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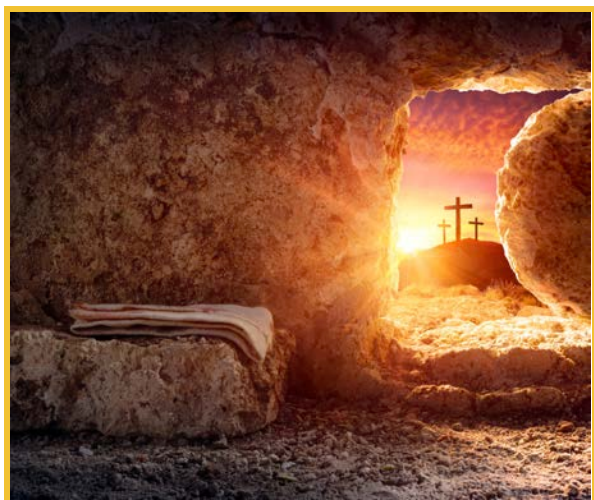
Within our Catholic faith, leading by gentleness
and strength, to inspire, grow and celebrate our learners.

*Mā tō tātou whakapono Katorika, Kia mārie, Kia kaha, Hei
whakatipu, Hei whanake, Hei whakanui hoki ōu tātou ākonga*



10 April 2025

Newsletter 6



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

Wow, what a fantastic first term we've had! Everyone is buzzing with excitement as we head into Easter, the term holidays, and some well-deserved time with whānau. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent-teacher meetings – your involvement and support was truly appreciated. Looking ahead to next term, we have an exciting treat in store! We'll be watching a movie that ties in with our Religious Education programme, so be sure to check out the details further along in the newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish our wonderful school and parish families a blessed Easter. May this season bring renewal, hope, and joy to each of you. Enjoy the holidays, and we can't wait to see everyone back, safe and refreshed, for Term 2.

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

2025 Baptism

If you are interested in your child taking part in the sacrament of Baptism at the start of Term 2 please contact our DRS Jenni Harrison today.

Welcome New Student



We are thrilled to extend a very warm welcome to Wolff Thomson, who has joined our St Anthony's School whānau this week. We are excited to have you with us Wolff and look forward to sharing the many wonderful events and experiences that lie ahead this year. Our school roll stands at 109, and we're proud to continue growing as a vibrant, supportive school.

Easter Activities

This year, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025. It ends on Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025. Tomorrow, Friday, we will be celebrating Easter by experiencing four special activities in our Whānau groups as we walk through the key moments of Jesus' last week on earth. This includes The Triumphant Entry, The Washing of the Feet, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion. Please talk to your children about these activities in preparation for Holy Week, which falls during the school holidays. Each student will receive a Holy Week Passport to mark their journey, receiving a 'sticker' after completing each part of the story. We hope that students will share their experiences with you at the end of the day, spreading God's word and the message of Easter. As we celebrate this time of rebirth, let us remember the love and hope that Easter brings.

"The Lord is risen indeed!" – Luke 24:34



ANZAC

ANZAC Day falls in the second week of the school holidays. A group of Y7 & Y8 students will be representing our school at the Pahiatua Dawn Service at 6am on the 25 April 2025 at the Cenotaph.

Y1 - Y3 Marae Visit



He wheako motuhake. It was such a special experience last week for our Y1 - Y3 students when, along with their whānau and teachers, they visited the Pahiatua Marae and were warmly welcomed by Whaea Hiria Tua and Tā Rihari Daymond. Thank you to all our wonderful whānau who supported our Y1 - Y3 students on the visit to the Pahiatua Marae last week. A special thank you to Tiana McLean for leading us onto the Marae with the karanga and Mondeo Dodd-Tui Ihaia for speaking on our behalf during the pōwhiri. How blessed we are to have so many people supporting our students.

Whole School Movie Trip

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, the whole school, Y1 - Y8, will watch *The King of Kings* on Wednesday, 30 April at The Regent Theatre Pahiatua. **Year 3 - 8** students will walk to and from the theatre. **Year 1 - 2** students will travel on the bus. We are really looking forward to this exciting opportunity. For further details please contact DRS Mrs Jenni Harrison or your child's class teacher.

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'.*



Our Sr de Sales Maher Y4 & Y5 Class enjoyed learning about the history of St Anthony's School from past student Mr Peter Lea.

Year 4 - 6 Native Tree Planting Outing

Our Year 4 - 6 students have been invited to a Sustainability Education experience during which they will plant native trees on the Stafford's farm on Oete Road near Pahiatua. The outing will take place on Tuesday, 10 June 2025. A letter with more information about the outing will be sent home in Term 2.

We will require the assistance of seven parents/caregivers to act as adult helpers on this outing. If you would like to join us on this trip, please contact Robey Jansen at rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz by 13 May 2025.

St Anthony's School Cross Country 2025

The St Anthony's School Cross Country races will be held on Friday, 16 May at the Bush Multisport Complex. The event will run from 12.30pm to approximately 1.45pm. In the event of a weather postponement, the event will move to Thursday, the 22 May.

Distances (Age as at 6 June 2025)

5&6 year olds 600m	7&8 year olds 1200m
9&10 year olds 1800m	11&12 year olds 2400m

We do require some parent volunteers to assist with our junior classes. If you can help on the day (and do not have a preschooler to look after) we would appreciate it if you could let your child's teacher know by the first week of Term 2, via email:

Sr Alphonsus Y1 Class: nelliott@stanthony.ac.nz

Sr Margaret Y2 Class: ebbotha@stanthony.ac.nz

Sr Gertrude Y3 Class: banderson@stanthony.ac.nz

If you have any questions about the event, feel free to contact Robey Jansen at rjansen@stanthony.ac.nz.

Netball *From Rae Powell*

We have entered the following teams into the Term 2 Bush Schools Netball Competition:

Year 7 and Year 8 - Managers: Rachel Murphy and Dana Broughton

Year 5 and Year 6 - Manager: Dionne Brown
Future Ferns - Megan McHardy

Year 1 and Year 2 players - Parents help with this grade.

Touch Rugby *From Rae Powell*

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the managers who stepped forward to help with our Term 1 Touch Rugby teams: Jason, Cadie, Brent, Jackie, Rachel, James, Marie, Jess, Ally and Ed. We were able to enter eight teams into the competition thanks to your support. A big shout out also to our amazing referees who were also much appreciated: Levi, Van, Hugo, Ethan, Brody, Liam, Amelia, Jack and Abe.

Term 2 Bush Indoor Hockey *From Rae Powell*

We have entered four teams into this competition. You will find these teams on our school website. NB: We did not have enough players to enter an Under 7 team.

Under 13 St Anthony's Blue

Manager: Nic Gardiner

Under 13 St Anthony's Red

Managers: Dana Broughton and Brent Fouhy

Under 11 St Anthony's Green

Manager: Kirsten Waterman

Under 9 St Anthony's Purple - **Still require a manager**

Teacher Only Day - School Closed

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 Deputy Principal.

School Dates

11 Apr - Easter Activities

11 Apr - Last day Term 1

28 Apr - First day Term 2

2 May - Māori Whānau hui 7.30am

2 May - Baptism Mass

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, 20 May 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>

St Peter's College Enrolments Open

St Peter's College online enrolment form will be open Week 1 Term 2, 2025 for the 2026 school year! To get started, please ensure you have an authorised preference certificate form, as this is required to complete Stage One of the application process.

- Enrolment Closes: Friday, 1st August 2025 at 4:00 PM
- Open Night: Thursday, 24th July 2025 at 5:30 PM

