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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



9 October 2025

Newsletter 17

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the final term of the year. With Pet Day just around the corner, students busily preparing for athletics, and senior class teachers planning exciting trips, it's shaping up to be a fun-filled and action packed term. Before we know it, we'll be celebrating Advent and Prizegiving. Please take the time to read this newsletter as it provides a lot of information about the term ahead.

As we dive into all that Term 4 has to offer, we also send our very best wishes to Fr Ralph as he travels to the Philippines. We pray for his safe journey and look forward to hearing about his visit upon his return.

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

Congratulations First Holy Eucharist students.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the beautiful Term 3 Community Mass on Sunday, 14 September 2025. Our sincere thanks to Fr Ralph and also to Jackie Law for her preparation of the First Eucharist students. Congratulations to Rocco Reid, George Murphy, Alba McKay, Grayson Little, Isla Fouhy, Freddie Begg and Evie Barber.

School Community Mass

Our Term 4 Community School Mass is being held on Sunday, 9 November 2025. We look forward to all school whānau joining us for this special celebration.

Sr Brigid Year 7 & Year 8 Class Newsletter

A class newsletter with upcoming events for our senior class was sent home yesterday with the students and uploaded to SKOOL Loop under Sr Brigid Class (check your group settings on the app for this).

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are very pleased to advise whānau the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, 7 December 2025. This celebration is not organised through school, it is organised through the parish.

Teacher Strike

St Anthony's School will be open on Thursday, 23 October 2025 during the Teachers Strike day. However, some teachers will be away that day. The principal and some teachers will be on site for school. This will mean that regular class programmes are likely to be very different on that day if we are unable to secure enough cover for individual classes as some classes will be combined for the day. Please see the Principal Marg Hyslop if you have any questions about these arrangements. Please let the Office staff or the principal know as soon as possible if you intend to keep your child home on that day.

School Closed

School will be closed for a Teacher only Day on Monday, 20 October 2025, to work on the new Mathematics curriculum.

School will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, 27 October 2025.

School Photographs

Donald Yee will be taking our school photos on **Tuesday, 21 October 2025**. Order forms were sent home with the eldest child in each school family at the end of last term. There are spare order envelopes in the school foyer. For any inquiries about your order please contact Donald directly. School family photos will be taken from 9am, with individual and class photos after that.

Pet Day

Pet Day is taking place on **Friday, 24 October 2025**. The Pet Competition includes:

Calves: Leading and Care & Attention

Lambs: Leading, Calling and Care & Attention

Dogs: Leading, Obstacle Course and Care & Attention

We will also have a non competitive small animal section (small animals must be secured in a cage at all times).

Pet Day information is at the end of this newsletter and on our website in the Newsletter section. Pet registration forms have been handed out to students today. They are also available on our website in the Forms section and in hard copy in the front foyer of school.

Pet Day Games

Our Y7 & Y8 students are running some games at 11am to approximately 11.45am for the Y1 - Y6 students. Teachers will be supervising their classes at these activities. These games cost between 50c to \$1 per game and all proceeds will go towards the St Brigid's Church refurbishment. Students can bring their money in a named container or similar so that they do not lose this. Students will not be able to share money on that day. We suggest bringing coins rather than notes if possible. Should this present a problem for any family please advise Marg asap (confidentiality assured).

Yummy Sticker Promo

If you have any sticker charts to hand in for this year, please send them to school tomorrow morning as we are sending them off tomorrow afternoon. This puts us into the prize draw for new sports equipment.

Marae Visit

Sr Brigid Y7 & Y8 class, Fr Tom McKenna Y5 & Y6 class and Sr de Sales Maher Y4 & Y5 class will be visiting the Pahiatua Marae on Friday, 21 November 2025. The Y6 - Y8 students will be staying overnight on Thursday, 20 November at the Marae. Further information will be sent home with students about this trip closer to the time.

Y1 & Y2 Home Reading

A notice has been sent home with each Y1 and Y2 student today and has also been uploaded onto SKOOL Loop under Sr Alphonsus and Sr Maragret Class (check your group settings on the app for this).

Y5 - Y6 Trip Castlepoint Surfing Excursion

Our Year 5 & 6 students (Y5 & Y6 from Fr Tom McKenna class and Y5 from Sr de Sales Maher class) will be going on an outdoor education excursion to Castlepoint for student surf lessons. The outing will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2025. More information about this outing and a permission form will be sent home next week. We will require parents/caregivers to please assist us with transport to and from Castlepoint, as well as to support the students in the ocean. Preference will be given to those who can perform both of these duties. If you would like to join us on this excursion, please contact Robey Jansen at rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 7

Order booklets for Scholastic Book Club will be given to interested children this week. Online orders are due by 9am Monday 20 October 2025. Cash orders are not available.

Bush Schools Maths Quiz Y5 - Y8



On Friday, 12 September, twenty of our students participated in the Tararua Bush Schools Maths Challenge. St Anthony's entered two Year 5 & 6 teams and three Year 7 & 8 teams. More than 30 teams competed in the challenge. The challenge consisted of a number of calculation and problem solving rounds. Students worked in teams to answer questions and solve the problems which were quite demanding and tested the participants' mathematical knowledge and skills to the full. When the results were announced, we were delighted to learn that St Anthony's placed second in the Year 5 & 6 section and that two of our Year 7 & 8 teams were tied for second in their section. Well done to all the participants on the wonderful results and on being such amazing ambassadors for our school on the day.



Students enjoying the Y7 and Y8 Formal Dance

Summer Outdoor Hockey

Summer hockey starts next Tuesday after school on the 13 October 2025. Students wear the school sports uniform and long socks. They must wear shin guards and a mouth guard, otherwise they will not be allowed to play. You can find the draw on the school website. We have 68 students who have signed up to play Summer Outdoor Hockey this season, and this means that we have been able to enter 8 teams. This would not have been possible without our wonderful managers who have volunteered to help with these teams. Thank you to: Simon Beech, Ash Lange, Jackie Lange, Cadie Broughton, Brent Fouhy, Andy Gardiner, Nic Gardiner, Megan McHardy, Marie Kissick, Emma Reid, Hannah Tamainu and Todd McHardy.

Congratulations Basketball and Miniball teams

A huge shoutout to Ethan Buys, who was named Champion Year 8 Boy, what an amazing achievement Ethan! Also a big congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Miniball team, who were awarded Most Improved Team.



Miniball team 2025 (missing Heidi) won Most Improved.

Message from the Ministry of Education

Measles cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Points to share with parents, caregivers and the school community:

Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.

Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand

If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116. Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.

Measles immunity – Health New Zealand
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Health New Zealand

Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school / kura for at least eight days.

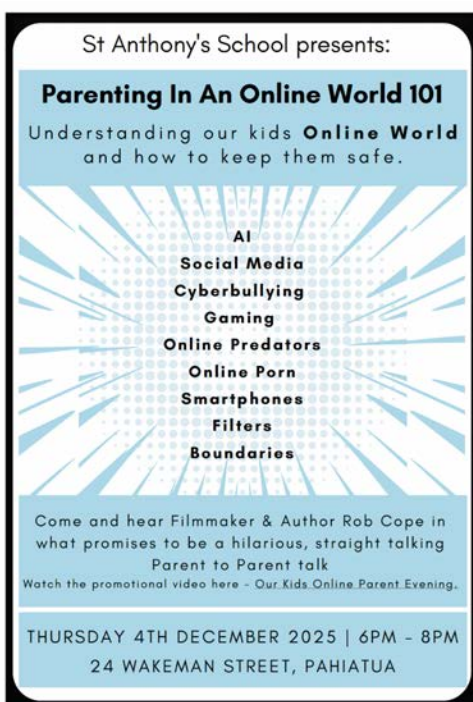
2026 School Term Dates

The dates for our 2026 term dates will be advised in the next school newsletter. These will be confirmed at our upcoming Board of Trustee meeting and then placed onto the school calendar.

Upcoming School Dates

10.10.25	Mass: Sr A, SrM, Sr G
21.10.25	School Photos
13.10.25	BOT Meeting 5pm
14.10.25	Y7 & Y8 Tech
14.10.25	Summer hockey starts
16.10.25	Shake Out
17.10.25	Pet Day Entries Close
17.10.25	Mass: Sr B, Fr T, Sr dSM
17.10.25	Assembly
21.10.25	School Photos
23.10.25	Newsletter

24.10.25	Pet Day
27.10.25	Labour Day School Closed
28.10.25	Y7 & Y8 Tech
31.10.25	Mass: Sr B, Fr T, Sr dSM
31.10.25	Assembly
5.11.25	Y7 & Y8 Retreat
6.11.25	Newsletter
7.11.25	Mass: Sr A, Sr M, Sr G
9.11.25	Community Mass 11.15am
11.11.25	Y7 & Y8 Tech
12.11.25	School Athletics
14.11.25	Mass: Sr B, Fr T, Sr dSM
14.11.25	Assembly
14.11.25	School Athletics pp date
18.11.25	Y7 & Y8 Moving Forward Conference
18.11.25	Y5 & Y6 Surfing Trip
20.11.25	Newsletter
20.11.25	Y6-Y8 Marae overnight stay
21.11.25	Y4-Y8 Marae visit
21.11.25	Mass: Sr A, Sr M, Sr G
25.11.25	Y7 & Y8 Tech
28.11.25	Mass: Sr B, Fr T, Sr dSM
28.11.25	Bush Athletics
28.11.25	Assembly
1.12.25	Bush Athletics pp date
2.12.25	Volunteers Morning Tea
4.12.25	Newsletter
4.12.25	Rob Cope - Parent hui - Cyber Safety meeting 6-8pm
5.12.25	Mass: Sr A, Sr M, Sr G
8.12.25	BOT Meeting 5-7pm
9.12.25	Principals Morning Tea
11.12.25	Prizegiving
12.12.25	Last day Term 4



St Anthony's School Board of Trustees

The members of the St Anthony's School (Pahiatua) Board of Trustees are:

Natalie Beech - Interim Presiding Member - Parent Representative

Bronny Lea - Proprietor Representative

Patsy O'Donnell - Proprietor Representative

Melvin John - Proprietor Representative

David Le Fleming - Parent Representative

Daniel Bird - Parent Representative

Ed Cameron - Parent Representative

Marg Hyslop - Principal

Jenni Harrison - Staff Representative

Patrick Baker - Co-opted Member

Term 4 Board of Trustees Newsletter

Please see this information attached.

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 13 October 2025** at school. All are very welcome.

Concerns and Complaints

If you need to raise a concern or a complaint please refer to our Concerns and Complaints procedures (see School Docs). All concerns and complaints must have a name (i.e the contact person who is raising the matter).

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 4 Policy Review:

- *Bullying and Harassment*
- *Behaviour Management*
- *Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property*
- *Minimising Physical Restraint*
- *Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion*
- *Staff Wellbeing and Safety*



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



Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 4, 2025

Welcome to the Board of Trustees newsletter.

Thank you to all those who took the time to vote in our Board of Trustees election. We had a record voter turnout which is fantastic to see.

We would like to thank Patrick Baker, Michelle Jephson, Andrew Gardiner, and Rae Powell for their service on the Board. Your work is greatly appreciated and we wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

As Patrick Baker, our presiding member, has stepped down Natalie Beech has been elected interim presiding member until our first meeting of 2026 when all roles on the board will be elected. Patrick Baker has been co-opted onto the board to support the new board members in the change over period.

Term 4 is always a very exciting time at school with a lot of events like Pet Day, and Prizegiving. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Joining together for Community Mass is such a special occasion and it is wonderful to be back in the church after the recent renovations. We look forward to seeing you all there this term on Sunday, 9th November.

We are still looking to grow our wonderful school so if you know of any families about to make the big decision on where to send their children to school we would appreciate it if you tell them how amazing St Anthony's is.

Anyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings and we would love to see more of you there. Our next meeting will be Monday, 13th October at 5pm in the Staff room.

From St Anthony's School (Pahiatua) Board of Trustees; Natalie Beech (Presiding Member), Marg Hyslop, Daniel Bird, Edward Cameron, David Le Fleming, Melvin John, Bronny Lea, Patsy O'Donnell, Patrick Baker and Jenni Harrison.

"Let us begin, brothers, to serve the Lord God, for up until now we have done little or nothing. He did not consider that he had already attained his goal, but tireless in pursuit of holy newness, he constantly hoped to begin again."

// Saint Francis of Assisi