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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*



14 August 2025

Newsletter 14

Nau mai Haere mai! Welcome New Student



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

Tomorrow, Friday, 15 August, we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is a holy day of obligation, therefore all classes will attend mass to honour our Blessed Mother. We warmly invite school whānau to join us for this special mass at St Brigid's Church at 9.30am. It is always a joy to gather as a community in prayer.

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the end of Week 4, Term 3! Thank you so much to those who completed the Health Consultation survey, we really value your feedback to guide our curriculum learning in this area. Time is flying by, and there's still so much to look forward to. The weeks ahead are filled with exciting events, from our junior school parent hui and Daffodil Day, to the Art Exhibition, Formal Dance, and Maths Quiz, just to name a few. We are continually grateful for the support, encouragement, and partnership of our school whānau and parish community. Your involvement helps make our kura a truly special place where tamariki can grow in faith, learning, and joy.

Te aroha o te Atua ia koutou - God Bless you.

Marg Hyslop,

Principal of St Anthony's School



We are very happy to welcome Keaphina Bailey to St Anthony's School whānau this week. It's wonderful to have you join us, and we look forward to sharing lots of learning, laughter, and special events across the

year. With Keaphina's arrival, our school roll has grown to 117. It's a joy to see our faith-filled community continuing to grow and thrive.

Community Mass

A reminder that our Term 3 Community School Mass will be held on Sunday, 14 September 2025 at 10:00am. This will be a very special occasion, as it also includes the celebration of First Eucharist for some of our students. As part of our school's enrolment expectations, we kindly ask that all school whānau join us in this important celebration of faith and community. We look forward to sharing this mass together.



**Friday, 29 August —
Mufti Day for Daffodil
Day!**

Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's major annual fundraiser and

awareness campaign. Students can show their support by wearing yellow and bringing a gold coin donation. Let's come together to brighten the day and raise funds for Daffodil Day!

Attendance At School

Please see our encouraging Term 2 Attendance data at the end of this newsletter.

Grandparents, Older Friends and Relatives Celebration



What a beautiful morning of love and friendship we shared last Friday morning with our much loved Grandparents, Older Friends, and Relatives visiting school. We began with a mass, followed by fun activities in classrooms, heartfelt stories, and a warm cuppa shared together. The love, wisdom, and kindness our special V.I.P's brought into our school created special memories that our students and staff truly valued.

Word & Worship

This coming Monday, Sr Brigid Y7 & Y8 will be leading our Word and Worship celebration at 9.05am in the hall, with the theme of Leadership. All are welcome to join us.

You're Invited! Meeting for Y1, Y2 & Preschool Families

We warmly invite all parents and caregivers of Year 1 and Year 2 students, as well as parents of preschool children, to a special meeting at St Anthony's School on: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 3:20pm. Come along to learn more about our junior Literacy and Mathematics programmes, and get helpful tips on how to support your child as they begin their school journey. It's a great opportunity to meet the team, ask questions, and connect with other families. We'd love to see you there.

School Closed - 26 August 2025

As previously advertised St Anthony's School will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on 26 August 2025 as staff will be attending a very special event at the Diocese of PNth alongside other Catholic School staff from around our Diocese. We realise this is inconvenient being a Tuesday, however the event was booked for the inspiring

international Catholic speaker, David Wells, over 12 months ago through the Diocese of PNth Catholic Education Centre.

Sr Alphonsus Y1 Class Notice

Parents and Caregivers of Sr Alphonsus Y1 Class will receive a special notice today. This is also uploaded on to SKOOL Loop (as a Sr Alphonsus Y1 class only notice).

Chess Club



A number of our senior students have been enjoying Chess Club with Mr Powell at Friday lunchtime during Term 3. We sincerely thank Mr Powell for his time given to this activity.

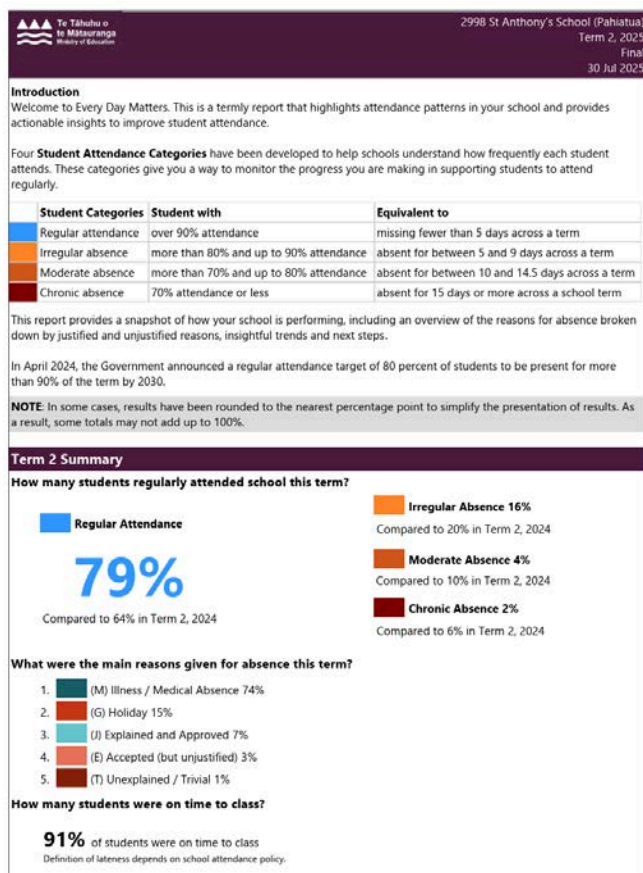
Bush SuperGrans Spud in a Bucket Competition

A number of students in Fr Tom McKenna Y5 & Y6 class have indicated that they would like to enter the Spud in a Bucket competition this year. These students have been given an entry form that must please be completed and returned to Mr Jansen by Monday, 18 August 2025.

Summer Outdoor Hockey

In Term 4, every student at our school has the opportunity to play summer outdoor hockey after school on Tuesdays. The registration form has been uploaded to our school website, Skool Loop and a hard copy has been sent home with the eldest child in each school family today. If your child/children would like to play for a St Anthony's School Summer Hockey team, then please fill in the registration form and return it to school before 3 September 2025. We will not accept registrations after this date. You can use one slip for all of the children in your family. The fees are \$18 per player, and we cannot accept your registration without this payment.

Our school Attendance Data is analysed by the Ministry of Education each week.



Upcoming School Dates

15.08.25	Mass: All Classes
15.08.25	Assembly 12noon
19.08.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
26.08.25	Teacher Only Day-School Closed
27.08.25	Parent hui for Y1, Y2 & Preschool
28.08.25	Newsletter
28.08.25	Reconciliation 5pm
29.08.25	Daffodil Day Fundraiser
29.08.25	Mass
29.08.25	Assembly
02.09.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
03.09.25	Lions Speech Makers
05.09.25	Mass
08.09.25	Y7 Vaccinations
10.09.25	BOT Election Day closes 4pm
10.09.25	Wear-a-Wig Day
11.09.25	Newsletter
11.09.25	BOT Meeting 5pm
12.09.25	Student Reports Sent home
12.09.25	Bush Maths Quiz
12.09.25	Mass 9:30

12.09.25	Assembly
14.09.25	Community Mass @ 10am/ First Eucharist
15.09.25	Art Exhibition Week
15.09.25	BOT Election - accept postal votes
16.09.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
16.09.25	Parent Teacher Meeting
16.09.25	BOT Election count votes
17.09.25	Parent Teacher Meeting
17.09.25	New Board takes office
18.09.25	Principal's Morning Tea
18.09.25	Formal Dance (Y7 & Y8)
19.09.25	Mass 9:30am
19.09.25	Last Day Term 3
6.10.25	First Day Term 4
12.12.25	Last day Term 4

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 13 October 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

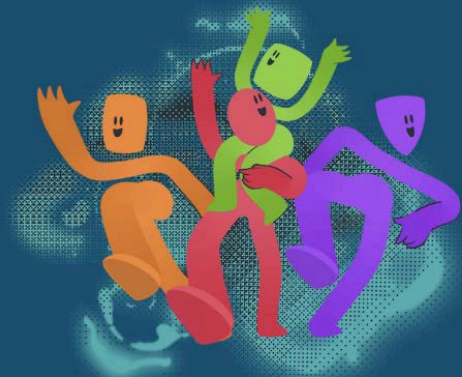
The Board are currently reviewing:

Term 3 Policy Review (to confirm at the meeting on 13 October 2025):

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

Friends of St Anthony's School Committee Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Friends of St Anthony's fundraising raffle that was drawn 8 August by Constable Maxine Walshe. The Black Ferns jersey winner was Caitlin Baker. The All Blacks jersey winner was Sarah Thorn. The prize for selling the most tickets went to the Tamainu family. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support. This raffle raised a whopping \$4250.



VOTE NOW!

Voting is open for school board elections.

Voting papers have been posted to each person on the electoral roll. This includes: a cover letter, candidate statements, blue voting paper and a stamped return envelope.

Voting papers must be hand delivered or posted back to the returning officer % St Anthony's School (Pahiatua) 24 Wakeman Street Pahiatua 4910 (please do not return via your child or child's school bag).

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. There is a locked ballot box situated at the school office. Postal votes will be accepted until 4pm on Monday, 15 September 2025. Votes will be counted and results declared on Tuesday, 16 September 2025.

The Board will take office on Wednesday, 17 September 2025.

If you have any questions please contact the returning officer Kirsten Waterman (email: returningofficer@stanthony.ac.nz)

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

Thank you to the following businesses who very kindly sponsor our Skool Loop app:

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Mitre 10 Pahiatua

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*Carters Tyre Service
Pahiatua*

TracFix Ltd

JTD Building Ltd

*Choices Dairy &
Takeaway*

Pahiatua Panel & Paint

Managh Electrical

*Tararua Glass &
Windows*

*Brass Broughton
Davey Ltd*

Congratulations Rugby Players

Mairangi received Under 6 Most Improved Player, Zeik Tamainu received Under 6 Most Valuable Player, Jack Murphy received the Coaches Award and Abe Te Waaka received the Best Back Award. These boys play for Bush Junior Rugby Club.

