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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 March 2025

Newsletter 4

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

The term is flying by, and it's hard to believe we're already at Week 9! It's been an exciting term, and we can't wait to catch up with all our wonderful whānau at the parent-teacher meetings next week. If you haven't booked your slot yet, make sure to do so — we'd love to see you!

As the temperatures have started to cool down, starting next week, students can choose whether or not to wear their school sun hats. So, if the sun isn't quite as strong, feel free to leave the hats at home for a wash.

*Ngā mihi nui
Marg Hyslop
Principal of St Anthony's School*



Beautiful RE artwork by Sr Gertude class

2025 Baptism

If you are interested in your child or children taking part in the sacrament of Baptism this year (at the start of Term 2) please contact our Director of Religious Studies (DRS) Jenni Harrison. jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz.

Reconciliation

This is an invitation to all members of the St Brigid's and St Anthony's community. Fr Ralph and a visiting priest will be holding Reconciliation at 5pm this Friday, 28 March 2025 in the school hall. All are welcome.

Welcome New Students



A very warm welcome to Evangeline le Fleming and Madeline Graham and their families who have joined our St Anthony's School whānau this term. We are really looking forward to sharing the many events with you over the year. Our school roll is: 108.

Teacher Only Day - School Closed

School will be closed on **Tuesday 8 April 2025** (as previously advertised) for our Teacher Only Day. All of our teaching staff will attend the final Structured Literacy professional development day

in Palmerston North. 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 DP.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Mr Richard Welsh for his kind monetary donation to the school. It is very much appreciated.

Y1 - Y3 Pahiatua Marae Visit

A notice was sent out last week about this trip on Monday, 31 March 2025. Please speak to your child's class teacher for further information.

St Patrick's Day Thank You

We had a lot of fun dressing up in green on the 17 March. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations of non-perishable food items that were given to Tararua Community Services. Thank you to the Y7 & Y8 students for organising this event.



Māori Whānau Hui

We would love to meet with our Māori whānau to gather ideas of how we can continue to improve our opportunities at St Anthony's School for Māori students to meet with success as Māori. We invite whānau to a breakfast hui at **7.30am on Friday, 2 May 2025**. Kai will be provided for whānau, with tamariki and rangatahi most welcome. For further information please contact Karley Te Waaka or Marg Hyslop 0273484874. *'Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi, With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive'.*

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home with each child tomorrow, Friday, 28 March 2025.

Bookings for Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings. Bookings are open on the Skool Loop app. Go to the Bookings tab. Our Parent Teacher Meetings take place on **Tuesday, 1 and Wednesday, 2 April 2025**. Bookings are available on a first in first served basis. Teachers will not be taking bookings outside of these times during this term. We really appreciate whānau taking the time to attend the Parent Teacher meeting for their child/children. If you need help making your bookings please contact Di, Kirsten or Marg at the school office.

Term Two Indoor Hockey

Each student has the opportunity to play after school Indoor Hockey on Mondays after school in Term 2. The games are held at the Bush Stadium. The first game will be on Monday, 5 May 2025. If your child or children would like to play you will find the Indoor Hockey registration form on our school website in the Sports section. Registrations need to be in by 9am Friday, 4 April 2025 at the latest and money paid into the account by that date also. We cannot accept late entries.

Netball

If your child is playing netball next term you will need to read and discuss the following two documents with them:

- 1) Bush Multisport Park Code of Conduct Policy
- 2) Bush Junior Netball Rules and Expected Behaviours

We will send these home with each player, and ask that you sign the attached form to say that you and your child have read and understood these two documents. The Bush Primary Netball Committee has stipulated that no student can play unless the above has been completed. If you have any questions please contact Rae Powell (rpowell@stanthony.ac.nz).

School Dates

27 Mar - Newsletter
28 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr A, Sr M, & Sr G
28 Mar - Student Reports sent home
31 Mar - Sr Alphonsus Y1, Sr Margaret Y2 & Sr Gertrude Y3 Pahiatua Marae visit.
1 Apr - Parent Teacher Meetings
2 Apr - Parent Teacher Meetings
4 Apr - Whole school Mass
4 Apr - School Assembly 12pm
7 Apr - BOT Meeting
7 Apr - Y7 & Y8 Technology
8 Apr - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
9 Apr - Principals Morning Tea
10 Apr - Newsletter
11 Apr - Easter Activities
11 Apr - Last day Term 1
28 Apr - First day Term 2
2 May - Māori Whānau hui 7.30am

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.

BOT Members

Patrick Baker 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 this year's 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

Please refer to our school website for Community Notices

The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund helps subsidise travel for rural teams aged between 5-18 years who are competing in a regular local competition outside of school time. The fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams within the participating Territorial Authority (TA) regions.

Applications close Friday 25th April 2025.

The application form is available below or can be collected from your nearest Council Service Centre.

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/living-here/community-information/community-funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund>



Organisers of our St Patrick's Day event