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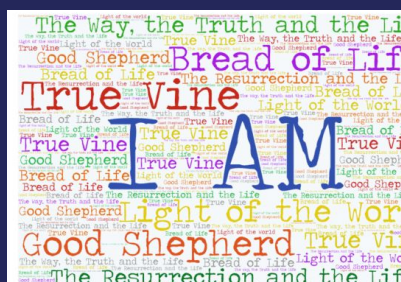
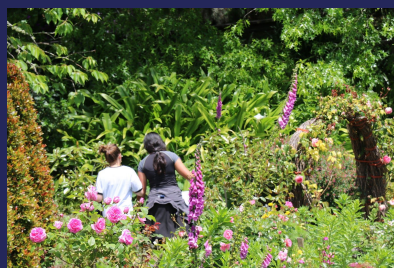
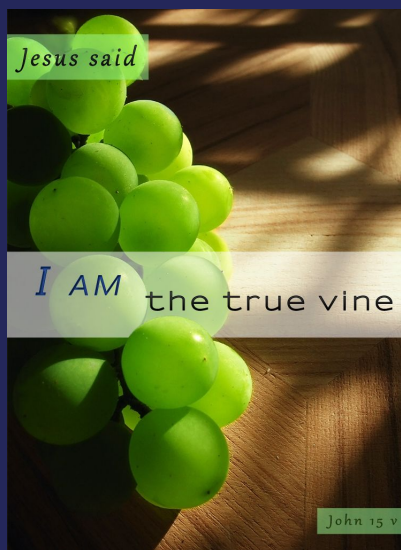
Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

The last weeks of Term have been filled with special occasions thanking our God for our time together, the friends we have made and all we have learned about life from each other. 2019 House Captain speeches, School Prizegiving, Sports achievements, Leavers Graduation Mass, Christmas Liturgy and Helpers' Morning Tea and farewells has meant a time of some sadness and some joy - sad to leave a lot behind but joy, in moving on. Please enjoy this special edition of our e-newsletter highlighting our school's end to another wonderful year.

Let us pray that we continue to be followers of Jesus and that God will watch over each of us and keep us safe throughout the summer months.

God bless



Year 8 Retreat Day Tyburn Monastery

In a place where peace is not a problem, the sounds of nature are music to our ears, with any type of flower to be desired, common daisies, lambs ear, larkspurs, all growing in the Tyburn Monastery at Bombay where the year 8s had their retreat. During the long and tedious ride on the bus, I was filled with mixed emotions, curiosity, excitement and joy, particularly because I was looking forward to seeing a nun in person. As we got off the bus, our faces were priceless, as the sound and the look of nature grabbed our attention.

We formed a circle to share one of the things we are grateful to have in this world that we appreciate, as our topic this year is "I am..". As we were sharing thoughts, we also had a string to toss after we had finished discussing, creating a web. Finally, someone had tossed the string to me, I shared my love of reading books, I then got a hold of the string before I tossed it to another student.

Father Kerry taught us about the "I am" statements from John, out of all the 7 statements, I chose, "I am the true vine" because this makes me believe that I am always with God and he always has a plan for me, it makes me believe in life after death. God is the stalk and we are the branches, although we sometimes get cut off, we will always grow back together with Him.

Later on, we got sent outside where the birds chirped and bees made honey from the tremendous amount of flowers, with a paper and an envelope on my hand. Sitting alone on the grass in peace as the sun shined brightly, I wrote a letter to God reflecting where I am today and my hopes for the future.

This has restored my bond with God, the place to which the year 8s were lucky enough to go to is a place of peace bringing joy once again in our lives. This envelope is to be opened on 2019 23rd of November along with the other papers we received.

By Sandi Yaku
Tumanako

Day out at Rainbow's End

Here are some photos from our Year 6 Boys day out at Rainbow's End. Even though the weather was wet, lots of fun was had by all the boys and teachers.



As we hopped in the car to get to the TRYathlon, my heart pounded. We carefully jumped out of the car and pumped up to look confident, but deep inside we felt fire burning hot causing us to feel nervous. As we finally reach our destination a man covered in jackets talked to our teachers. As I looked suspiciously at them, Mrs Crummer finally announced what he was saying. Everything became slow motion as she said "WHO WANTS TO BE ON T.V???" Hundreds of hands suddenly popped out into the air. While they were setting up we went to pick up our bikes. As we all walked back to our tent the same man appeared and gathered us in a small circle. He stood in the middle as we all tried pushing up to the front. After 5 minutes of fame we all thanked him and went to set up our transition items.

After hours of waiting we got into our togs and walked to the start of the race. In my head all I could hear was "Every little thing is gonna be alright." While we waited for nearly half an hour we were talking about life and how it is good. We finally walked in and straight away got into the start of the TRYathlon. We leapt into the pool and threw our arms round and round until we got to the end. We sprinted to the transition area and quickly put on some shorts, our t-shirts and our helmets. Next we walked our bikes outside of the transition area and hopped on as soon as we saw the sign. We traveled on our bikes two laps around. Next we took a run. As I ran, I really started feeling tired. We ran for a bit until it came to the part where we were near the end of pain. It felt like I was in a horror movie ending of a Disney movie, and I lived happily ever after. Until, I had to use the rest of my strength carrying 500 KG bags and walking all the way to the van, which felt like I was doing the whole tryathlon again! - **Alena Lotulelei**

My favorite part of the Weet-bix TRYathlon was when I got to the end, because in the end we get a medal. The Weet-bix TRYathlon is a fun thing to do, it's all about fun. Weetbix also gives me lots of exercise in the trainings. Some people who have not done Weet-bix should do it because it is fun. I was really proud of my self because I was going to give up but I didn't because I pushed myself right to the end.

-Katherina Mudliar



Well done to ALL our students who presented speeches for the 2019 House Leaders.

Congratulations to the following students, voted in for the 2019 House Captains.



Pompallier House
Paula Tai & Sariyah Paitai



McAuley House
Mateo Baice & Victoria Fatongiatau



Chanel House
Joe Fatongiatau
& Alex Sulusulu

Maher House
Daniel Tuusolo
& Miriama Vitolio



When I came to school I was afraid that I was late, but when I looked in the library I saw that people were writing their race numbers on their right arm and right leg with vivids. After Mrs Crummer called the roll, we left to go to Mountfort Park.

I had to wait a long time till I got to go into the swimming pool which is my favourite. It was cold at first but when I got swimming it was warm. The hardest was the bike and run but people cheered me on which was very nice. They shouted "Be careful!" "You can do it!" "You're almost at the end!" People also took lots of photos of us.

At the end I was proud of myself that I tried my hardest and never gave up hope which was hard for me but I did it! -**Monica Brzozowski**



One highlight was our school appearing on TV1 Breakfast, that morning. We were all very excited to be on TV!



A HUGE thank you to all our parent helpers for supporting and helping out on the day and a BIG thank you to our teachers for helping us prepare for this awesome event.





Arohanui Tuatahi



Arohanui Tuarua



Tumanako



Please [click here](#) to see Prizegiving Highlights video

2018 School Prizegiving

The ancient Greeks: Socrates and Aristotle, both identified **learning** as the ultimate pursuit of the virtuous and happy person. So, when it happens well, we want to celebrate and encourage it. Recognizing those students who have lived our school's Christian Values; or diligently worked on improving themselves; or achieved excellence in academics; or given service all year, is a great way to end the term. Congratulations to all our winners.



BOT member Mrs Cullen presents awards to Aroha Students



Aroha Team Winners



Tika



Whakanui



Impressive performances from our Kapa haka Roopu and Diversity Choir

Congratulations to the following graduates on receiving the following awards at the Leavers Graduation Mass:

2018 Christian Leadership Cup

Year 6 - Josiah Vaipulu

Year 8 - Patricia Lotulelei



2018 Maori Achievement Award

Regina Topia

(Arohanui Student)



2018 Scholastic Academic Cup

Year 6 - John Hukui

Year 8 - Chesca Zambrano



Please [click here](#) to view more photos and highlights of the Leavers Graduation Mass

"I AM" Theme for Leavers' Mass

Graduation Mass for our Year 6 boys and Year 8 girls leavers, last Wednesday evening, was a special time to give glory back to our Heavenly Father for his blessings on these students during their learning journey here at St Anne. The theme of "I am.." as a guide, strengthened and filled our students with joy and happiness on this memorable evening.





**Congratulations to our
St Anne's Basketball Club
teams for a successful season
at the McDribbler Competition**

**Celtics (Years 3&4)
WINNERS in their grade
Coach - Mr Ross**



**Saints (Years 5&6)
3rd in their grade
Coaches - Mrs Vukijich and Mr Brown**



Click above for Summer Reading

Merry Christmas and thank you to all

Our Christmas Liturgy finished the celebrations for the end of our 2018 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. 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!

Please [click here](#) to see more photos from our Helpers' Morning Tea.

End of 2018 Staff Farewells

This year we said farewell to Mrs McNamara and Mrs Elder. Both teachers have taught at our school for twenty plus years. We also farewelled Mr Dennis Mrs Kelly (Maria Heeney) and Ms Tauvalaau. We thank all these teachers and staff for their service and commitment to the learners and the community of our school. God be with you all, until we meet again.



"You can take the teacher out of St Anne's but you can't take the St Anne's out of the teacher." **Mrs McNamara**

Please [click here](#) to view farewell tribute video to Mrs McNamara and Mrs Elder.



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