



Upcoming Dates

Week 8

Tuesday 4 December
Year 6 Boys Retreat
 Rainbow's End

Wednesday 5 December
Parents' Meeting for
2019 Year 7&8 Camp
 7.00 pm Tumanako Hub

Thursday 6 December
Tumanako Fundraiser
MUFTI & POPCORN
GOLD COIN DONATION
All proceeds raised go to the
Knitting Club

Friday 7 December
Class/Hub Prizegiving
 Church - 12.30 pm start

No School Assembly

Week 9



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

Merry Christmas

What a fantastic year we have had. Thank you to all the St Anne's whanau for your support of the school. As a staff we were determined to grow and develop further. Our aim is to deliver the best all round education, based in our faith for your child. We will keep focusing on this goal throughout 2019.

Events to Celebrate

Cultural Festival - A big thank you to all the whanau for their support on the day. With the rain closing in we made the decision to move venue into our new canopy. A great decision. The sound was better and we were sheltered by the wind. Thanks to our Facebook team who gave our whanau at home live access to the dances. Since Friday the videos have hit 8,500 views.

Readers Degree Ceremony - Well done to the Year 5 to 8 pupils who were rewarded with their Readers degree. This was a fantastic event that celebrated the effort and time the pupils placed into their reading. We hope it inspires the pupils into further education after their college years.

Staffing for 2019

Sadly we say farewell to Ms McNamara, who is retiring this year, Mrs Elder and Mr Dennis. We thank you for your service to the pupils of St Anne's and the community. We wish you all the best in your next teaching journey.

We would like to congratulate Ms Pereira who won the position of Team Leader for Tumanako and Mrs Crummer who won the position of Team Leader for Arohanui Tuatahi.

We welcome Ms Israel, Miss Maletino and Ms Sawa to our teaching staff for 2019. Next year we will have one more teacher than this year, as we are in need of an extra teacher in Tumanako. It is great to see the girls growing in Yr 7 & 8.

Merry Christmas

A thought to leave with you:

"I give myself into the arms of God's loving providence."

M Cecilia Maher

Ngā mihi nui and God Bless
 Mr Ryan
 Principal

Monday 10 December
No Morning Liturgy today
Leadership Day for School Leaders
A day out with Mrs Milich-Misikini and Mr Norman in Wellington City.

Tuesday 11 December
School Reports coming home today.

Wednesday 12 December
Morning Liturgy
Church - 10.00 am start

School Leavers Graduation Mass
Yr 6 Arohanui and Yr 8 Tumanako students & whanau.
7.00 pm Church

Thursday 13 December
Christmas Liturgy
9.30 am Church

Helpers' Morning Tea
Invited guests please make your way to the Library after the Christmas Liturgy.

Friday 14 December



Yes, school finishes today at

12.45 pm

A very big welcome!

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

Roguen Harris



What a wonderful day our Cultural Festival was last Friday! Embracing and celebrating our different cultures together as a school and a community. Please [click here](#) to view highlight photos from this festive, colourful day!

Travelwise Celebrations

Six dedicated TravelWise girls, were lucky enough to go on a trip to The Cloud, where we celebrated with all of the other TravelWise schools in Auckland. The Cloud, was filled with all the schools who have chosen to be TravelWise and filled with a bunch of road related activities, that we could all join in with after we finished our Scavenger Hunt, around the city streets of Auckland.

On the train ride back to school, we discussed about how much fun we all had. We were treated to vanilla ice cream, saw the many wonders the city held, enjoyed the TravelWise games and challenges and were delighted with the sight of the BMX Riders doing what they are best at, risky stunts!

We highly recommend that everyone is as dedicated to TravelWise as we all were, so that next year, you can be delighted with the amazing experience we had as well.

On behalf of our school, we collected a Silver Award for keeping the roads and children of our school community, safe. Thank you Mrs McNamara for sharing this wonderful day with us.

Ashanti





Gospel Value of the week

HOPE Tumanako

**UPCOMING LITURGICAL
CELEBRATIONS:**
Please join us.

WEEK 9

Second week of ADVENT



We make room for Jesus in our hearts by loving as Jesus did, by being kind, forgiving, sharing, caring, and being obedient.

During Advent, we can prepare the way of the Lord by repenting and being sorry for our sins.

Wednesday 12 December
School Leavers' Graduation Mass
Led by Arohanui and Tumanako
7.00 pm - Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Strand: ADVENT

[Family-Whanau book](#)
[Catholic Community Links](#)

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



As we are now in the season of Advent, I am amazed how fast time seems to go! It feels like just a couple of months ago that I was in the throes of Christmas and all that leads up to it.

Making plans, who to visit, who to have over, what gifts to get for so and so and all the worrying that comes with this time of year. As I write this, I am filled with dread just thinking about the busyness ahead of me. December has quite the ironic twist. It's the time of year we most intend to reflect on the birth of our Savior, and yet it is *the month* we have the least amount of time for reflection. *We are already busy people, but then we somehow add to our normal daily busyness massive amounts of holiday busyness.* Christmas time brings Christmas decorations, Christmas shopping, Christmas parties,



Christmas pictures, Christmas traditions and the list goes on. All these takes a lot of work! Work that now takes us away from the "real reason for the season". We all know amidst the December to-do list, it is easy to lose sight of that goal. In fact, Christmas can quickly become *the most stressful time of the year*, and it might be the time in which we are most distracted. We are so busy getting ready for Christmas, we are forgetting Advent, the season of preparation before Christmas. Somewhere in all our busyness and our eagerness to get to Christmas, we forget the importance of Advent. We forget to prepare ourselves for the "coming" of Jesus. Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time is a great way of preparing for the coming of our Lord. *If we are to look deeper into Advent and the significance of this season, the excerpt from Advent - A Quality Store cupboard : The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer says "The vision that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again and in between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian."* First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us. When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

If you are wanting ideas on how you and your family can prepare yourselves during the season of Advent, click on the link below which comes from "Catholic Straight Answers" that has lovely and meaningful ways that you and your whole family can do together in preparation for the coming of our Lord.

How should we Prepare for Christmas?

*la faa'manuia lava outou ma outou aiga uma i lenei Kirisimasi.
May God bless you and your family this Christmas.*



Well done to the following children who have received

Principal Awards

Aroha - Year 0&1:

Dawn Hutchinson
Elizabeth Nettihaus
Tiana Sulu

Tika - Year 1&2:

Nohadra Elas
Travis Tamayao

Whakanui -Year 3&4:

Vikki Kilgour
Mandy Tran
TJ Gafai
Kaliti Tokalauvere
Zildjan Sta Maria

Arohanui - Year 5&6:

Rona-Lee Oti
Joseph Tran
Nicholas Beirne
Evamilahn Pio



House points are very close.
Last weeks to gain house points.

**Which House will win
the title 'CHAMPION
House of 2018'?**

Please [click here](#)
to read the latest
PTFA newsletter



Celebrating our Achievements & Successes

Congratulations!

An Awesome Ambassador



Mālo 'aupito (Well done) to our Week 6 Excellence Award winner Arohanui Tuatahi student Suli. At the recent Manurewa Primary Schools Sports Association Athletics Day, Suli went out of his way to clean, organise and assist his peers. He also displayed the gospel values to other schools at all times. What a credit to our school, your family and yourself Suli!

Ex-Pupils Excellence 2018

This year we are featuring and celebrating EXCELLENCE of our past students who have continued to excel beyond St Annes School in 2018. Congratulations to the following ex-students:

Maliana Manu will be Deputy Head girl of St Mary's Ponsonby in 2019.

Emma Yousif is one of the two Mercy Leaders of McAuley High School for 2019.

Alanna Hughes will be Deputy Head girl of McAuley High School in 2019. At St Anne's Alanna was Deputy Maher House captain; our very first Maori Achievement Award winner in 2014 and joint Year 8 Christian Leadership Winner, with Maliana above in 2014.

Trinity Paeu who has received a scholarship to play college basketball in America in 2019. Trinity played in our St Anne's Basketball teams.

Adam Vargas (our 2017 Year 6 Overall Academic Winner) received the Principal's Excellence award at Sacred Heart College for Year 7 in 2018 for Excellence in English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science, Social Studies and The Arts.

Hayley Sparks who graduated with the following below:

- 2014-2018 - Doctor of Philosophy, Geography; University Doctoral Scholar
- 2018 New Zealand Geographical Society Best Doctoral Thesis
- 2013 New Zealand Geographical Society Best Masters Thesis
- 2008-2010 - Bachelor of Science, majoring in Geography
- 2011 - Bachelor of Science, Geography, First Class Honors
- 2012 - Master of Science, Geography, First Class Honors

Hayley presented her PhD research at conferences in Dunedin, Melbourne and San Francisco in 2018. Now works as National Academic Manager at The Mind Lab.

Mrs Joanne Milich-Misikini
Associate Principal



Upcoming Sports Fixtures:

Week 8

Wednesday 5 December

**Weetbix
Tryathlon**

Mountfort
Park



All children participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon must **BE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 7.30 AM.** Unfortunately we cannot wait for latecomers.

*Miss Siluuga
Sports Coordinator*

Please look for that book

It's that time of the year again to return all school readers, books, school journals, library books to school. No matter how long you may have had it or what state the book is in, we need to have **all books back at school by the end of this week please.** It is important to send back all our school books, so we can have them all ready for our tamariki next year. Thank you.

**WANTED
Gold Coin
Donation
THIS
THURSDAY**

HUGE REWARD

!!MUFTI!!

All proceeds go to the Knitting club

Tumanako Fundraiser

If you wish to wear mufti this Thursday, 6 December please bring a gold donation. Also on Thursday, Tumanako students will be selling popcorn, at lunchtime outside Tumanako hub. The cost is \$1.00. All proceeds will go to the St Anne's Knitting group. Please support our fundraiser.



Kia ora Whanau from the Manakidz team.

This Winter has been a busy one for us with lots of children requiring treatment for Strep A throat infections and skin issues

There has been an increase in cases of Rheumatic Fever, so please be vigilant with your children's health over the holidays

If they have a sore throat please take them to the doctor to be checked



Have a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2019
See you in the New Year.
Sue and Hei

Attendance Dues

Please contact Mrs Sparks at the school office if you have any queries regarding your account or you are unable to make payments Ph 269 0023. Thank you.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is now available for you to purchase online through our supplier [Argyle Schoolwear](#).



2019 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Term 1 2019. If you have a child turning 5 and not yet enrolled please come to the school office to collect an enrolment pack.



Our last day of school is Friday, 14 December 2018, finishing at 12.45pm.

Our first day of school for Term 1 2019 is Monday, 4 February 2019 at 8.45am

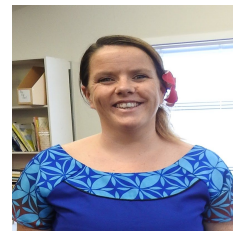


St Anne's Manurewa Facebook

Videos of the hub performances from our Cultural Festival can be viewed here. Keep an eye out for more videos of our special events at this time of the year.

A very big Thank You

"It is never too late to follow your dreams and there is no time like the present to start."



With this quote in mind, I'd like to let all the families and children know that sadly, I will be leaving my role as Social Worker at St Anne's. I am going to follow my dream to become a teacher. In 2019 I will be doing a one year Post Graduate Diploma in Primary School Teaching and hope to return to St Anne's as a teacher in 2020.

The school and community have been a great support over the past two years and through my role I have seen the amazing work that happens within the school and being in the school environment, I realised that it is a dream I could pursue.

Thank you to all the family, children, staff and management for the support in the SWiS Role and their support around my decision to go back to university. I have really enjoyed the the work I have been able to do in this role with all the wonderful children and families and it has been an amazing role to fill and community to work with.

This is a farewell in my role as a SWiS at St Anne's but definitely not a farewell to the community as I will be still a face around to help at school activities and events. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all around in 2019.

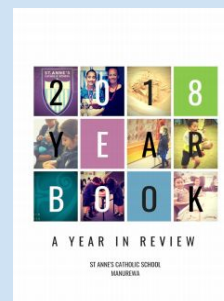
Blessings,

Maria

Order your 2018 School Magazine

Our 2018 School Magazine is now in print.

This magazine includes highlights and a class/hub photo from your child's class/hub. It also includes reports from our principal, parish priest and board of trustees. Sports, clubs and special events from the start of the year up to the beginning of this term also feature. At a cost of only \$20.00 it makes a momentous keepsake for 2018. Please fill out the order form or enquire at the school office. **ORDER A COPY BEFORE THIS FRIDAY.**



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