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Leading by strength and gentleness, inspire, grow and celebrate our learners.
Kia mārie, Kia kaha, Hei whakatipu, Hei whanake, Hei whakanui hoki ōu tātou ākonga

19 November 2026 ***Newsletter 19***

Kia ora koutou,

Wow, what a busy few weeks we've had! There has certainly been plenty happening around our school, with one event rolling straight into the next. But amongst all the hustle and bustle, there has been so much fun, laughter and plenty to celebrate!

From Pet Day and Armistice Day to Athletics Day, welcoming Mrs Bennett into our Sr Brigid classroom, and celebrating the many trophies and prizes our students have earned beyond the school gates, it really has been go, go, go!

It has been lovely to see more and more of our wonderful whānau popping in, spending time with us and getting involved in school events. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make both Pet Day and Athletics Day such wonderful occasions. Whether it was helping with animals, setting up, organising activities, lending a hand or cheering from the sidelines, your support makes such a difference. We simply couldn't do it without you!

Both events provided some fantastic opportunities for our students to shine, have a go, challenge themselves and celebrate their achievements. Most importantly, it was wonderful to see the encouragement, teamwork and support shown by our students. These are the moments that make our school community such a special place to be part of.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has offered their congratulations, encouragement and kind words following the announcement of my appointment as Principal. After 20 years as a classroom teacher, I am incredibly excited about this next chapter and feel very honoured to be continuing my journey here at St Anthony's as Principal from 2027.
Ngā mihi nui,
Jenni Harrison, Acting Principal

Welcome New Student



We extend a very warm welcome to Chris Ann Peter and her family who have joined us this week. It is wonderful to have you with us! We look forward to sharing many events, celebrations, and learning opportunities with you in the future.

Welcome Megan Bennett

We are absolutely delighted to welcome **Megan Bennett** back to St Anthony's and into our Sr Brigid Year 7&8 class!

For some of our whānau, Megan will be a familiar face, having previously taught at St Anthony's six years ago. Since then, Megan has been spreading her wings in the secondary school sector, and we are thrilled to have her bringing her experience, enthusiasm and talents back to our school.

We feel very lucky to have Megan back on board and look forward to having her as part of our St Anthony's whānau once again. Megan can be contacted via email mbennett@stanthony.ac.nz

Word and Worship

Our upcoming Word & Worship sessions will be hosted by:

- **Monday, 23 November:** Mrs Botha
- **Monday, 30 November:** Mr Jansen

We warmly invite our whānau to join us for these special times of reflection, prayer and coming together as a school community. It would be lovely to see you there if you are able to join us.



Armistice Day - Lest We Forget

A big thank you to our wonderful **Year 5 & 6 students** who represented St Anthony's so beautifully at our local Armistice Day service. It was lovely to see our students taking part in this important occasion, showing respect and remembering those who have served and sacrificed for our country. These opportunities are a special way for our tamariki to learn about the importance of remembrance and the significance of this day.

A huge thank you to Mr Jansen and Sarah Little for accompanying and supporting our students, and a very special thank you to Bronny Lea for kindly providing the beautiful wreath for the occasion. We are very proud of our students and grateful to everyone who helped make this a meaningful day.

Contacting Jenni

Moving forward, the Principal email address, principal@stanthony.ac.nz ,will be my main point of contact for all school-related communication.

Term 4 Reports

We acknowledge that our Term 4 reports are provided in a PDF format originally designed for printing rather than digital viewing. Unfortunately, we are unable to change the format at this stage of the year. Reporting requirements will change in 2027 in line with Ministry of Education (MoE) expectations. Thank you for your understanding.

Pet Day

Thankfully the weather wasn't too bad for our Pet Day activities this year! The whole school was very excited and enjoyed the Y7&Y8 games in the morning followed by the pet judging in the afternoon. A very special *THANK YOU* to our wonderful Pet Day judges; Duncan Elliott, Jason Waterman, Lesley Coppal, Phil Brown, David Harman, Sarah & Alivea (from TVS) and the Class Exhibitions were judged by David and Bronny Lea. Unfortunately our alumni Ruby Moore couldn't make it, however her Obstacle Course for the calves was a wonderful new challenge for those brave enough to have a go! Results are included at the end of the newsletter. Thank you to Property Brokers for sponsoring the sausage sizzle and to the Friends Committee for arranging the picnic.





Called To Adventure!

Today, our Year 7 & 8 students from Sr Brigid have been on their annual Spiritual Retreat, and what a special day it was!

This year's theme was **"Called to Adventure – What is God calling me to?"** A wonderful reminder that God calls each of us to use our unique gifts, follow His guidance and make a difference in the world around us.

Our Spiritual Retreat is such a special and sacred time for our young leaders. It is an opportunity to slow down, spend time together, strengthen friendships and, most importantly, connect with God.

It is also an important time of transition as our Year 8 students begin preparing to farewell their leadership roles, while our Year 7 students look ahead to stepping up and taking on the Year 8 leadership responsibilities next year. Exciting times ahead!

We hope our students have come away feeling inspired, encouraged and ready for the adventures God has planned for them. We look forward to sharing some photos and highlights from their day very soon.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Just a little reminder that our 10-minute Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up on **Tuesday, 1 December and Wednesday, 2 December, between 3:30pm and 6:00pm.**

A big thank you to everyone who has already booked their interview through the Skool Loop app. Our teachers are really looking forward to spending this time with you, celebrating your child's personal progress, achievements and successes throughout the year, as well as chatting about their next steps as we look ahead to 2027.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be on **Thursday, 26 November at 1:50pm.** Thank you for keeping up with the changing dates as we try to schedule around other term 4 events.

Bus Behaviour & Expectations

We have had several concerns raised about the behaviour of some St Anthony's students on the school bus. Please be reminded that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated. The Ministry of Education places responsibility for managing student behaviour on school buses with the school Principal.

Students are expected to behave respectfully and follow the driver's instructions at all times. Inappropriate behaviour may result in students being removed from the bus.

We ask that all families take a moment to discuss bus behaviour and expectations with their children. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Explore Christmas

We will be supporting Pahiatua Explore Christmas by performing on Saturday, 5 December, from 3:30PM . We have not yet been given our performance time. We will communicate this with you via the Skool Loop app as soon as we know.

Word and Worship - Celebrating Year 8 Students

Our final Word & Worship for the year, on **Monday, 14 November**, will be a very special one as we celebrate our wonderful Year 8 students!

We will take time to recognise and celebrate our Year 8s, present them with a special gift and wish them all the very best as they prepare for their next adventure beyond St Anthony's. It will be a lovely opportunity to reflect on their time with us, acknowledge all they have contributed to our school and send them off with plenty of love and encouragement ahead of Tuesday **evening's** Prizegiving.

We would absolutely love for our whānau to join us for this special morning as we celebrate our Year 8s together.

2026 School Term Dates

Term Four: 12 October - 16 December **12pm finish**

Upcoming School Dates

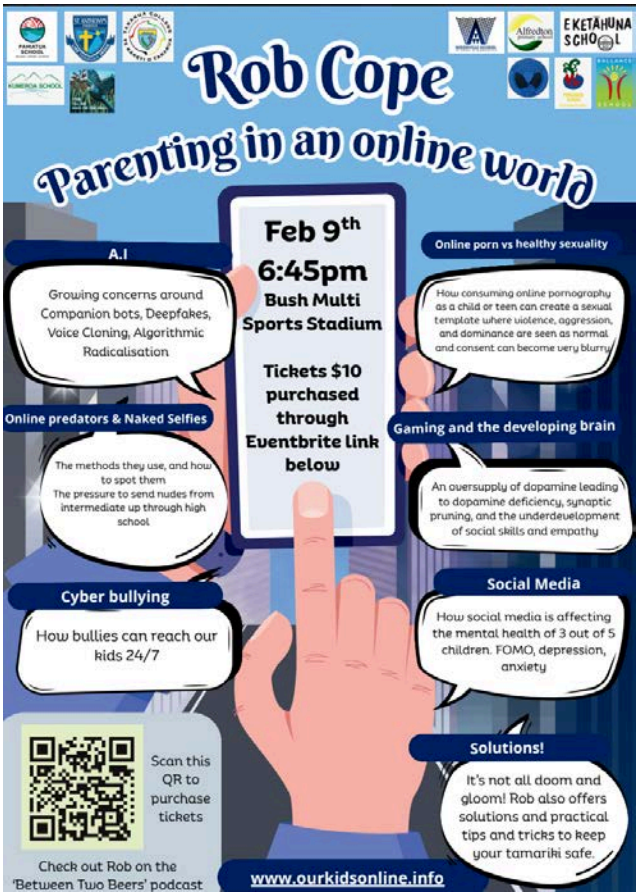
19.11.26	Year 7 & 8 Retreat
27.11.26	Bush Athletics
27.11.26	Student Report emailed home
1-2.12.26	Parent Teacher Meetings
7.12.26	BOT Meeting
14.12.26	Word and Worship- Celebrating Y8
15.12.26	Prizegiving
16.12.26	**Last day of school (half day)**
1.2.27	**First Day of Term 1, 2027 TBC**

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 7 December 2026** 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")*.
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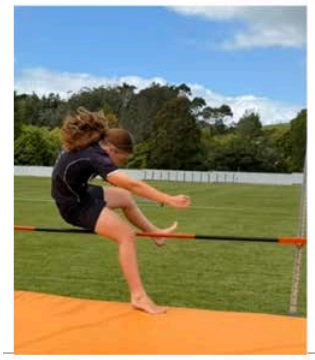
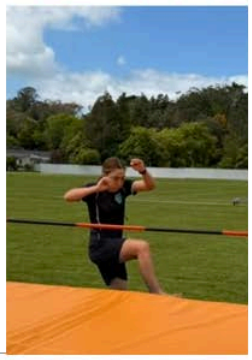


Photos from Athletics Day









Assembly Certificates

We look forward to celebrating together again at our next assembly on Thursday 26 November.

Classroom Certificates: Classroom Certificates celebrate and recognise students for their effort, learning, growth and positive contributions in the classroom.

Congratulations:
Sr Alphonsus: Marleesiay McLean, Hudson Glassey & Deacon Le Fleming
Sr Margaret: Indie McPeak & Leo Turner
Sr Gertrude: Donnell Smith, Indy Bird & Audrey Hughesman
Sr de Sales Maher: Isla Fouhy & Freddie Begg
Fr Tom McKenna: Luca Moffitt & Samuel Koronui
Sr Brigid: Abe Te Waaka & Meri Thomson



Marleesiay, Huddy & Deacon (Sr Alphonsus)



Indie & Leo (Sr Margaret)


Donnell, Indy & Audrey (Sr Gertrude)



Isla & Freddie (Sr de Sales Maher)



Luca & Samuel (Fr Tom McKenna)


Abe & Meri (Sr Brigid)

LIFE Award Certificate:
LIFE Awards are Principal's Awards celebrating students who consistently demonstrate our school's Gospel values of Love, Integrity, Fortitude and Excellence

Congratulations:
Jack Murphy, Fritzi Thomson, Evie Barber, Poppie Anderson, Wolff Thomson & Mollie Law



Pet Day Results 2026

	1st	2nd	3rd	Highly Commended
Senior Calves				
Leading	Ellen Ireland	River Clarkson-Smyth	Amelia Fouhy	Archie Barnard
Obstacle	Ellen Ireland	Amelia Fouhy	Tom Fouhy	Maci Exeter
Care & Attention	Amelia Fouhy	Ellen Ireland	Archie Barnard	River Clarkson-Smyth
Junior Calves				
Leading	Sadie McPeak			
GRAND CHAMPION CALF – Ellen Ireland				
Junior Lambs				
Leading	Harry Fouhy	Arthur Cuttance	Katherine Field-Young	Evie Eagle
Care & Attention	Katherine Field-Young	Arthur Cuttance	Amelia Pomana	Bella Barnard & Angus Apthorp
Calling	Millie Tylee	Daphne Pennall	Jack Pomana	Harry Fouhy
Senior Lambs				
Leading	Sophie Beech	Laura Waterman	Ruby Apthorp	Jai Morrison
Care & Attention	Sophie Beech	Isla Fouhy	Laura Waterman	Sophie Jansen
Calling	Grayson Hughesman	Laura Waterman	Jai Morrison	Alexie Williamson
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB – Sophie Beech				
Junior Dogs				
Lead & Sit	Indie McPeak	Noah Flack	Maddie Graham	Audrey Hughesman
Obstacle	Maddie Graham	Monty Exeter	Fergus Stafford	Aria Tamainu
Senior Dogs				
Lead & Sit	Aria Little	Evie Barber	Will Stafford	William Diamond
Obstacle	Joel Sowry	Elsa Beech	Samuel Koronui	Hunter Reid
GRAND CHAMPION DOG – Indie McPeak				