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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



27 February 2025

Newsletter 3

### *Kia ora whānau and friends of St Anthony's School,*

*Our prayers remain with Pope Francis at this time as he faces a serious health battle. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Tararua College and whānau at this time. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this Sunday's School Community Mass, 2 March at 11.15am. It will be a great opportunity to gather as a parish and school community to give thanks. We will be giving certificates to new students at this mass.*

*Please see the notice about the upcoming Teacher Only Days and the School Working B further in this school newsletter. We are really looking forward to next week's Minor Sports. Best of luck to all those organising this event and to the Y1 & Y2 students taking part. I am sure this will be another fantastic experience for all involved.*

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Marg Hyslop*

*Principal of St Anthony's School*

### **School Community Mass**

Our Term 1 Community Mass will be held this Sunday, **2 March 2025** at 11.15am, in the school hall. Students sit with their families during Mass and come to Mass in their formal uniform. As some people are heading off to other events we will not have a cup of tea this time around.

### **School Picnic and Games**

We had a beautiful evening enjoying our 'Welcome Back BBQ Picnic', a couple of week's ago. It was fabulous to have time to catch up, enjoy each other's company and relax in the sunshine. Thank you to our wonderful Friends of St Anthony's Committee for doing all the work on the BBQ and in the kitchen. Your work was much appreciated.



### **2025 Baptism**

If you are interested in your child/children taking part in the sacrament of Baptism this year (likely at the start of Term 2, please contact our DRS Jenni Harrison [jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz).

### **Friday Lunch Orders**

School Lunch orders will start again tomorrow **Friday, 28 February 2025**. Order forms are on the school website. Students place their order into the Admin box in their classroom by 9am.

### **Teacher Only Days - School Closed**

As per the January SKOOL Loop notice and previous newsletters, St Anthony's School will be closed for **Teacher Only Days** on **4 & 5 March and 8 April 2025**, due to all of our teaching staff attending Structured Literacy professional development. This course is hosted by Massey University and the dates are preset for a cohort of teachers (not just St Anthony's Teachers). The commitment to the work we undertake on Structured Literacy will continue to improve learning outcomes for our students. If you require further information please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal.

## Swimming



We have had a wonderful swimming season, with our aquatics programme finishing last Friday. The students really enjoyed learning about life saving equipment such as life jackets. Thank you to everyone who loaned us any equipment, it was truly appreciated.

### Bush Schools Y1 & Y2 Minor Sports

A notice with details about this event was sent home with all Y1 and Y2 students yesterday and uploaded to SKOOL Loop for Sr Alphonsus Y1 and Sr Margaret Y2 class groups. Please contact your child's class teacher if you require further information.

### Bush Swimming

We would like to congratulate the following swimmers who have been selected to represent St Anthony's School at the Bush Swimming event on Thursday, 6 March 2025:

Amaia Brown	Hannah Baker
George Baker	Sophie Beech
Amelia Fouhy	Henry Gardiner
Liam Elliston	Kenzie Broughton

Each swimmer has received an information letter with details of the event. The reply slip must please be returned to school by Friday, 28 February 2025. For any further information, please contact Mr Robey Jansen  
rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz

## Minor Sports - Y5 - Y8

All of our Y5- Y8 students will be involved in the hosting of the Minor Sports on Friday, 7 March 2025 (postponement date 12 March 2025), at the Bush Stadium Grounds.

Students will need the following:

- Arrive at school wearing their PE uniform
- A bigger lunch
- Water bottle
- School sun hat

They may wish to bring a camp chair or umbrella. Parents are invited to come along and see their child/children in action. The event usually finishes just after 2pm. If any parents are available with a ute or trailer to help us carry all the gear back to school, it would be much appreciated. Please let Mrs Powell know if you can help.

## Netball

After school netball starts in Term Two. This is played Thursdays at the turf for the senior students and in the stadium for the juniors. If your child/children would like to play you will find the registration form on the school website under Sport. All registrations must be in by 25 March 2025.

## SKOOL Loop

If you are having any difficulty at all with your SKOOL Loop app please call the school Office or the Principal and we will assist you with this.

## Touch Rugby

Is there a six year old who would like to play Friday after school touch rugby. Our St Anthony's Yellow team needs another player. If your child would like to play please contact Rae Powell asap.

## Lockdown Practice

If the Minor Sports are not postponed to the 12 March, then we will have a Lockdown Practice with Constable Max on the afternoon of the 12 March 2025.

## Welcome Magazine

This was sent home today for all school families.

## School Dates

28 Feb - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr A, Sr M, & Sr G

**2 Mar - Community Mass 11:15am**

**4 Mar - Teacher Only Day - School Closed**

**5 Mar - Teacher Only Day - School Closed**

5 Mar - Ash Wednesday

6 Mar - Bush Swimming

6 Mar - Assembly 12pm

7 Mar - Minor Sports (Y1-Y2)

7 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr G & Sr dSM

8 Mar - BOT Working Bee

11 Mar - Y7 & Y8 Technology

12 Mar - Minor Sports (Y1-Y2) PP date

12 Mar - Lockdown Practice TBC

13 Mar - Newsletter

14 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr A, Sr M, & Sr G

17 Mar - St Patrick's Day

21 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr G & Sr dSM

21 Mar - Assembly 12pm

25 Mar - Y7 & Y8 Technology

27 Mar - Newsletter

28 Mar - Bush Schools Ball Sports Y5 - Y8

28 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr A, Sr M, & Sr G

28 Mar - Student Reports sent home

1 Apr - Parent Teacher Meetings

2 Apr - Parent Teacher Meetings

4 Apr - Whole school Mass

4 Apr - School Assembly 12pm

7 Apr - BOT Meeting

**8 Apr - Teacher Only Day - School Closed**

9 Apr - Principals Morning Tea

10 Apr - Newsletter

11 Apr - School Assembly 12pm

**11 Apr - Last day Term 1**

**28 Apr - First day Term 2**

## 2025 Term Dates

**Term One:** Tue 28 Jan - Fri 11 Apr (Easter and ANZAC Day are included in the holidays).

**Term Two:** Mon 28 Apr 2025 - Fri 27 Jun

**Term Three:** Mon 14 Jul 2025 - Fri 19 Sep

**Term Four:** Mon 6 Oct 2025 - Fri 12 Dec

## BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 7 April 2025** at school. All are very welcome.



Our School BOT is holding a school working Bee on **Saturday, 8 March 2025** at St Anthony's School. This will start at 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm, with BBQ for lunch. All help will be gratefully appreciated. We need people with chainsaws, wheelbarrows, shovels, gardening tools - there are a lot of jobs for everyone, especially moving the new lime onto the track. Please contact Patrick Baker for further information [pbaker@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:pbaker@stanthony.ac.nz)

## BOT Members

Patrick Baker [pbaker@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:pbaker@stanthony.ac.nz)

Philipa Beech

Natalie Beech

Bronny Lea

Rae Powell

Patsy O'Donnell

Marg Hyslop

Michelle Jephson

Andy Gardiner

## School Trustees Elections September 2025

If you are interested in joining the Board at the next elections please come along to the next meeting or have a chat with one of our Board members. For more information <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>

## BOT School Policies & Procedures

To access our school policies and procedures please go to

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

Our **username** is: stanthony

Our **password** is: anthony



**Friends of St Anthony's Committee Meeting**  
 3 March 2025 at 3.15pm in the school staffroom.  
 All are welcome. Contact Loretta Smyth for further information.

*Please refer to our school website for Community Notices*



*Patrol Training with Constable Maxine Walsh*



*Enjoying the School Picnic!*



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## **Diocesan Outreach Assistants – Aid to the Church in Need – Diocese of Palmerston North**

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is an international Catholic Charity offering spiritual and pastoral support to suffering and persecuted Christians. ACN is looking for Diocesan Outreach Assistants (DOAs) living in the Diocese of Palmerston North to help spread the news of this work in Catholic parishes in 2025.**

The Diocesan Outreach Assistant role is a part time position which consists of delivering 15 weekends of parish presentations across a year. The role also requires the capacity to undertake administrative work (pertaining to booking presentations in parishes e.g. phone calls, emails, etc.)

The primary tasks of the Diocesan Outreach Assistant are:

- To raise awareness of the suffering and persecuted Church by sharing the stories of our brothers and sisters who suffer or are persecuted for their faith. The DOA will encourage parishioners to sign up to receive the ACN's Newsletter.
- To invite parishioners to pray for the persecuted and suffering Church.
- To inspire parishioners to take action to support the suffering Church and to join ACN in its journey to keep the faith alive.

For more information and to view the full job ad go to [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work), call 0800 242 322 (10am-7pm NZST) or email Cecilia: [cecilia@aidtochurch.org](mailto:cecilia@aidtochurch.org)

**Applications close:** 17 March 2025, however interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as applications will be considered and shortlisted (if suitable) as they are received.



*Y7 & Y8 Technology Lessons*