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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*



13 March 2025

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

There has been a lot happening at school over the past couple of weeks, Community Mass, Bush Swimming Sports, Minor Sports, a Working Bee and a strong focus of solid learning time in RE, Mathematics and Literacy. The support we receive, time and time again from our amazing school whānau is a living example of the Catholic Social Teachings of the Common Good (working for the good of all - he painga mā te katoa) and Solidarity (building relationships - whakawhanaungatanga). How blessed our students are to have this amazing support.

In the coming weeks there will be an opportunity for school whānau to meet with their child's class teacher. Please read further in the newsletter of how to make a booking. The staff and I look forward to meeting with school families during that time. Please also read the BOT Term 1 newsletter attached to this newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Patrick Baker (BOT Chair) and his whānau at this time of bereavement.

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

2025 Baptism

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

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Lent

We are now in the season of Lent. This is something your children are also learning about at school through their Religious Education(RE) programme. For Lent 2025, Catholic schools across Aotearoa New Zealand are sharing how they live out their faith by fostering hope and spreading love in their communities. Lent is a season of penance, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, lasting for 40 days, leading up to Easter. The purpose of Lent is to prepare us spiritually for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. It is seen as a time for repentance, reflection, and renewal of faith.

Bush Swimming



Congratulations to our Bush Swimming Representative Team. Thank you Mr Jansen for your organisation of our team and thank you to the many parents who supported our students on the day.

Teacher Only Day - School Closed

As per the previous school newsletter, we have one more Teacher Only Day this term, when St Anthony's School will be closed on Tuesday, **8 April 2025**, due to all of our teaching staff attending Structured Literacy professional

development. This course is hosted by Massey University and the dates are preset for a cohort of teachers (not just St Anthony's Teachers). The commitment to the work we undertake on Structured Literacy will continue to improve learning outcomes for our students. If you require further information please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Working Bee Thank You



Thank you to our wonderful school community for turning up on Saturday, 8 March 2025 (as well as Friday afternoon) and helping with the Working Bee. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated. It was fantastic to get so many jobs achieved including; the lime on the bike track and other areas around the school, the harakeke garden weeded and barked, trimming of grasses, chainsawing of trees, hedges trimmed, and the gateway beside the back of the hall finally cleared. The school looks fantastic thanks to your time, energy and work. Thank you to Mr Peter Lea for organising this event and to the Friends of St Anthony's School Committee for organising the food and drink. Thank you to Mr Jymahl Glassey for bringing the digger along. "Many hands and a digger, make light work". Thank you all so much.

Y1 - Y3 Pahiatua Marae Visit

On Monday, 31 March 2025 our Y1 to Y3 classes will be visiting the Pahiatua Marae as part of their Integrated Learning programme. A notice will be sent out with details about this trip next week. For further information, please contact your child's class teacher.

St Patrick's Day

On **Monday, 17 March 2025**, we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Students can come to school dressed in something green (not their school uniform). Those who would like to can contribute a non-perishable food item to the basket that we will send to Taranaki Community Services. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - **he whakaaro nui mō te hunga rawakore** - which compels us to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable.



Minor Sports Day

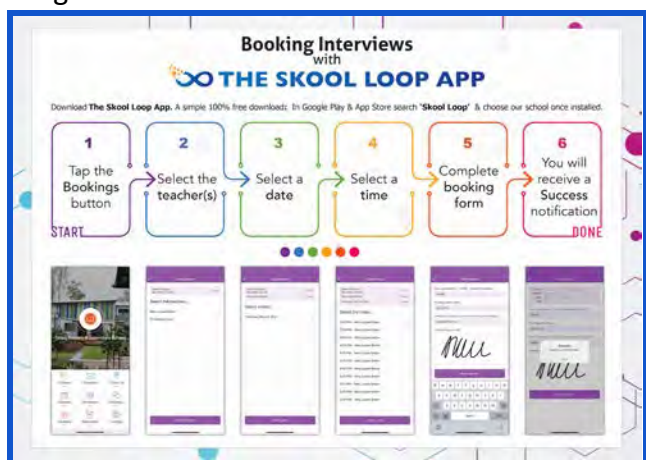
Our Y1 & Y2 students had a fabulous day at the Minor Sports Day on Friday 7 March 2025, along with all the other Bush Schools. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who helped our teachers to supervise the groups and make it such a wonderful experience. Thank you to Mrs Rae Powell for the amazing organisation of the whole event and thank you to our fantastic Y5 - Y8 students and their teachers who ran the games of the day. What great ambassadors they were for our school! Thank you to Mr Terry Powell and Mrs Sarah Moffitt for your voluntary work behind the scenes and at the event. Thank you to all the other supporters and helpers on the day. We truly appreciate your time.

Student Reports

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

Bookings for Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings. Bookings will be open on the Skool Loop app by next Monday. (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. The times that whānau will see available are the only slots that are left available to book. Teachers will not be taking bookings outside of these times during this term. These meetings are for 15 mins and are a really important form of sharing information on how students are developing their learning at school. We really appreciate whānau taking the time to attend the Parent Teacher meeting for their child/children. If you require any assistance with this please just contact either Kirsten or Di or Marg at the School Office.



Lockdown Practice

We will have a Lockdown Practice with Constable Max in the afternoon on 26 March 2025.

Treats at School

We are trying to reduce the amount of sugary food that is coming into school whenever possible as per information received from our previous health consultation. We also have a number of students who cannot have these types of foods. If students are celebrating a birthday etc, we would really appreciate if they do not bring the bags of lollies for the whole class as has been done in the past. They can share their treats outside of school where it is easier for families to manage.



Congratulations

Isla Fouhy recently travelled to Waikanae to compete in her first ballet competition of the year. Isla danced beautifully to be placed 1st in the U12 Classical ballet, 2nd in the U12 Barefoot ballet and 1st in the Open Grade

National Character in which she performed a choreographed highland dance. Isla has been working hard with her amazing teacher, Louise Flack, to learn the new barefoot dance this year. Congratulations Isla.

Touch Rugby

We are on duty Friday, 21 March 2025.

This involves setting up the cones on the field, ringing the hooter and a couple of people sitting at the table to hand out and collect score cards. Many hands make light work - if you can help please contact Mrs Rae Powell or Mr Robey Jansen. Thank you.

LIFE Awards

Every two weeks one student from each class is nominated for a LIFE Award. The students selected will have displayed all of our school values, Love, Integrity, Fortitude and Excellence, across a number of weeks. These awards are then presented at our school assembly. At the end of the term those students who receive a LIFE award are taken out on a Principals Morning Tea outing, usually to the Harvard Playground or the Sales Yards Skate Park, then return to the hall for morning tea. Students are offered hot chips and drinks (either water, juice, lemonade or coke - sugar free as available). If for any reason you do not want your child to be given a specific drink please advise them (and the principal) prior to the drink being offered. The students and staff thoroughly enjoy celebrating our school values. Certificates are displayed on our school hall wall for anyone to view.

School Dates

11 Mar - Y7 & Y8 Technology
13 Mar - Newsletter
14 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr A, Sr M, & Sr G
17 Mar - St Patrick's Day - Dress up in green
21 Mar - Friday Mass 9:30 Sr G & Sr dSM
21 Mar - Assembly 12pm
25 Mar - Y7 & Y8 Technology
26 Mar - Lockdown Practice
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 - School Assembly 12pm
11 Apr - Last day Term 1
28 Apr - First day Term 2

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

Friends of St Anthony's Committee Cookbook

Don't forget to hand in your recipes for the St Anthony's School Cookbook! Email to the school office or friendsofsta@stanthony.ac.nz



*Please refer to our school website for
Community Notices*



Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 1, 2025

Welcome to the Board of Trustees newsletter.

We have had an incredible start to 2025 with a lot of exciting things happening at our school during the year ahead.

Joining together for Community Mass is such a special occasion. It is great to see the progress with the church renovation and we are looking forward to having mass together in the church soon.

Thank you to everyone who came to help out at the working bee last Saturday. Many hands make light work and we are grateful for your donation of time and energy to keep our school looking its best.

The Friends of St Anthony's Committee have another fantastic project underway; The St Anthony's Cookbook. Please show your support by sending in your family's favourite recipes, we can't wait to try them out in Term 2.

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.

In 2025 elections will be held for our Board of Trustees so now is a great time to come along to a Board meeting and see what we do. We meet 6 times a year. Being on the Board of Trustees is a great way to be more involved in your child's school and have your say in the governance of our school going forward. Anyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings and we would love to see more of you there. Our next meeting will be Monday, 7th April at 5pm in the Staff room.

From St Anthony's School (Pahiatua) Board of Trustees; Patrick Baker (Presiding Member), Marg Hyslop, Michelle Jephson, Natalie Beech, Andrew Gardiner, Philipa Beech, Bronny Lea, Patsy O'Donnell and Rae Powell.

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

-Pope Benedict XVI