

# St Anne's Catholic School



E-Newsletter # 15

Term 4

14 December 2017

## Upcoming Dates

### Week 9

Friday 15 December



**School finishes at 12.45pm tomorrow.** There will be no staff on-site after 1pm, so please ensure that your children are picked up on time.

### 2018 Week 1

Wednesday 31 January



**School starts 8.45 am**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

### Farewell Mrs Pala'aia

This week we farewell Mrs Pala'aia. Mrs Pala'aia has been with St Anne's for 11 wonderful years. Over this time she has taught across the year levels and in 2015 won the position of Director of Religious Education. She has taken this role to a new level with creativity, motivation and faith. You would have seen or been a part of a number of excellently planned and celebrated events by Mrs Pala'aia. We will miss you.

### End of Year Mass

On 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.



### Prizegiving

We all had lots of fun on Friday celebrating our students achievements. Many famous people made appearances including Harry Potter, Dumbledore, Ron Weasley and even Ironman. Lucky for me, Google saved the day with the House Captain naming. It is a special event on our calendar and one the pupils will remember for a long time.

[2017 PRIZEGIVING - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)

### House Captains

Congratulations to our 2018 House Captains, we wish you the best as you carry on the student leadership candle from this year. A special thank you to our current House Captains for your service to the school community. We hope you have learnt from the experience and can use your new skills as you take on leadership roles in College.

# Staffing for 2018

On Tuesday, our pupils met their teachers and classmates for 2018. It is always exciting seeing who you are with and who the teachers will be. It is wonderful we begin the year with such talented teaching staff.

## **Tumanako**

Mrs McNamara, Ms Pereira  
**Arohanui Tuarua**  
Miss Maletino, Miss Wong,  
Mrs Tino

## **Arohanui Tuatahi**

Mrs Crummer, Mrs O'Donnell,  
Miss Siluuga

## **Whakanui Tuarua**

Mrs Maletino, Mr Dennis,  
Miss Pipes

## **Whakanui Tuatahi**

Ms Fidow, Ms Drollet, Mrs Moss

## **Tika Tuarua**

Miss A Martin, Mrs Johnson,  
Mrs Fraei

## **Tika Tuatahi**

Mrs Tofaeono, Mrs Elder,  
Miss S Martin

## **Aroha Tuarua**

Mrs Yousif

## **Aroha Tuatahi**

Mrs Hey

We would like to welcome Ms Lentine Fidow to the St Anne's community. Ms Fidow will be our new Director of Religious Studies and will be teaching in Whakanui Tuatahi. Ms Fidow has been teaching for 13 years and is a member of St Anthony's Parish.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Regina Tofaeono and Ms Amy Martin who have won Team Leader positions for 2018.



## **A thought to leave you with**

*Catherine "loved all and sought to do good to all, but the poor and little children were her especial favourites."*

**M Clare Moore**

God bless  
Glen Ryan  
PRINCIPAL



It was a beautiful sunny day.....The sights, sounds and colours of this years cultural festival were a reminder that our cultural and ethnic diversity is alive and growing in our school. The beautiful singing, actions and costume designs made you feel that you were celebrating in each individual nations country. We had our own Kapa Haka group welcome followed by dances from the Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Assyrian, Samoan and once again a special performance from the Staff who performed a fusion dance of many cultures. The students smiled with pride as they shared and told stories through each of the beautiful dances and movements they performed.

[CULTURAL FESTIVAL PHOTOS - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)

[CULTURAL FESTIVAL VIDEOS - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)

**Mrs Joanne Milich-Misikini**  
Associate Principal



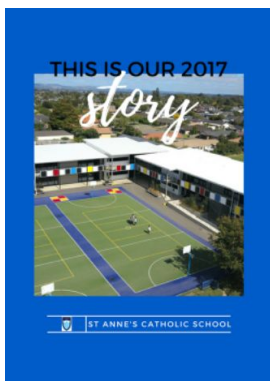
## Our 2017 story is here

Our annual school magazine is available for \$20.00 from our school office.

This magazine is available to ALL our students in the school, to purchase as a precious taonga to remember our 2017 journey.

It has memory snapshots of each hub or class, lots of photos and writing pieces from some of our tamariki.

**Get your copy quick!**



*Farewell  
Mrs Pala'aia*

*We thank God with grateful hearts for all the gifts you have shared with St Anne's school community the past 11 years.*

*We will miss you!*

## Farewell 'Gorgeous Susan'



Last Thursday we said farewell to Susan Shanahan who was the Resource Teacher of the Deaf at St Anne's. Susan has been teaching for over 20 years and has been with St Anne's for the last 4 years working with children at our school with hearing loss and supporting the school, teachers and whanau. Over this time she has provided excellent guidance, teaching and support for the students in her care. She has decided to retire from permanent teaching, and we wish her well in her retirement.

Last Thursday we presented her with some flowers and our St Anne's Cross and she had this to say about our school:

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed working at St Anne's. There is real sense of fun there which I love. Poet, John Masefield said 'The days that make us happy, make us wise'. Since I first started teaching as a fliberty-gibbet 20 year old many years ago, I have based my philosophy of teaching on that quote. If staff are happy, students are happy. If students are happy, they learn. I have seen lots of happiness at St Anne's. The school is truly as I said 'a hot one'.*

She will greatly missed by the students, teachers and whanau.

**Mr Matthew Norman**  
Associate Principal

## Thank you and Merry Christmas

Dearest St Anne's School Whanau and Community

Thank you so much for being such a great school community! I have enjoyed teaching students, meeting families, working and learning alongside teachers and all staff, here at St Anne's for 11 years.

It has been an awesome privilege and blessing to be a classroom/hub teacher and Director of Religious Studies (DRS).

As we prepare to celebrate the greatest gift from God, the birth of His only begotten Son - our Messiah and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I thank God for the opportunity to have lived, shared and deepened my faith as a member of the St Anne's Catholic School and Parish Community. This is where I have encountered God daily in so many different ways.

As I embark on a new chapter in my life's journey, to East Tamaki Primary School, Otara - I take with me, all I have learned, great memories and Jesus' call to be witnesses of His love for us, wherever we go.

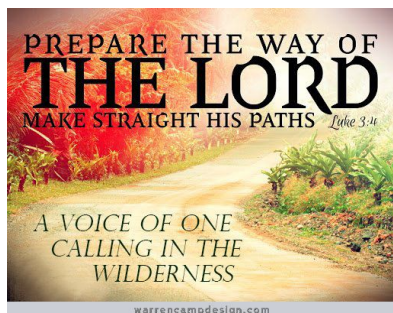
Ia manuia le Kirisimasi, ma le tausaga fou. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**God Bless**  
**Mrs Tumua Pala'aia (Director of Religious Studies)**

## Gospel Value of the Week



### Second week of Advent



Catholic Community Links  
[Auckland Catholic Diocese](#)  
[St Anne's Parish Mass Time](#)



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM



Liturgical year

**ADVENT** (click on ADVENT heading, to view short video about Advent).

[Video: Fr Mike Schmitz talking about Advent](#) (click on link to view video about Advent).



## Ways to prepare for the coming of the King

[How is your Advent going so far? click on link to hear Jeff Cavins from Ascension Press](#)

## Advent Prayer

*Lord, God, you show us the tenderness of your love in Mary's newborn Son. Like Mary, may we always be ready to say "yes" to your plan, so that Jesus may be born in us.*

*We ask you to prepare our hearts to welcome him, so that like the angels who announced his birth, we too might greet his coming with joy. We ask you this through this same Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Christian Leadership Awards



Amazing achievement to graduates Year 6 Caleb and Year 8 Lovely for receiving the Christian Leadership Cups for 2017 at the Graduation Mass and just fitting that both students take photos with Fr Mike.





Well done to the following children who have received

## Principal Awards

### Aroha Reception 1, 2, 3 & 4:

Jacob Brzozowski  
Jane Fiete  
Carter Dennis

### Tika - Year 1&2:

Adrianna Fidow  
Tui Whittington

### Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Clare Brzozowski  
Melanie-Rose Davis  
Solomina Tanielu

### Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Gillian Redfern  
Miira Pakaa  
Terei Redfern



Chanel House Leaders Leonel and Maribeth stand proud winners of the House Shield.

Celebrating our Achievements and Successes

# congratulations!

## Week 8 Excellence Award

Congratulations to Paula Tai for his understanding of social justice and using skills was able to stop a situation from getting out of control. By using restorative justice, Paula talked to all concern and was able to mediate and restore mana.



[TIKA TUATAHI ASSEMBLY ITEM - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)

## Congratulations to all our winners

Joyful times go hand in hand with congratulations.

It's that time of the year for celebrating all our accomplishments and achievements. Praise God.

Well done to all our winners at our School Prizegiving..

Well done to Chanel, finishing with the most points for 2017, earning them the title of House of the Year.





## House Captains 2018

Looking forward to our new school leaders.

### Pompallier

**Year 6 Nicholas Beirne**

**Year 8 Bianca Velasco**

### McAuley

**Year 6 Josiah Vaipulu**

**Year 8 Pele Faalogo**

### Chanel

**Year 6 Patrick Taefu**

**Year 8 Selene Villaluna**

### Maher

**Year 6 Jasiah Tofaeono**

**Year 8 Ashanti Amanuel**



Ngā mihi nui ki a Aria on receiving the Maori Student Achievement Award for 2017.

## Christmas Spirit in the air

Our students have been very busy this week working on activities in preparation for the joyous season. Singing, baking, creating, decorating, making christmas decorations...



## Graduates Light Shine Brightly

Congratulations to all our Year 6 boys and Year 8 girls who have completed their learning journey with our school. A beautiful graduation mass with the theme 'Shine Christ's Light on our Hope and Dreams', was celebrated on Tuesday to send off our wonderful young people to shine their light in the next path of their learning journey.



This year the Overall Academic Award was reintroduced. The last academic award was given out 1973. Outstanding achievement and congratulations to graduates Year 6 Adam and Year 8 Teresa for winning these top awards.



[GRADUATION MASS - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)





**"We did it together!" Tika Tuatahi**  
English Language Explorers.

A huge acknowledgement to all our St Anne's tamariki who have been part of our ELA journey. All the ELAs are so proud of all the 'treasures' of our school who have worked hard and grown so much in their English Language Learning.

## Our ELAs Graduate



Mr Ryan, Mr Norman and myself were very fortunate to witness the graduation of our English Language Assistants - Paula Hughes, Seini Kuluka, Alavina LeungWai and Ana Baice last Thursday. Congratulations also to their Co-ordinating Regina Tofaeono. This group of staff have worked tirelessly this year with Dr Jannie Van Hees - Auckland University of Auckland, learning how to grow the oral language capabilities of students they are working with. It was lovely to see their friends and whanau there to support and celebrate the growth. We look forward to the many opportunities where they will use their skills next year.

**Mrs Joanne Milich-Misikini**  
Associate Principal

Earlier this year we embarked on the ELA journey. To become an English Language Assistant, we had to attend workshops throughout the year, complete assignments, work with our students and make resources. At times it felt like we were on a rollercoaster but through the love, support and encouragement from our families, our CT Mrs Tofaeono, Mrs Milich - Misikini and fellow staff WE DID IT! It has been our pleasure working with and alongside our students, their enthusiasm and excitement was contagious. A huge faafetai lava to Mr Ryan, Mr Norman, Mrs Milich-Misikini and to all our whanau who attended our graduation and made it an amazing and memorable occasion. Faafetai lava.

**Ms LeungWai**  
English Language Assistant

## Message from our BOT

This has been a great year for St Anne's Catholic School and on behalf of the Board of Trustees. I want to acknowledge all the great work that our teaching and support staff have done throughout the year. I acknowledge Mr Ryan and the senior management team for leading our team and to you our St Anne's Catholic school community for your continued support. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and safe new year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018. Ia manuia le Kerisimasi ma le tausaga fou. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless

**Geoff Fuiavailili** - Board Chair





## MPSSA Athletics Results

Congratulations to the following Arohanui students who represented St. Anne's at the MPSSA Athletics tournament and placed.

**Year 5 Girls Long Jump**  
2nd place - Pauline Purcell

**Year 6 Girls Long Jump**  
1st place - Kara Seko  
2nd place - Sariyah Paitai

**Year 5 Boys Discus**  
2nd - Patrick Taefu  
3rd - Uera Redfern

**Year 6 Boys Discus**  
1st - Toma Oti  
2nd - Sikulei Tominiko

**Year 6 Girls Discus**  
1st - Kara Seko  
2nd - Pelenatete Silva

**Year 5 Girls Shot Put**  
2nd - Eden Ineleo  
3rd - Pauline Purcell

**Year 6 Boys Shot Put**  
3rd - Sikulei Tominiko

**Year 6 Girls Shot Put**  
1st - Kara Seko  
2nd - Pelenatete Silva

**Year 6 Girls 100m Track**  
1st - Kara Seko  
3rd - Bronwyn Lamare

**Year 6 Girls 200m Track**  
2nd - Kara Seko

**Year 6 Girls Relay Team**  
1st - Kara Seko, Tiare Ineleo,  
Bronwyn Lamare & Sariyah  
Paitai

## 2018 Sports Coaches & Helpers

### (Expression of Interest)

We would love to involve more of our whānau and parish community in our 2018 school sports programme. We need coaches, helpers, referees/umpires or anyone willing to share their knowledge of a sport with our tamariki!

If you are interested please [fill out this form](#).

## Weet-Bix TRYathlon



On Wednesday the 6th of December, I experienced the thrill of the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Mountfort Park. The first thing we did on the day was get to school at 7.30 which would have been impossible for me if it wasn't for my mum waking me up or telling me I forgot this or that. Thanks mum. As soon as we arrived, we wrote our unique bib numbers on our forearm and leg. Eventually we made it to the starting announcement which included a very boring warm up. And all at once it was my turn. The ten years olds all lined up in their identical blue swimming caps and in their multicolored togs. Finally we were let in and we swam. We swam kicking and swallowing water. At the end we ran out the back door and into the transition area where Mr Ross was yelling out to me. I changed quickly and ran my bike out and jumped on. Boys kept passing me puffing and nearly falling off in their haste. There were a couple of crashes I narrowly avoided. There was a crowd, then it hit me. I was nearly done!!! I couldn't help grinning as I entered the transition area, dumped my bike and ran to the start of the run. Halfway through the run I realised I was close to exhaustion. My heart was pumping a million miles an hour and my lungs were hurting. I slowed down a bit, pacing myself. When I reached the end I ran faster. I made it! I received my medal grinning, got my picture taken and met Mrs Crummer who was waiting for us at the end.

By Mihi Whittington  
Arohanui Tuatahi

[WEETBIX TRYATHLON VIDEO - PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW](#)

## Reminder from Mrs Watson

There are still a few library books outstanding. Please, please check with your children if they have returned their books.

The Duffy \$5 Parent Offer books and the Scholastic Issue 8 books were sent home this week. There is one \$5 Duffy order which had no name on the form. If your child ordered books from the \$5 offer and did not receive them, please collect them from the library. In the last newsletter I mentioned the [Dare to Explore](#) Summer Reading Programme being run by Auckland Libraries. This free, fun reading challenge is open to children aged from 5 - 13 years and is a great way to encourage reading and a love of books. Sign up online or at your local library.

For those of you parents who would like to take part in a bit of a summer reading challenge yourselves, the Auckland Libraries are also running [The Great Summer Read](#). Try one or all of the 15 challenges this summer and be in to win books, vouchers, Readers and tickets to Auckland's hottest shows and attractions.

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There were 14 schools competing at this inter-school tournament. St. Anne's as a school placed 6th equal with Roscommon. Thank you to Mrs Tino, Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Lui and Mr Ross who supported and officiated events at this tournament.



## Christmas Liturgy

A lovely Christmas Liturgy this morning shared with whanau. We also farewelled our staff who will be starting new journeys next year.



## ATTENDANCE DUES

Please ensure that if you have outstanding Attendance Dues to pay, that your account is paid before school finishes on **Friday 15 December**

Please call at the school office if you would like to discuss your account or you are unable to make payment.



## Magnificent Murals Complete

Many thanks to our Mural team and Mrs Davidson on completing the wonderful mural masterpieces reflecting our faith and culture. We look forward to seeing the murals displayed up in our school in the new year.



## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open in the Christmas holidays on the following days:  
**Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 January 9am - 12 noon on both days.**

We introduced the new school uniform almost 2 years ago and it was decided that parents would be given this time to have their children wearing the new uniform. **Therefore from the start of 2018 ALL children must be wearing our new uniform:**

**BOYS:** Navy shorts, blue shirt, polar fleece (All year), summer hat, sandals (Term 1 and 4), black school shoes (not canvas or sneakers) and socks (Term 2 and 3).

**GIRLS Year 0-4:** Blue/white dress, polar fleece, summer hat, sandals (Terms 1 and 4). Tunic, blue blouse, polar fleece (Terms 2 and 3).

**GIRLS Year 5-8:** Culottes, blue blouse, polar fleece (All year), summer hat, sandals (Term 1 and 4), black school shoes (not canvas or sneakers) and white ankle socks (Term 2 and 3)



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