



E-Newsletter # 3
Term 1 Week 9

Learn to Love,
Love to Learn

Akona te Aroha, Arohaina te Ako

Term Break Reminder

Term 1

- ends on Thursday, April 2nd at normal time (2.45pm).

Term 2

- begins on Monday, April 20th

We hope all our students and families enjoy a restful and blessed Easter break. This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Celebrate Easter with your family and parish community
- Rest and recharge after a busy term
- Spend quality time together
- Reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and new life

Monday 20 April

Powhiri/Liturgy
9am

Friday 24 April

Whole School Mass
9am

Monday 27 April

ANZAC DAY
NO SCHOOL

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 enter Week 9 of Term 1, we are approaching the sacred season of Holy Week - the most important week in the Christian calendar. It has been a privilege to witness our students' growth in faith, learning, and character throughout this term as we continue to build His kingdom together.

Feast of Saint Patrick

What a joyful celebration we had for the Feast of Saint Patrick. Our school day began with a special School Liturgy. In the afternoon, we celebrated with House Team fun events that brought energy, laughter, and friendly competition to our school. It was wonderful to see all the pupils from the one house being together celebrating and supporting each other.



St Mary's Palmerston North School Visit

On Thursday, March 26th, we have the pleasure of hosting teachers from St Mary's Palmerston North School. It is wonderful to share our learning spaces, teaching practices, and the innovative work happening at St Anne's with our colleagues from another Catholic school. These professional connections strengthen our wider Catholic education community and provide opportunities for shared learning.

ASB Polyfest Primary Schools Day

A group of our students had an amazing opportunity to attend the ASB Polyfest Primary Schools Day. This iconic Auckland event celebrates Pacific cultures through music, dance, and performance. Our students

Monday 11 May
Staff Maths Professional Development
NO SCHOOL



Mateo Baice
Deputy Head Boy
College Life

Congratulations to Mateo Baice on his achievement. Mateo aims to create meaningful spaces for Māori, Pasifika and all cultures within St Peter's College - weaving cultural identity and shared values into the heart of the college life.

A very big welcome!

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

Konnor Ikinpe
Savio Marof
Paul Halafihi
Joseph Latu
Lui Lui



Well done to the following children who have received

Principal Awards

Aroha - Year 0&1:

Arlo Maddren
Magdalene Clinto Parakkal
Marcus Iringan

participated in learning a traditional dance, watched performances from various schools, and learned more about what makes this event so special to our Pacific communities. Polyfest is a wonderful celebration of cultural identity, pride, and diversity - values that are at the heart of our St Anne's community. [Click](#)

Emotions in Motion Programme

A group of Year 1 students have been participating in the Emotions in Motion programme in the Sensory Room throughout the term. This wonderful programme helps our youngest learners develop emotional literacy, self-regulation skills, and social awareness. It's been beautiful to see our tamariki growing in their understanding of feelings and how to express them appropriately.

Tupu Māia Programme

Our Year 7-8 students completed their participation in the Tupu Māia Programme with an inter-school sports event held at Go Media Stadium. The programme focused on resilience, wellbeing, and leadership. It provided valuable opportunities for our senior students to develop the skills and mindsets they need to navigate challenges and thrive.

MPSSA Year 5-6 Cricket Tournament - Second Place

Huge congratulations to our Year 5-6 cricket team who placed second in the Manurewa Competition. Our students competed with excellence and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, making St Anne's very proud. Well done to all team members and thank you to the coaches and staff who supported our team to achieve this fantastic result.

Holy Week - A Sacred Journey

Next week, we will journey through **Holy Week**, the most sacred week in the Christian calendar. This is when we remember and reflect on the final days of Jesus' earthly life - his entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his suffering and death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

At St Anne's, we will mark Holy Week through a series of special liturgies and activities that help our students understand and experience the profound meaning of these events. The schedule is listed on the left side.

Understanding the Stations of the Cross for Children:

Through these stations, we walk with Jesus, remembering his suffering and the great love he showed for us.

For our younger students, the Stations help them understand that:

- Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to suffer for us
- Even when things are difficult, we are never alone - Jesus understands suffering
- We can show love for others by helping them carry their burdens

For our older students, the Stations invite deeper reflection on:

- The meaning of sacrifice and love
- Our own response to suffering in the world
- How we can follow Jesus' example of compassion and courage

All whānau are warmly invited to join us for any or all of these Holy Week liturgies.

Swimming Lessons - Final Week

Tika - Year 1&2:

Lesina Leuea
Jazlyn Singh
Fialau'i'a Matafeo
Saan Sabi

Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Sioli Blessing
Lucas Tacadao

Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Charries Inclino
Inari Madduma Arachchige
Lucas Esmero
Joan Vincent

Tumanako - Year 7&8:

Maryanne Timu Sa
Julia Iosefo Samu

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 30th:

- **9am: Washing of the Feet** (led by Tūmanako)
- **2pm: Last Supper** (led by Tika Tuarua)

Tuesday, March 31st:

- **9am: Stations 1 & 2** (led by Aroha) - We begin the Stations of the Cross, following Jesus' journey to Calvary
- **2pm: Stations 3 & 4** (led by Whakanui Tuatahi)

Wednesday, April 1st:

- **9am: Stations 5 & 6** (led by Tika Tuatahi)
- **2pm: Stations 7 & 8** (led by Arohanui Tuatahi)

Thursday, April 2nd:

- **9am: Stations 9 & 10** (led by Arohanui Tuarua)
- **2pm: Stations 11 & 12** (led by Whakanui Tuarua)

Our Years 3-6 students will complete their final swimming lessons at Manurewa Pools this week. Thank you to all the families who have supported this programme by ensuring students had their swimming gear and arrived on time each day. The progress our students have made in water confidence and swimming skills has been wonderful to see.

Student Progress and Assessment

Running Records

Teachers have been completing running records for target students during Week 9. This data will help us track reading progress and plan targeted support in reading for students who need it.

Reading Wedge Graphs

Reading wedge graphs for Years 1-3 will be completed this week. These visual tools help us monitor progress and celebrate growth in reading of these students every 5 weeks.

PAT Maths Assessment

Our Year 3-8 are completing PAT Maths assessment this week.

Student Attendance

Congratulations on your child's attendance this term. From Week 3 to Week 8 we averaged **94% attendance**. This shows your commitment to your child attending school. Whānau will be contacted when their child misses 5 days or more per term. Often we don't see a pattern of absence and this helps whānau to keep on track.

Holiday in School Term Reminder:

If your family is planning any travel or activities during the break, we hope you have a wonderful time making memories together. **Please remember that the term breaks are the best time for family holidays and trips.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 2.

Looking Ahead - Term 2

While we are focusing on finishing Term 1 well and celebrating Holy Week, here's a brief preview of some exciting events coming up in Term 2:

- Student-Led Conferences - An opportunity for students to showcase their learning to whānau
- Continued sporting competitions and tournaments
- Cultural celebrations and language weeks
- Faith formation and liturgical celebrations
- Continued professional learning for staff

More detailed information about Term 2 events will be shared in our first newsletter of the new term.

Ngā mihi nui

Glen

Principal
St Anne's Catholic School

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." - John 11:25



Lost Property

Please check the lost property box for your child's uniform. This can be found outside the school office. Please ensure all uniforms are named including hats and shoes.



Name Labels - only \$4 each



- Guaranteed for the life of the item.
- Printed & heat pressed in-store.
- Label most items including bags & sandals.

***T's & C's:**

- Please choose the correct size uniform items. Once we add a name label we cannot accept the item back for exchange or refund.
- We cannot label socks, some shoes, smaller accessories or drink bottles.

School Sunhats

NZ Uniforms have informed us that they now have a good supply of our school hats - available online or in store \$19 each

Week 7 Tumanako Sports

Heart, Hustle, and Team Spirit

Last Monday, our Year 7&8 Girls' Touch Team proudly represented our school at the recent CCSA Interschool Touch Tournament. From the first whistle, the girls played with energy, determination, and great teamwork.

Across four games, the team grew stronger with every match, sharpening their passing, tightening their defence, and supporting one another with outstanding sportsmanship. The game against Randwick had the sidelines buzzing. In a fast, exciting game, our girls battled right to the end before Randwick edged ahead in the final minutes to win.

A huge thank you to Coach Mr Ross for his dedication to training the team, and to the many parents, grandparents, and siblings whose enthusiastic support created such a fantastic atmosphere on the day.

Captain - Maile Mounga

A Grand Final to Remember

The very next day, our Year 8 Softball girls' team attended the Counties Softball Tournament. The girls were exceptionally successful, winning their first three games with ease and advancing straight to the finals. In the final, the girls faced Manurewa Intermediate in a thrilling match. The first inning saw Manurewa ahead 2-1. Both teams scored zero runs in the second and third innings. The game ended with no other runs scored.

Our girls played with incredible heart and determination—it was a wonderful match to witness. The final attracted significant attention, with many teachers and coaches commending both teams for their skilled and spirited play. Although our girls finished second in the tournament, they are champions in our school.

Well done to Mr Ross for his excellent coaching and to Aiva for leading her team with such determination and mana.

Ms Fidow

School Board Developments

Aroha playspace

We are currently completing the Aroha playspace area (see below). The space will contain climbing frames, sandpit, water kitchen, stepping stones and rock garden next to the turf and sunshades behind Aroha. We have already completed access from the classrooms by adding decking and bifold doors.



Schools Attendance Services

Yes to education. Yes to employment. Yes to your future.

We're here to support you and your child to engage successfully in education.

What we provide:



Attendance support for enrolled students



Advocates for students and whanau



Support non-enrolled students to re-engage with learning pathways

How we can support:

- Identify and work through barriers for attendance
- Collaborate with schools and support services
- Provide flexible support to meet individual needs
- Promote student voice and whanau involvement

Areas we cover

Papakura, Rosehill, Drury, Manurewa

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Sensory Space

We renovated Whakapono Tuawha with new carpet, autex on the walls, low furniture, a muscle mat, bifold doors and a deck to the Aroha playspace. This is a space our younger pupils can use for self regulation and social skills programmes.

Fale Pasefika

We continue our work towards building a Fale Pasefika. A sub group of the board have been working with an architect and builder over the past 2 years developing a Fale concept (see above). We hope to confirm our next steps in Term 2.

Thank you for your support and have a blessed Easter - School Board

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