



E-Newsletter #
Term 3 Week 5

Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Upcoming Dates

Week 6

Monday

Liturgy

Led Tumanako

9am

MPSSA Cross Country
Reremoana

Friday 22 August

No Mass

Saturday 23 August

Parish/School Mass

5.30pm

Assembly

Led by

1.30pm

Monday 25 August

Liturgy

Led by Tika

9am

A very big
welcome!

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

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**

As we continue our journey through Term 3, I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful community spirit and dedication to learning that continues to flourish at our kura. Our school focus "Be the Light" - Kia noho hei māramatanga - remains at the heart of everything we do as we guide our tamariki to shine brightly in all aspects of their learning and faith journey.

We were privileged to welcome the Religious Education External Review team, including Mrs Smith and Mrs Trainer, who supported our school in reviewing our Catholic Special Character during the week. It was wonderful to share our faith journey over the past four years, showcasing how our school community lives out our Catholic values daily through karakia, service, and learning. Their affirming feedback



Reflecting on and Celebrating Week 5

South Asian Language Week - This week we embraced South Asian Language Week. Our tamariki demonstrated remarkable manaakitanga as they learned about the vibrant traditions of our South Asian whānau, including beautiful cultural presentations, traditional foods, and the sharing of languages such as the aroha shown by our students as they embraced these rich cultural traditions was truly inspiring.

Student teacher



We welcome Miss Isabella Nieuwenhuize. Who is studying at Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) and as part of their training onsite for 2 days of the week for T3 & 4. She will be in Tika Tuarua mentored by our fantastic Team Leader Mrs Tania Judge of the Tika Team.

Attendance Dues

THANK YOU to all those families who have set up an automatic payment or paid their accounts.

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 Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their 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 and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>



We began the week with liturgy, with students sharing karakia and reflections, waiata and creating beautiful moments of intercultural faith sharing. Followed by daily karakia, break time events and even some cricket. It was wonderful seeing the community support their children during the week's events.

Auckland Netball Championships -

We are incredibly proud of our Year 8 AIMS Netball team, who played with skill, determination, and teamwork to secure 2nd place in the Central Counties Sports Association Netball Tournament in Week 3. This outstanding result earned them a place in the Auckland Netball Championship Tournament, which was held yesterday on Thursday 14 August.

Out of all the Year 8 netball teams in Auckland, our girls proudly placed 5th—a remarkable achievement at such a highly competitive level. This puts the team in good stead for the AIM's Competition in Week 8. At the Auckland Netball Championship Tournament, they displayed unwavering grit, exceptional sportsmanship, and the true St Anne's spirit, shining both on and off the court.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to their amazing coach, Sinapi Hanipale, for her dedication and expertise, and to their wonderful team manager, Jeannine Harris, for her organisation and support. Your hard work behind the scenes has helped make this achievement possible.

Well done, girls – go Team St Anne's! 💙💛



Relationships and Sexuality Education - Community Consultation

We are seeking your input on our Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme. RSE supports our children's wellbeing by providing age-appropriate information about human biology, relationships, and social issues that promotes positive self-image and healthy relationships, equipping them with essential tools to keep themselves safe and make healthy choices.

Health Survey ([Click on Link](#))

It is through the Catholic perspective that all information is taught.

We value your perspectives and invite you to participate in our consultation process to ensure our RSE programme reflects our community's values while meeting all students' educational needs.

1st Place....🏆



Kiki received 1st Place at the Manurewa Rehu Tai Speech Competition held at Reremoana School today...Friday 15th. Well Done!

Looking Ahead to Week 6

Next week, we shift our focus to Tongan Language Week as we continue to celebrate the cultural richness of our community. Our school value remains Tika (Justice), reminding us to treat all people with fairness and respect.

Several exciting events await us:

Monday's Liturgy will be led by Tūmanako, and will set a prayerful tone for the week.

Yr 4, 5 & 6 Interschool Cross Country -our schools Cross Country team showcase their determination and sporting spirit as they participate in the Manurewa Schools event at Reremoana.

Special Visitors - we look forward to welcoming international students from Sri Lanka who will spend Thursday in our Hubs, learning about the school and NZ education. We also have some students from St Mary's College, Ponsonby, who are completing a service day in the Hubs on Tuesday. These visits enrich our understanding of the global Catholic community.

ST(RE)AM Presentations will begin this week, highlighting the wonderful integration of faith, science, technology, and learning. It is amazing to see the depth of learning and the creativity of the students. In a world of being able to critique information and problem solve, ST(RE)AM is setting them up for success.

School Led Parish Mass - We end our week with a celebration of our faith together. Please join us on Saturday for the Vigil Mass. Our Tika team will lead the school in our celebration.

A Community of Light

As we progress through this term, I am constantly amazed by the resilience, kindness, and faith our students display daily. Whether participating in cultural celebrations, supporting one another in learning, or representing our school in sporting competitions, they truly embody our Catholic values.

In our prayers this week, we remember all families in our community and ask for God's blessing on our learning, our friendships, and our faith journey together.

Ngā mihi nui

Glen Ryan
Principal

We should praise and bless the hand that wounds us.
Catherine McAuley

Celebrating Success at the Kāhui Ako Speech Competition

We are incredibly proud of our students who represented St Anne's School at the Kāhui Ako-South Auckland Catholic School Speech Competition, held at De La Salle College on Thursday, 7th August.

Third Place at Manurewa Mathex



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 team: Lucas, Sarona, Paulyn and Aayan for winning the third place at the Mathex Competition held at Manurewa Intermediate. The team showed fantastic teamwork, quick thinking and problem-solving skills. Well done!



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Kiki took the stage in the Year 5/6 category, competing against eight outstanding finalists from across the Kahui Ako. Her powerful and thought-provoking speech, titled "Our Generation Isn't Lazy – We're Just Tired of Fixing Grown-Ups' Messes", earned her a well-deserved 3rd place. Kiki shared that she was "incredibly grateful to the place" and praised the high calibre of all the speeches presented.



In the Year 7/8

division, delivered a commanding and passionate speech on racism, impressing the judges with her strong voice and confident ad-libs. Violet, who previously placed 2nd as a Year 6, returned determined to do even better—and she did just that, taking out 1st place overall.

She was thrilled with the result and proud to have her mum there to witness her moment of triumph.



Congratulations to both Kiki and Violet for their courage, eloquence, and excellence. You've made St Anne's incredibly proud!

Mr Matthew Norman
Associate Principal

School Board Elections

We have 6 candidates willing to stand as parent representatives for our school Board of Trustees.

Voting papers have been posted, and need to be returned to the school office no later than **Wednesday 10 September @ 4pm**. These can be posted or placed in the voting box in the school office.



[Please read our candidate statements.](#)

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