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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



26 June 2025



In Loving Memory of Mrs Philipa Beech

It was with deep sadness that we farewelled our much-loved colleague, teacher and friend, Mrs Philipa Beech. Philipa was a woman of profound faith, compassion, and unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ—qualities she embodied daily through her words and actions.

Philipa's presence in our school community was an enduring source of inspiration. She was not only a respected educator but also a cherished friend to many. Her warmth, gentle strength, and genuine care for others left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her. We were truly blessed by her heartfelt service.

Her contributions to our school and the wider community were both generous and profound. Philipa led our sacramental programme with grace and dedication, supported students in literacy through volunteer work, and faithfully served as a Board member in her role as Proprietor's Representative and so much more. In all she did, Philipa gave freely of her time, wisdom, and love, always seeking to uplift and support those around her.

A woman of deep conviction, Philipa genuinely lived out our school's values of Love, Integrity, Fortitude, and Excellence with humility and purpose. She was a powerful example of a life rooted in service, faith and exemplified "LIFE through Jesus". Her legacy continues in the lives she touched, particularly in the hearts of our students, our staff and our Board. We will miss Philipa dearly. Her life and presence in our school were a true gift to our community.

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Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with the Beech family at this difficult time. We hold especially in our hearts Mr Martin Beech, Simon & Kelly, Megan & Steven, Colette & Chris, and Philipa's beloved grandchildren. We continue to pray for Martin's strength and healing in the days ahead.

To the Beech family, thank you for sharing your beautiful Philipa with us. Her light will continue to shine within our school, and her memory will remain a cherished part of our school's story.

May eternal rest grant unto Philipa, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

*Te aroha o te Atua ia koutou - God Bless you,
Marg Hyslop,
Principal of St Anthony's School*

Thank You Friends and Whānau



Thank you to our wonderful Friends of St Anthony's Committee for the beautiful gift of a carefully wrapped biscuit with scripture, for every child at school. Your care and kindness was appreciated by all. Thank you to the many people who have sent food and messages to the staff over the past week. Your kindness and support has been sincerely appreciated.

Confirmation

If you are interested in being confirmed (Year 8 and older - no upper age limit) either speak to Fr Ralph or email the parish by tomorrow, Friday 27 June 2025. stbrigids.pah@xtra.co.nz



Altar Servers

It is very special to have a group of senior Y7 & Y8 students who are taking on the role of Altar Servers at mass. They have undertaken training with Fr Ralph over the past few weeks, and served at our St Anthony's Feast Day mass and some of them served at the mass for the reopening of St Brigid's Church last Sunday.



Welcome and Thank you - Cleaner

A very warm welcome to Shane Amstad who has joined our staff as our school Cleaner. We look forward to your participation in the school over the coming terms Shane.

We also take this opportunity to thank Bernie Emery for her work and service over the past 12+ months as our school Cleaner. We are very fortunate to still have Bernie on our staff as a Fixed Term Teacher Aide.

School Hāngī

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations offered for our school hāngī including the fry bread. The hāngī will now take place on the first Friday of Term 3, 18 July 2025 at lunchtime. Students will be involved in many aspects of the preparation of the hāngī on the day before, Thursday 17 July 2025.

Sr Alphonsus Y1 - will peel potatoes,

Sr Margaret Y2 - will peel kumara,

Sr Gertrude - Y3 will be making the pudding,

Sr de Sales Maher Y4 & Y5 will be making the stuffing,

Fr Tom McKenna Y5 & Y6 will be chopping vegetables - onions, pumpkin, cabbage etc.

The Sr Brigid Y7 & Y8 students will be helping in all areas - including supporting the junior classes, assisting digging the pit and much more.

We will need help on the preparation day to support our junior classes, so therefore if any parent or caregiver is able to help out for an hour or two on Thursday 18 July, please contact us as soon as possible:

Marg Hyslop principal@stanthony.ac.nz or

Becky Anderson banderson@stanthony.ac.nz

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Our core group of organisers will be managing the hāngī, including kitchen organisation, the pit, the meat and so much more, guiding us through this whole process.

The donations offered as per the forms returned, can be left in the hall from the first Monday of Term 3, 14 July 2025. For those who offered firewood we will be in contact with you before then. Donations will need to be left at school by 8.30am Thursday morning at the latest please. Anything frozen prior to that day can be left in the school freezer.

If you have not yet completed your form for ordering meals please do so this week for catering purposes.

On the day of the hāngī, students will be performing waiata while we wait for the kai to be lifted from the pit by approximately 1pm. We are all really looking forward to sharing this event with school whānau and friends as part of our Matariki celebrations.

Tararua Cultural Festival



It was beautiful to see our students representing our school at the recent Tararua Cultural Festival last Wednesday. We were so proud of all of them. He tino whakahīhi mātou ki ā mātou taurira
A very special thank you to Keeshan Te Waaka and her friend Ana, and Becky Anderson and Natalie Elliott for the preparation of our students for this event. Thank you to our school whānau who supported our students and staff at this event.

Kia Kaha Programme - Health Programme

For the first 5 weeks of Term 3 all classes will be involved in the health programme called 'Kia Kaha'. This programme consists of a comprehensive range of anti-bullying resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safe practices that they can use to build and maintain successful relationships throughout their lives. There is a **parent meeting at school with Constable Maxine Walsh on the 15 July 2025 at 8.30am** to explain the content of the programme. If you would like to attend the meeting but are unable to, please let Marg Hyslop know as soon as possible so that we can look at booking an extra meeting if needed.

Extra Y7 & Y8 Technology Lesson

Some of our Y7 & Y8 students participated in a Technology lesson to make wheat bags for Hospice. Everyone made three bags. This activity supported our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity, which recognises others as our brothers and sisters, actively working for their good. We build relationships, whakawhanaungatanga, to understand what life is like for others.



Tararua Schools 7-a-side Tournament

This tournament is being held on 30 July 2025 (pp 1 August). All of our Y5 to Y8 students will be involved in the tournament, which will be held at the Bush MultiSport Stadium and grounds.

We will enter the following teams:

- Year 5 and 6 Hockey
- Year 5 and 6 Netball
- Year 5 and 6 Rugby
- Year 7 and 8 Netball
- Year 7 and 8 Hockey
- Year 7 and 8 Football

Each team requires a parent to help manage them. If you can help please contact Rae Powell on rpowell@stanthony.ac.nz asap. Thank you.

Netball

Today after school the final games of the 2025 Netball season are being played. A huge thank you to the following parents who coached our teams: Rachel Murphy, Dionne Brown and Megan McHardy.

Indoor Hockey

Thank you to the following parents for managing our indoor hockey teams this term: Nic Gardiner, Dana Kerins, Brent Fouhy, Kirsten Waterman, Cushla Patton and Marie Kissick. Thank you also to the staff and the senior students who went down each Monday lunchtime to set up. Here are our placings from the finals:

Under 9 - 2nd St Anthony's Purple

Under 13 - 1st St Anthonys Blue



These students played their hearts out with no subs to beat a strong Y8 team 1-0.

School Closed - 26 August 2025

School will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on the 26 August 2025 as staff will be attending a very special event at the Diocese of PNth alongside other Catholic School staff from our Diocese. We realise this is inconvenient being a Tuesday, however the event was booked with an inspiring international speaker over 12 months ago through the Diocese of PNth Catholic Education Centre.

Upcoming School Dates

27.06.25	Last day of Term 2
14.07.25	First day Term 3
15.07.25	Parent Meeting 8.30am (re health programme)
16.07.25	Basketball/miniball starts
18.7.25	School Hāngī
25.07.25	Sr B Tree Planting (Treders Farm)
18.07.25	BOT Elections Nominations Open
22.07.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
30.07.25	7's Tournament (Y5-Y8)
01.08.25	PP date for 7's Tournament

05.08.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
06.08.25	BOT Elections Nominations Close
08.08.25	Older Friends and Relatives Celebration
19.08.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
26.08.25	Teacher Only Day-School Closed
29.08.25	Daffodil Day Fundraiser
02.09.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
10.09.25	BOT Election Day
12.09.25	Student Reports Sent home
12.09.25	Bush Maths Quiz
14.09.25	Community Mass
15.09.25	Art Exhibition Week
16.09.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
16.09.25	Parent Teacher Meeting
17.09.25	Parent Teacher Meeting
17.09.25	Principal's Morning Tea
18.09.25	Formal Dance (Y7 & Y8)
19.09.25	Last Day Term 3

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday 11 August 2025** at school. All are very welcome.

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

The Board are currently reviewing:

Term 2 Policy Review (to confirm at the next meeting, 11 August 2025):

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

2025 BOT Election

The 2025 BOT Parent Election will be held on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. A call for nominations will be sent by Friday, 18 July. Nominations will close at 12pm, Wednesday, 6 August 2025. If you would like more

information please contact Patrick Baker via the school office office@stanthony.ac.nz or directly pbaker@stanthony.ac.nz.

Palmerston North Diocesan Newsletter

Here is a link to the latest [Diocesan Update](#)

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand. Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2nd-11th 2026!

Registrations open on July 6th at 1pm and sell out fast. Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register!

Please refer to our school website for the latest Community Notices.



What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.