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16 May 2024

Newsletter 8

Tēnā koutou katoa St Anthony's School Whānau & Community

The staff and I are really looking forward to catching up with school whānau during the upcoming Term 2 events such as our Community Mass, the School Running Races and the Cultural Festival. Please read this newsletter to find out more about our Term 2 school activities. The front fence property project is still being completed. This is likely to be finished by the end of next week. Nearly there! Thank you for your patience with the front gate area.

Community Mass

As per the dates in the previous school newsletters and on the school calendar, our Term 2 Community Mass will be held on **Sunday, 26 May 2024 at 11am, at St Brigid's Church**. We look forward to seeing all school families at this event. *(A reminder that attendance at our Community Mass, x1 per term, is part of the conditions of enrolment at St Anthony's School)*. Some new students will be receiving special certificates at the end of this Mass. Students attend Mass in their school uniform and sit with their whānau. Our church band will be playing and a number of students will be saying prayers or readings.



Welcome New Student

A very warm welcome to Miran VK and his family who have joined our St Anthony's School whānau this term. We are really looking forward to sharing the many events with you over the coming term. Our school roll is: 119 students.

Mary Month of May – Ko Maria te Marama o Haratua



May is the month dedicated to Mary, the month during which we celebrate the two great feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, and also Mary, Mother of the Church.

Mo Maria our New Zealand Catholic anthem.

This is the waiata we will sing together as a school at the Bush Schools Cultural Festival on the 27 June. School whānau who attend this event will stand with the school and join us when we sing this waiata as part of the Powhiri. St Anthony's is hosting this event.

Staffing Update - Fr. Tom McKenna Y3 & Y4 Class

Due to her family's new farming commitments, Miss Cushla Paton will be resigning as teacher of Fr Tom McKenna Class at the end of Term 2. We will be very sad to say farewell to Cushla, but we completely understand that at this time, Cushla needs to put her family first. We are very fortunate that Cushla will still be available to our school for day relief work and will still be involved as a parent of St Anthony's School. The BOT and I will now be advertising for a teacher to commence at the start of Term 3. Further updates will be advised through the school newsletter. Should you require further information about staffing please contact me directly on principal@stanthony.ac.nz.

School Cross Country Running Race

Please see the information about this event at the end of this school newsletter. This notice was also shared via Skool Loop earlier in the week.

Kapa Haka - Whānau Welcome

If any whānau members want to come along to learn the waiata that our students are practicing, for the Bush Schools Cultural Festival, please join us at the hall each Thursday from 2.20pm - 2.50pm.

Bush Schools Cultural Festival 27 June

As previously advised we are very excited that **St Anthony's School will be hosting the Bush Schools Cultural Festival** at the Bush Multisport Stadium on 27 June 2024, 10am - 2pm. At the end of the day all schools will be joining together to sing '[Tai Aroha](#)'.

Helpers for the Cultural Festival - 27 June

Thank you to the families who have given their names as volunteers to help us with hosting this event. I will be in contact with those whānau, at the start of June to discuss the specific tasks you have been allocated. We sincerely appreciate your help. If you have not contacted us, but can help out on either the 26 or 27 June please send an email to principal@stanthony.ac.nz or leave a message at the School Office this week so we can finalise our list.

Staff Hui

The teaching staff and I are continuing to work with Tash Hau, Facilitator from Te Kura Toi Tangata - School of Education, Poutama Pounamu to implement the suggestions gathered from our whānau during the hui and implementing the Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum through the stories of Te Kahu Manukura (our school kākahu). If whānau would like to take part in the next hui, we would love you to join us at 3.30pm Tuesday 11 June 2024 in the staffroom.

Road Crossing

Just a reminder to have your child use the pedestrian crossing when dropping off and collecting from school.

School Bus - Additional Travellers

We have recently received the following information from the Ministry of Education: *"We've recently had a number of enquiries about whether students are able to bring a friend (who is not eligible for school transport assistance) with them on their school bus. The friend would be treated as an ineligible student, even if they are eligible for a different school bus. This means that the bus operator would be the one to decide if the ineligible student is able to travel on the school bus – this would be a private arrangement between the caregiver and the bus operator, and would be subject to certain conditions. The bus operator can decide to not carry the ineligible student"*.

Our bus operator contact is: Go Bus - Site Supervisor : Brent Tomlinson
brent.tomlinson@gobus.co.nz or 0272796854



It was very exciting watching the containers being removed from the school grounds by Mr James Beech last week.

Plastic Bottles Wanted

Mrs Powell needs plastic 1.5 and 2 litre coke/lemonade etc bottles for a Science experiment. If you have some of these bottles could you please send them to school. Thank you.

After School Indoor Hockey

All information is on the school website. Draws will be posted once received from the organisers. Please advise your team coach or manager if your child is going to be absent from a game.

Under 7 Indoor Hockey

The Under 7 Grey team is playing at 3:20pm next week Monday 20 May. There was an error on the last draw.

After School Sport

It is great to see our netball and hockey teams in action and so many students playing.

Just a couple of points:

1) Parents are responsible for their children at netball and hockey. Please ensure that your child is behaving and upholding our school values. It is not the responsibility of the netball coach or hockey manager to do this.

2) If your child is going to miss a game, please directly contact their netball coach or hockey manager as soon as possible.

School Closed - Teacher Only Day

Please note that school will be closed on 3 June for Kings Birthday Weekend and on 4 June for a Teacher Only Day.

School Hours

Just a reminder that school starts at 9am, so students need to be on the school grounds, at the latest, by 8.55am. No earlier than 8.30am, unless they are an early bus student.

Ngā mihi nui

Marg Hyslop, Principal

Kia tau te rangimārie ki ā koe.

Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

Term 3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct - Fri 13 Dec

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at 5pm on **27 May 2024** at school. All welcome.

BOT School Policies & Procedures

Join in the review process if you like:

<https://stanthony.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there is no "www").

Our **username** is: stanthony

Our **password** is: anthony

Term 2 Review is now open.

School Dates

16 May - Newsletter

21 May - Y7 & Y8 Tech

23 May - School Cross Country Running Race

26 May - Community Mass 11am

27 May - BOT Meeting 5pm

30 May - Newsletter

3 June - King's Birthday Holiday - school closed

4 June - Teacher Only Day - school closed

5 June - Scripture Reading Comp 6pm

6 June - Bush Schools Cross Country Race

11 June - PP date for Bush Schools Cross Country Race

13 June - St Anthony of Padua Feast Day

14 June - St John Appeal

18 June - Y7 & Y8 Tech

26 June - Newsletter

27 June - Bush Schools Cultural Festival

28 June - Matariki Public Holiday (school closed)

1 July - Tree Planting Y4 - Y6

2 July - Y7 & Y8 Tech

2 July - St Johns 1st Aid Course

3 July - Y7 & Y8 Tree Planting

3 July - First Reconciliation 5pm

4 July - St Johns 1st Aid Course

5 July - Last day of Term 2

Please refer to our school website for Community Notices.

House For Rent Wanted (school family)

Looking for a 4 bedroom rental property, pet friendly. Can provide references. If you know of anything please contact Chantelle on 02040157449. Thank you.



St Anthony's School Running Races

Thursday 23 May 2024 at the Bush Multisport Park

NB: There is **no postponement** date for this event. School whānau are invited to attend our annual school running races. **The First race starts at 12:30pm. Event will end at approximately 1:45pm**

Can you please ensure that your child arrives at school for this event with the following:

1. Wearing their PE uniform and sneakers
2. A really warm jacket
3. Packed lunch and water bottle

From our results we will pick a team to represent St Anthony's School at the Bush Schools X-Country @ Alfredon on June 6.

The timetable is as follows:

Race 1	12+ girls	Two laps (starts at 12:30pm)
Race 2	12+ boys	Two laps
Race 3	5 year old girls	Half a lap
Race 4	5 year old boys	Half a lap
Race 5	11 year old girls	Two laps
Race 6	11 year old boys	Two laps
Race 7	6 year old girls	Half a lap
Race 8	6 year old boys	Half a lap
Race 9	7 year old girls	One lap
Race 10	7 year old boys	One lap
Race 11	8 year old girls	One lap
Race 12	8 year old boys	One lap
Race 13	9 year old girls	One lap
Race 14	9 year old boys	One lap
Race 15	10 Year old girls	Two laps
Race 16	10 year old boys	Two laps

These races will be run very closely together to speed up the day. We cannot give the actual start of each race. A big thank you to the Treder family who set up our course each year and the past students who will assist on the day. Your assistance is much appreciated. **We do, however, require some parent volunteers to assist with our Sr Alphonsus Y1 and Sr Margaret Y2 classes. If you can help** (and do not have a preschooler to look after) **we would appreciate it if you could please contact Mrs Harrison via email jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz by Friday 17 May.**

Thank you for your support. Robey Jansen rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz