanako Winners

# We will miss you Fr Mike

Last Friday we celebrated Mass with the school for the final time. It was only fitting that Fr Mike celebrated the Mass with us. At the end of Mass we invited Fr Mike forward and presented student farewell cards and a photo story on the projector. We were also able to get him to sing. I am sure he grabbed the mic to start before I finished asking. After school, the staff also shared afternoon tea with Fr Percy to celebrate his 70th birthday.



Congratulations to the following graduates on receiving the following awards

**2017 Christian Leadership Cup**  
Year 6 - Caleb Williams  
Year 8 - Lovely Afuhaamango

**2017 Maori Achievement Award**  
Aria Stoneham

**2017 Overall Academic Cup**  
Year 6 - Adam Vargas  
Year 8 - Teresa Giang



Proud Tumanako teachers Mrs McNamara and Ms Pereira



Proud Aohanui teachers and Ms Heaney (SWiS).

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## Go forth and shine Christ's light

Graduation Mass last Tuesday evening, was a special time to give glory back to our Heavenly Father for his blessings upon our graduates and also a time to recognise our Year 6 Boys and Year 8 Girls successfully completing their learning here at St Anne's.





Teachers blessed their students and gifted a Mercy Cross to them.

Some of our beautiful whanau at our Helpers' Morning Tea held after our Christmas Liturgy. Thank you for helping our children.



## Merry Christmas and thank you to all

Our Christmas Liturgy finished the celebrations for the end of our 2017 year. Our marvellous, magical, magnificent music group led the singing in church and our hearts were filled with the spirit of Christmas dawning upon us. We also wished our staff leaving St Anne's our best wishes and farewells. After our Christmas liturgy, the Helpers Morning Tea was held in our school library. This morning tea is our school's way of thanking all our parents and whanau for helping out on school trips, coaching sports teams, helping out at school gala...for being part of our school family. What a fantastic year!



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