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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*



15 May 2025

Newsletter 8

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



*Last week, we joyfully welcomed the election of  
Pope Leo XIV, who brings a wealth of experience  
as a former missionary bishop in Peru. His  
dedicated work among the poor and marginalized  
deeply reflects the Church's commitment to faith,  
service, and social justice. We hold Pope Leo XIV  
in our prayers, asking for the strength he needs to  
carry out this immense responsibility.*

*We are looking forward to our annual Y1 - Y8  
cross country races this Friday (16 May pp 22  
May) providing another fantastic opportunity to  
celebrate our students and catch up with school  
whānau.*

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

### **School Community Mass**

Our Term 2 Community Mass will be held on  
Sunday, **25 May 2025 at 11.15am**. We look  
forward to seeing all school families at this  
service.



*Congratulations and blessings to Alice, Faye,  
Logan and Maddie who recently received the  
sacrament of Baptism.*



### **Nau mai Haere mai! Welcome New Students**

We are thrilled to extend a very warm welcome  
to Evelyn Powell & Riley Powell and their parents,  
who have joined our St Anthony's School  
whānau. We are very excited to have you with us  
and look forward to sharing the many wonderful  
experiences that lie ahead this year. Our school  
roll now stands at 112.

## Celebrating Amazing Marley



*We were so blessed to be able to celebrate Marley Steminger this week at a special assembly on Tuesday. The courage and strength Marley has shown is truly incredible, and an amazing example of our school value of Fortitude.*

## Survey - Whānau Voice

Pauline Balm from the Diocese of Palmerston North, is currently conducting our three-yearly Catholic School Evaluation. As part of this important process to help grow and improve our school, we are seeking feedback from our school whānau. A [survey](#) was shared with school whānau via SKOOL Loop yesterday. Thank you for your support with this valuable work.

## Sacrament Programme

If you would like your child to take part in our 2025 Sacramental Programme of Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please let Jenni Harrison know by the end of next week on - [jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz).

This is for students in Year 3 or above who have already been baptised. This year, our Reconciliation evening with Fr Ralph will be held on **Thursday, 28 August at 5:00pm**. Our First Eucharist Mass will take place on **Sunday, 14 September**.

## Attendance

We are so pleased to see our improved student attendance for Term 1. Please see the analysed information from the Ministry of Education at the end of this newsletter.

## Māori Whānau Hui

Thank you to our whānau who attended the hui last Friday, we really appreciate your time. Thank you to Patsy, Bronny and Philipa for the lovely breakfast kai. An outcome of this hui is that we will be having a hāngi on the last day of Term 2 to celebrate Matariki. Further information will be sent out in the next two weeks in a special notice.

## No School Lunch Orders This Friday

Due to the Cross Country event students will not be able to order lunches for this Friday, 16 May.

## St Anthony's School Cross Country 2025

As previously advised, our St Anthony's School Cross Country races will be held tomorrow - **Friday, 16 May** at the Bush Multisport Complex. The event will run from 12.30pm to approximately 1.45pm. In the event of a postponement, the event will move to Thursday, 22 May - this would be advised via SKOOL Loop. Students come to school in their PE gear ie PE shirt, PE shorts, sports shoes. They also need to have a packed lunch and filled drink bottle, along with a warm jacket. We will be leaving school at midday and returning after the event. If you want to take your child at the end of the event, please talk to your child's class teacher first. Thank you to the adults who have offered their assistance for this event.

## Teacher Only Day - School Closed

In Term 2, our school will be closed on Friday, **30 May 2025**, for a Tararua Kāhui Ako Teacher (Staff) Only Day. All other local schools will be closed on that day also. For further details please speak to the Principal or Deputy Principal.



## Congratulations Kiwianna

Congratulations to Kiwianna Bailey who recently competed in *Wairarapa's Got Talent* and was selected to go through to the semi-finals. There was a very high calibre of talented entries and so this is an amazing achievement. We wish Kiwianna all the very best with singing in the next stage of this event.

### Catholic Schools Day

We are looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Day on Wednesday, 28 May 2025! This is an opportunity to showcase who we are to our communities. The theme of Catholic Schools Day 2025 is *Shine like stars in the world: E tīaho ana koe hei rama i te ao*. We are currently making stars to give to local businesses and will also be doing an act of service on this day.

### Year 4 - 6 Native Tree Planting Outing

Our Year 4 - 6 students (Sr de Sales Maher class and Fr Tom McKenna class) have been invited to a sustainability education experience during which they will plant native trees on the Stafford's farm on Oete Road near Pahiatua. The outing will take place on Tuesday, 10 June 2025. A letter with more information about the outing will be sent home in Week 5 of this term. We will require the assistance of seven parents/caregivers to be helpers on this outing. If you would like to join us on this trip, please contact Robey Jansen at [rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz) as soon as possible.

### PE T-Shirts

The school uniform suppliers, NZ Uniforms, are still awaiting a shipment, therefore there is still a delay on the PE t-shirts at the moment.

### From the Minister of Education

*"...Education is a partnership of what happens in the classroom and what happens at home. Parents, caregivers, and whānau play an important role in supporting their child's learning and development. The new webspace is designed to make it easier for parents, caregivers, and whānau to access clear and up-to-date information on the school curriculum, assessment practices, and ways they can complement their child's learning.*

- [The Parent Portal can be accessed here](#)
- [The latest episode of Melissa Chan-Green's School Shorts podcast explains more about the portal](#)

*In my email of Friday, 2 May, I expressed my thanks to you for your dedication to your*

*students. Today, I also want to acknowledge the parents, caregivers, and whānau who continue to play a significant role in the education of their tamariki. Together, we can support our young people to be the best they can be.*

*Ngā mihi nui, Erica Stanford  
Minister of Education"*

### BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Tuesday, 20 May 2025** at school. All are very welcome.

### School Dates

16.5.25	Mass 9:30am Sr dSM, Fr T & Sr B
16.5.25	School X-Country (pp 22.5.25)
20.5.25	BOT Meeting @ 5pm
20.5.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
<b>25.5.25</b>	Term 2 <b>Community Mass</b>
27.5.25	Y7 & Y8 Tree Planting (pp 4.6.25)
28.5.25	Catholic Schools Day
29.5.25	Newsletter
<b>30.5.25</b>	Teacher Only Day <b>School Closed</b>
<b>2.6.25</b>	Kings Birthday <b>School Closed</b>
<b>3.6.25</b>	Y7 & Y8 Technology
5.6.25	Bush Schools X-Country
10.6.25	Y4-Y6 Tree Planting (pp 19.6.25)
12.6.25	Newsletter
18.6.25	TKA Cultural Festival
<b>20.6.25</b>	Matariki Holiday <b>School Closed</b>
24.6.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
25.6.25	T2 Principals Morning Tea Outing
26.6.25	Newsletter
27.6.25	Matariki celebration/Hāngī
27.6.25	Last day of Term 2

### 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

**Please refer to our school website for Community Notices.**



## Introduction

Welcome to Every Day Matters. This is a termly report that highlights attendance patterns in your school and provides actionable insights to improve student attendance.

Four **Student Attendance Categories** have been developed to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give you a way to monitor the progress you are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

	Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

This report provides a snapshot of how your school is performing, including an overview of the reasons for absence broken down by justified and unjustified reasons, insightful trends and next steps.

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

**NOTE:** In some cases, results have been rounded to the nearest percentage point to simplify the presentation of results. As a result, some totals may not add up to 100%.

## Term 1 Summary

### How many students regularly attended school this term?

 **Regular Attendance**

**90%**

Compared to 79% in Term 1, 2024

 **Irregular Absence 7%**

Compared to 15% in Term 1, 2024





 **Moderate Absence 3%**

Compared to 4% in Term 1, 2024

 **Chronic Absence 0%**

Compared to 2% in Term 1, 2024

### What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

-  (M) Illness / Medical Absence 65%
-  (J) Explained and Approved 16%
-  (G) Holiday 10%
-  (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 9%

### How many students were on time to class?

**91%** of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.