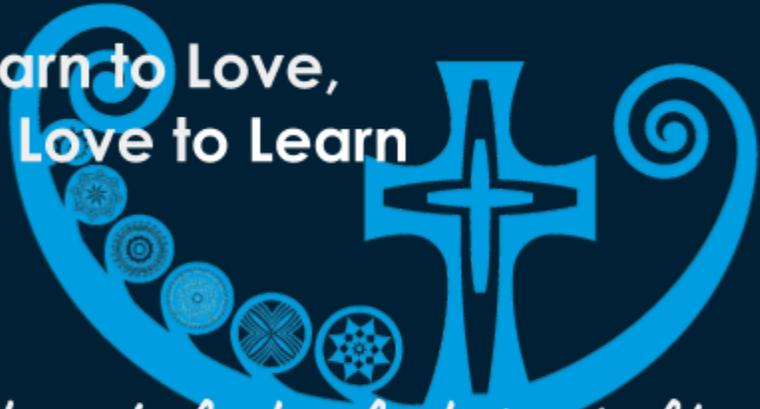




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Learn to Love,
Love to Learn



Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Upcoming Events

**FIRST DAY
OF
School**

**FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL IS
WEDNESDAY,
3 FEBRUARY 2021**

**A very big
welcome!**

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

Teaa Robati
Anthony Kipoe Fesolai
Hopemelody Mateai

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

Congratulations whanau, we made it. We actually spent a whole term onsite with the pupils. It has been a big term with many events and school celebrations. As close to a normal term as possible.

Nga mihi whanau for your support of the school throughout the year. We could really feel your appreciation of the staff and their commitment to learning from home. And on behalf of the children, thank you, you really got to know how they learn and they appreciate you taking the time to learn with them.

Overall, it was an emotional year with plenty of ups and downs for all of us. Within the St Anne's community we had job losses, loved ones passing and being unable to see loved ones, however we also had weddings, babies born and new roles to move into.

As 2021 comes closer we are in a better place. Let us keep whanau close to us during this break, celebrate our freedom and unlike many parts of the world, let's celebrate our faith as a community. Please take the time to celebrate christmas in your parish with the community. It's our faith that binds us at St Anne's

We welcome the community to the St Anne's Parish Christmas Eve mass under the canopy. Last year was an amazing event.

Merry Christmas and have a safe family holiday.



A thought to leave with you:

"It began with 2, Sister Doyle and I."

Catherine McAuley

God Bless

Mr Ryan, Principal

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Wishing all our St Anne's whanau a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from the Board of Trustees



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Front Row: Matt Ineleo (Bishop's Rep), Vivian Pereira (Bishop's Rep), Louise Manuatu (Parent Rep and Board Treasurer), Tina Cullen (Bishop's Rep), Debbie Sparks (Secretary), Colin Hopkins (Parent Rep and Chairperson)

Celebrating Our Cultures

What a wonderful celebration of all cultures coming together to perform cultural dance and sing beautiful waiata to all who gathered. Parents and caregivers patiently waiting for their children to come and showcase their gifts and talents were not disappointed.

Our journey started with a traditional North Iraqi dance followed by the beautiful sounds of the Cook Island upbeat mix. Next we came home to Aotearoa to listen to waiata followed by our Fijian friends telling a story of Meke. The sounds of Samoa next with a mix of traditional and modern song. The strum of the ukulele with a reggae beat was next. Around the world again we visited India then to Kiribati Island both cultures showing their dances. The children then sang a uniquely Kiwi Christmas song followed by a medley of Samoa, Tongan and Tokelau fusion dance. We ended the night with our fabulous staff dance.



[Please click to view the Festival video](#)

Support Staff Celebrating Mass

Last Friday our School Support Staff and students led the Friday Mass with Father Rob and the Parish community.





Two Sundays ago, a special time of the year started which is called Advent. Advent means 'coming'. It is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. During the 4 weeks before Christmas, we look forward to the coming of Jesus. We prepare our hearts and we are filled with excitement at His coming.



Thank you to Tika Tuatahi for preparing a wonderful Advent Liturgy for the whole school. Let this season of Advent bring you closer to the coming of our Lord!

Learn about and make your own family Advent Wreath.

Blessings

Lentine Fidow - DRS





Kia Ora Whānau,

This week our Y4, Y5 and Y6 athletics teams went to Massey Park to compete in the MPSSA Athletics Tournament. It was a wet, windy and cold day but that didn't dampen our spirits! It was a great out and it was lovely to see the children competing in their events and cheering one another on throughout the day.



Congratulations to the Year 5 boys who placed 2nd overall in the track events and Year 6 boys who placed 3rd overall in the track events.



That's a wrap for 2020

Well what a year it has been! Despite Covid 19 we have still been able to participate in quite a few sporting events! This has been my first year working as sports coordinator and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches and whanau support, without you school sport could not take place.

I've already had a few meetings to discuss what sport at St Anne's will look like next year and I can't wait....Watch this space!

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and summer. Make sure you get some rest, ready for sport in Term 1!

Here are some photos of the highlights of my sporting year.



Quote of the week:

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game" - Babe Ruth

Kia Kaha

Miss Lewis - SPORTS COORDINATOR

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