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Within our Catholic faith, leading by gentleness and strength, to inspire, grow and celebrate our learners.

Mā tō tātou whakapono Katorika, Kia mārie, Kia kaha, Hei whakatipu, Hei whanake, Hei whakanui hoki ōu tātou ākonga



Newsletter 7

2 May 2024

Nau mai haere mai - Welcome to Term 2

How good it was to see everyone returned safely to school after a well deserved term break. We especially welcome back Mrs Powell.

As you come into school you will see our main property projects have taken place over the term break. We now have beautiful new matting across all deck areas. This is something we have waited a long time for and are very grateful to have it installed. (It can not have anything dragged across it so if moving furniture etc please carry it). This project was completely funded by the Diocese of Palmerston North. We are also in the process of having our front fencing completed. This will be finished in approximately 2 weeks time when the new gates and remaining panels arrive. The BOT have contributed some funding toward this work, however the main work has all been funded by the Diocese of Palmerston North. We sincerely appreciate their care of our school.

Baptism Mass

Congratulations to Maci-Anne, Elouise and Laura who received the sacrament of Baptism at the end of Term 1. It was wonderful to have Fr Ron Bennett lead this mass for us. Thank you to Mrs Harrison for organising this very special event.



Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Whānau who would like their child to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Holy Communion) are asked to please contact Jenni Harrison today. This is for students who have received the sacrament of Baptism and are Year 3 or older. Either send Jenni an email jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz or phone her via the school office (376 8523). Preparation lessons for students will start next week with Philipa Beech.

Welcome New Students

A very warm welcome to all new families and students; Joseph Darcara-Hewitt, Bessie Stone and Mairangi Dodd-Tui Ihaia 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: 118.

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 14 May and Tuesday 11 June 2024 in the staffroom.



ANZAC Dawn Service

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We Will Remember Them*

It was great to see so many students and whānau attending the Pahiatua ANZAC Dawn Parade Service on 25 April. Thank you to Lachlan, Angus, Hugo, Van, Levi and Hannah who were our wreath bearers for St Anthony's School. Thank you to Tash Baker for organising the card.

Congratulations Artists



Congratulations to Ethan Buys and Charlotte Fouhy who were presented with a prize pack today for gaining Highly Commended for their artwork in the Polish National Flag Day competition. This presentation was made at the Pahiatua Council Chambers by the Polish Ambassador, Mr Grzegorz Kowal.

Kapa Haka - Whānau Welcome

If any whānau member wants to come along to learn the waiata that our students are practicing, for the Cultural Festival, please join us at the hall each Thursday from 2.20pm - 2.50pm. We are very grateful to have Keeshan tutoring us in preparation for this amazing event.

School Uniform - Winter (Term 2 & 3)

All students should now be wearing their winter uniform. **A reminder that our school uniform should be worn and not a variation of this.**

Hair should be tidy. To tie hair back use a simple hair tie that reflects the school uniform colours. Hair needs to be tied and clipped back to ensure that it does not cover their face.

Jewellery Students may wear simple stud earrings that are gold, silver or uniform colours. Students may wear a wrist watch. A necklace of spiritual or cultural significance may be worn. No make-up or nail polish to be worn.

Please email the School Office to get any winter uniform items (no charge) or refer to the Uniform Tab on the school website to order new uniform items through NZ Uniforms.

- Longed sleeved navy polo shirt or navy skivvy
- Winter shorts - dark grey (Boys)
- School tartan tunic OR tartan skort OR tartan skirt (Girls)
- Long navy socks
- Can wear navy tights with tunic or skort or skirt
- Black school shoes (*Please note that the **black shoes are leather or look like leather - not canvas or running shoes***)

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 the 27 June 2024 10am - 2pm. We are looking forward to whānau supporting us with the tasks involved with hosting this event.

Bush Schools Cultural Festival 27 June cont...

If you can help with any of the following activities we would be very grateful to hear from you as soon as possible (thank you to Whānau who have already offered help):

- Setting up the day before 26 June 11am - 12.30pm
- Cleaning up at the end of the event - 2pm - 3pm
- Helping in the kitchen on 27 June or setting up the kitchen the day before 26 June or cleaning up/ serving etc.
- Keeping doors closed during performances and opening in between (1 hour shifts).
- Looking after visiting school by showing them where to sit etc.

Please send an email to principal@stanthony.ac.nz or leave a message at the office if you can help and which task you would like to help with.

- During the pōwhiri all St Anthony's whānau will be with us as we are the hosts, tangata whenua, and will be welcoming the Manuhiri, visitors. The waiata we will sing at the powhiri is [MŌ Maria](#). Please access this link to learn the words (and the background of why this himine is important to us as a Catholic school). We will sing it slightly faster than on the video - but it will still give you a chance to become familiar with it.
- At the end of the day we will all be joining together to sing 'Tai Aroha'

Correct Bus Information for Term 2

We have 58 students who travel to and from school by bus. At 3pm when we take the bus roll it is vital that we have up-to-date accurate information. Now that Term 2 sport has started, parents need to contact the School Office with bus arrangements, so that we can make changes to the bus roll, otherwise we will go by the Term 1 information. Could parents please contact the School Office of any collection arrangements straight away please.

After School Indoor Hockey

All information is on the school website. Draws will be posted once received from the organisers.
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

School Dates

2 May - Newsletter

2 May - After school netball starts

3 May - Mass 9.30am (Juniors)

7 May - Y7 & Y8 Tech

10 May - Mass 9.30am (Seniors)

13 May - After school indoor hockey starts

14 May - Potamau Ponamu 3.30pm

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

6 June - Bush Schools Cross Country Race

13 June - St Anthony of Padua Feast Day

13 June - First Reconciliation 5pm

14 June - St John Appeal

18 June - Y7 & Y8 Tech

27 June - Cultural Festival (Bush Stadium)

28 June - Matariki Public Holiday (school closed)

1 July - Tree Planting Y4 - Y6

2 July - Y7 & Y8 Tech

5 July - Last day of Term 2

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

BOT Meeting

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

Please refer to our school website for Community Notices.