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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



29 May 2025

Newsletter 9



Today we remember the Ascension of our Lord to heaven. The Ascension occurred 40 days after Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Kia ora whānau and friends of St Anthony's School,  
Wow—what a week full of faith, fun, and community spirit! A big thank you to all our wonderful school whānau who joined us at Mass last Sunday. It was heartwarming to see so many of you there, coming together with our St Brigid's parish to celebrate the term in such a special way. Yesterday, we joined Catholic schools across the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Day—a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the faith, learning, and sense of belonging that make our Catholic schools truly unique. We began the day with a special Liturgy, where each student received a rosary bracelet and a prayer card—a lovely keepsake to remind us of our shared journey in faith.

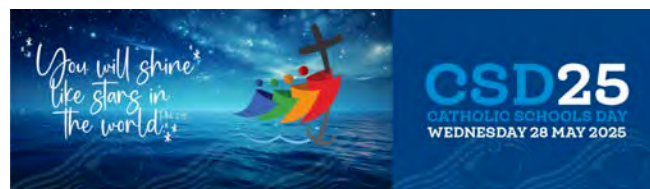
Then came a magical moment: we headed into the town centre where our 112 voices rang out in waiata, filling the street with joy and song. Our senior students added an extra touch of kindness by delivering stars and candles to local businesses as a gesture of light and connection.

We're also thrilled to share a special video message from Bishop John Adams, Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North, offering his blessings and encouragement to our students, staff, and whānau.

👉 Click here to watch [his message](#)

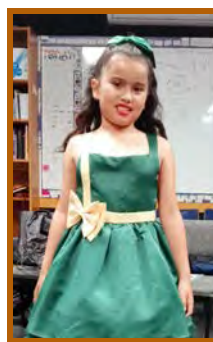
And looking ahead—don't forget to check the attachment to this newsletter (also sent via SKOOL Loop and in hard copy) for details about our Matariki celebration. We're marking this important time with a school hāngi—a special event not to be missed!

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



### Sacrament Programme

If you would like your child to take part in our 2025 Sacramental Programme of Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please let Jenni Harrison know by the end of next week on - [jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz](mailto:jharrison@stanthony.ac.nz). This is for students in Year 3 or above who have already been baptised. This year, our Reconciliation evening with Fr Ralph will be held on Thursday, 28 August at 5:00pm. Our First Eucharist Mass will take place on Sunday, 14 September.



### Wairarapa's Got Talent

A huge congratulations to Kiwianna Bailey who has made it through to the Grand Final of Wairarapa's Got Talent. This is a huge achievement and we wish her every success. Kiwianna sang a Gospel song in the semi final.

If you would like to support Kiwianna at this competition on the 7 June 2025, at the Carterton Events Centre, you can purchase tickets through this link [Talent Grand Final](#).

### Reminder: Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Tomorrow, **30 May 2025**, school will be closed for a Tararua Kāhui Ako Teacher (Staff) Only Day. Other local primary schools will also be closed on that day. For further details please speak to the Principal or Deputy Principal.

### St Anthony's School Cross Country 2025



It was fantastic to see our Y1 - Y8 students taking part in last Friday's Cross Country event, showing lots of fortitude. We sincerely appreciate the support by our amazing school community to make this such an enjoyable event. Thank you to Mrs Powell for the great organisation and to the Treder's for setting up the course.

### Tararua Bush Cross Country

Thank you to all the parents who are supporting this upcoming event with transport. We will send home a letter on Tuesday confirming which students will be traveling in each vehicle. Please contact Mrs Rae Powell should you require any further information.

### Year 4 - 6 Native Tree Planting Tuesday, 10 June

Our Year 4 - 6 students (Sr de Sales Maher class and Fr Tom McKenna class) have been given a notice with further details about the outing today.

### PE T-Shirts

The school uniform suppliers, NZ Uniforms, are in the process of sorting out a supply issue with our PE t-shirts. Sizes currently available are 6, 8 and L.

### Sr Brigid Tree Planting - From Mrs Harrison



On Tuesday, Sr Brigid's Y7 & Y8 class visited Michael Treder's family farm to help plant 700 native trees. This marks the sixth year our senior students have taken part in this meaningful environmental initiative. Earlier in the year, Sr Brigid's class explored farming in Pahiatua, learning about innovative and sustainable practices both locally and around the world. The students gained a deeper understanding of sustainable agriculture and the importance of our Catholic Social Teaching principle of *kaitiakitanga*—guardianship of the land. It was a rewarding experience to contribute to this project and quite literally get our hands dirty for a good cause. We are very grateful to Michael Treder for once again inviting us to be part of this ongoing work. Special thanks also go to Sarah from Horizons for her guidance and for teaching us about various native plant species, and to Simon Beech for his valuable support during the day.

### Congratulations Dancers



Recently Elsa and Isla took part in a Highland Dance competition in Marton. It was a massive day with 96 dancers doing multiple dances. Elsa and Isla both had a successful day with good placings in their dances. They were both placed Runner-Up Most Points in their section.



### Bus Information From the Ministry of Education

Student safety is of paramount importance. Schools are responsible for regularly reminding caregivers and students on how to keep students safe before, during and after using a school bus.

*Reminders for parents and caregivers:*

- *Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.*
- *Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).*
- *Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.*
- *Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.*
- *Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.*
- *Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.*
- *Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:*
  - o *While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.*
  - o *Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.*
  - o *After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.*

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful: [Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#).

### Term 3 Miniball and Basketball

In Term 3 our Y5 & Y6 students have the opportunity to play Miniball, and the Y7 & Y8 students Basketball. This takes place after school each Wednesday. The registration letter will be put up on the school website next week, and a hard copy will also be available at school to interested students. Please note that during the season we have two duty nights, and parents are expected to help with at least one of these. We have to supply our own referee for each team, and this is always a challenge for our Y7 & Y8 team. If you do know of someone who could referee please let Rae Powell know. Without a referee we cannot register a team.

### Celebrating Catholic Schools Day



### School Dates

<b>30.5.25</b>	Teacher Only Day <b>School Closed</b>
<b>2.6.25</b>	Kings Birthday <b>School Closed</b>
<b>3.6.25</b>	Y7 & Y8 Technology
5.6.25	Bush Schools X-Country
10.6.25	Y4-Y6 Tree Planting (pp 19.6.25)
12.6.25	Newsletter
18.6.25	TKA Cultural Festival
<b>20.6.25</b>	Matariki Holiday <b>School Closed</b>
24.6.25	Y7 & Y8 Technology
25.6.25	T2 Principals Morning Tea Outing
26.6.25	Newsletter
27.6.25	Matariki celebration/Hāngī
27.6.25	Last day of Term 2

### From the Diocese of Palmerston North

The Diocese monthly newsletter is online:

[Tumanako](#)

### BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday 11 August 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 2 Policy Review (to confirm at the next meeting, 11 August 2025):

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

### 2025 BOT Election

The 2025 BOT Parent Election will be held on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. A call for nominations will be sent by Friday 18 July. Nominations will close at 12pm, Wednesday 6 August 2025.



*Please refer to our school website for Community Notices.*



*Tree Planting at Treder's Farm*





29 May 2025 - School Notice

Kia ora St Anthony's School Whānau

### **Matariki Hāngī Celebration – Friday 27 June 2025**

To celebrate Matariki, we will be holding a **hāngī** on the **last day of Term 2, Friday 27 June 2025, at 1pm lunchtime**. We warmly invite all school families to join us for this very special event.

All students will be involved in various aspects of the preparation and celebration. Further details regarding student participation will be shared closer to the date. We have a fantastic group of whānau who are helping us plan and prepare all aspects of the hāngī and we are very blessed to have their expertise.

**In preparation for the hāngī**, we kindly ask for donations of the following items (*please see the attached list*). If you are able to contribute, we would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the attached form and return it to school by the 13th June 2025. *Please note that the donated items will not be required until the week of the hāngī.*

If you would like to join us for this celebration, please **RSVP using the same form**, so we can ensure we cater for everyone attending. (*Do not include your children if they are enrolled at St Anthony's, as they will be catered for*).

We are really looking forward to celebrating this important occasion together as a school community.

Ngā mihi nui

Marg Hyslop

Principal St Anthony's School

**Hāngī Return Form** - Please send this form back to school by 13 June 2025

**Name:**..... **Phone:**.....

**RSVP - Meals Required for your whānau:**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** *(not enrolled at St Anthony's)*

<b>Food Items Donating</b>	<b>Tick beside the items you can donate</b>	<b>Approximate quantity</b>
Chicken Drumsticks		
Pork		
Potatoes		
Kumera		
Pumpkin		
Cabbage		
Onions		
Flour		
Golden Syrup		
Sugar		
Butter		
Baking soda		
Baking Powder		
<b>Other Items Donating</b>		
Bins for peelings - scrap buckets <i>(if you have animals these can be given to)</i>		
Firewood - dry logs - Macrocarpa		
Newspaper		