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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



20 November 2025

Newsletter 19



Happy 102nd Birthday

Sr Helena Fouhy

for 23 November 2025.

**God bless you and thank you for all you
do. You are such an outstanding
inspiration of "Strength and Gentleness"
(Fortiter et Suaviter).**

Kia ora e te whānau,

*As we approach the end of term, St Anthony's is
buzzing with many upcoming celebrations.*

*Marae visits, Christmas parades, Bush Athletics,
and Prize Giving, all offer wonderful opportunities
for our staff and students to connect with our
school whānau.*

*We also prepare our hearts for the season of
Advent, beginning this year on Sunday, 30
November. Over four special weeks, we journey
through the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love
as we ready ourselves for the birth of Jesus and
look forward with faith to His promised return.
Advent is a beautiful time to pause, reflect and
prepare.*

*Please do take the time to read this newsletter so
that you are fully aware of all activities your child
is involved in. For parents and grandparents,
please take the time to read about our special
upcoming event on 4 December - Parenting In An
Online World. We want to see as many whānau
(over 18 years) at this event as we can. Also
please have a look at the notice about our Draft
Strategic Plan (in the BOT section of this
newsletter). All feedback is appreciated.*

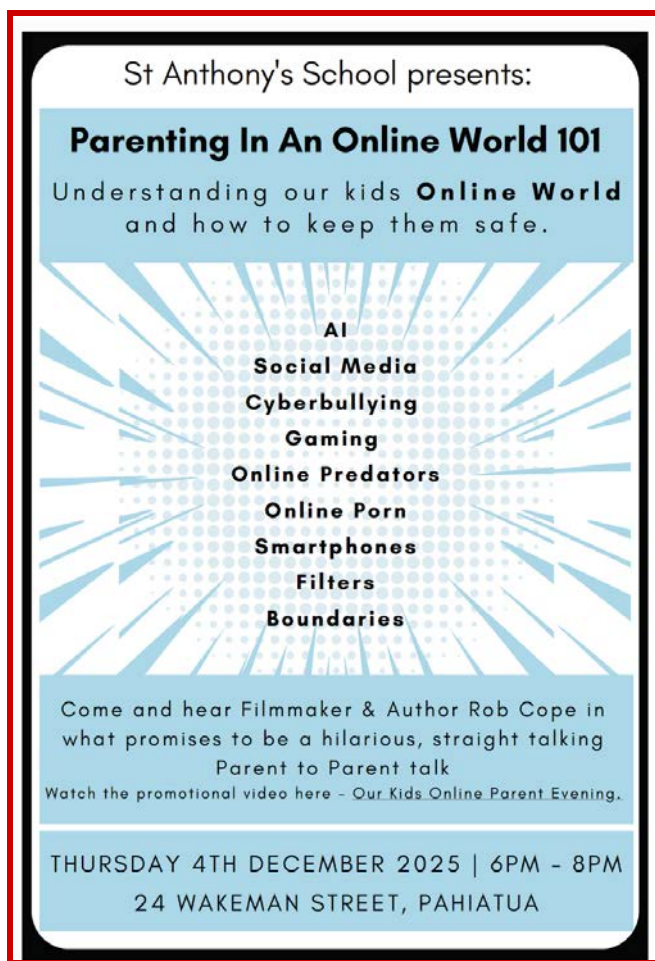
*Te aroha o te Atua ia koutou - God Bless you.
Marg Hyslop, Principal of St Anthony's School*

Thank You Teacher Aide

Everyone at St Anthony's School thanks
Bernie Emery for her work as Fixed Term Teacher
Aide. We have sincerely appreciated all her work
and support and wish Bernie all the very best in
her new position. A Teacher Aide position is
currently being advertised (*please refer to our
school website if you are interested in applying
for this vacancy*).

Invitation

On Thursday, 4 December 2025 we have
organised Filmmaker and Author Rob Cope to
come and give a talk on the topic of keeping our
kids safe online. This is such a big community
issue and we need to tackle it as a community.
We request that at least one representative from
each family attend. Please RSVP by replying to
Marg Hyslop principal@stanthony.ac.nz or the
School Office office@stanthony.ac.nz.
Promo video here: [Our Kids Online Parent
Evening](#).



Marae Visits Y6 - Y8 and Y4 & Y5

Y6 to Y8 students are very excited about their overnight stay at the Pahiatua Marae this evening, along with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Hyslop and Mr Jansen. Tomorrow Y4 & Y5 will leave from school via bus to join the rest of the students at the Marae. For any further information, please contact your child's class teacher.

School Athletics Event Y1 - Y8



What a fantastic day we all had at our Y1 - Y8 Athletics Sports Day. Thank you so much to our wonderful friends and whānau who supported our students and staff across the event. Thank you to Mrs Powell for the event organisation and for Mr Jansen setting up the gear. Thank you to our wonderful Tararua College helpers and parent helpers on the day. Congratulations parents on your outstanding effort in the relay race (we understand some parents are already in training for next year's event). Students selected to represent St Anthony's at the Bush Schools Athletics event on 28 November 2025 will receive a special notice today.



Armistice Day, 11 November 2025

On Tuesday last week, our Y6 students represented St Anthony's School superbly at the Armistice Day service in Pahiatua. This service commemorates the "laying down of arms" and the end of hostilities of the First World War "*at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month*" of 1918.



Starship Hospital - Festive Dress Up Day

On Thursday, 4 December 2025, students are invited to come to school in Festive Dress dress to help us spread some Christmas cheer! (*No need to wear our school uniform on that day*). We ask for a **gold coin donation**, with all funds raised going to **Starship Hospital** to support children who cannot be home for Christmas.

This special event reflects the **Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity and Solidarity**, showing love, care, and compassion for others, especially those in need. By taking part, we share the true spirit of Christmas and help bring hope and joy to others.

Patrol Warden Treat

On the morning of Thursday, 27 November, our Road Patrol Wardens will be treated to a movie at the Regent Theatre in Pahiatua, as a thank you for their patrol duty during 2025. These wardens gave up their time to perform the important duty of keeping our students safe while crossing the roads after school. The event is hosted by our School Community Officer Maxine Walshe and the students will be accompanied by teachers Mr Jansen and Mrs Harrison. Please contact Mr Jansen at rjansen@stanthony.ac.za if you require further information.

Explore Christmas



This event takes place on Saturday, 6 December 2025. Students will need to meet us at 4.30pm in the Pahiatua town centre and we will be performing at 4.45pm.

St Anthony's School has been practising our singing for this event. Students come along dressed in their PE uniform wearing some Christmas decorations (ie to look Christmassy). For further information please contact your child's class teacher. Please let the School Office know by Friday, 28 November if your child will not be attending this event. (*Please see the notice further in the newsletter from the Friends Committee about the Christmas Float*).

Y7 & Y8 Moving Forward Conference



Our Year 7 and Year 8 students, along with Lead Teacher Mrs Harrison, worked with students from other Bush schools, participating in the *Moving Forward Conference* held at Tararua College on Tuesday. This was a great opportunity for them to learn about various career paths, featuring many people from our local community sharing and inspiring our students with knowledge and experiences of their professions. Thank you to the many wonderful St Anthony's parents who led workshops at this event.

Yummy Sticker Promotion Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported this excellent promotion by handing us Yummy stickers to go into the 2025 prize draw for sports gear. St Anthony's School (Pahiatua) has \$628.00 to spend on sports gear as a result of your kind donation of the stickers collected.

Surfing Y5 & Y6

Our Y5 & Y6 students had a fantastic experience on Tuesday learning to surf at Castlepoint Beach, with specialist tutors. Thank you to our wonderful school whānau who provided transport and fabulous support for our students and staff across the outing. Thanks to Lead Teacher Mr Jansen and Support Teacher Mrs Powell, for all the organisation to make this such a great learning activity for our students.



Prizegiving

Please mark Thursday, 11 December 2025 on your calendar for our annual Prizegiving. This will be held at 6pm at St Brigid's Church. All students from Y1 - Y8 are expected to attend this event. Students should arrive at the hall by 5.40pm and be in their formal school uniform. We are all looking forward to this celebration.

80th Anniversary of the Pahiatua Polish Children

Film on You Tube from Pahiatua Museum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWULcURuK KI&t=447s>

Volunteers Morning Tea



If you have helped in any way by giving of your time in a voluntary capacity across the year, (on the sports fields, school outings, in the garden or grounds, with school Mass, in the classrooms and any other ways) please come along to a morning tea with

the staff on Tuesday, 2 December at 10.30am, so that the staff can thank you for all you have given in 2025.

2026 Class Placements

A special notice will be sent home with each Y1 - Y7 student on 4 December advising families of their child's Year group, classroom, class teacher and stationery requirements for 2026. Please keep an eye out in school bags for this information and direct any questions about this information to the Principal Marg Hyslop before the end of the term.

Tuesday Outdoor After School Hockey

Due to the poor weather at the start of the hockey season, the decision has been made to play one more week and have the final games on 9 December 2025. The draws for 25/11/2025, 02/12/2025, & 09/12/2025 will be on our website in the Sports section.

2026 Friday After school Touch Rugby

We have had a huge number of students signing up to play Touch Rugby. The good news is that we have lots of parents who have put up their hands to manage our teams. However, we have not had one person volunteer to referee. We are not allowed to enter a team if they do not have a referee. If you can help us with this, please contact Mrs Rae Powell rpowell@stanthony.ac.nz as soon as possible - we really do not want our students to miss out.

2026 School Term Dates

Term One: 28 January - 2 April

Term Two: 20 April - 3 July

Term Three: 20 July - 25 September

Term Four: 12 October - 16 December

Upcoming School Dates

- 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
- 27.11.25 Patrol Treat
- 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 10.30am
- 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
- 5.12.25 Festive Dress-up Fundraiser
- 6.12.25 Explore Christmas Parade
- 8.12.25 BOT Meeting 5-7pm
- 9.12.25 Principals Morning Tea
- 11.12.25 Prizegiving 6pm
- 12.12.25 Last day Term 4**



Congratulations to the students who took part in the Bush Ag Day. They achieved some amazing results.

Congratulations Dancers



Last night multiple St Anthony's students performed an amazing display at Base Movement hip hop End of Year Celebration. The following students were recipients of awards:

- Noah Flack - DanceNZmade Hip Hop Level 1 -Studio Champion (highest exam result)
- Charlotte Harrison - DanceNZmade Hip Hop Level 4 - Studio Champion (highest exam result)
- Hannah Baker - Star award level 4 for 2025 .

Congratulations also goes to *Ava, Isla G, Emily, Ayla and Indy* for their achievement awards for 2025.

BOT Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the passing of Patrick Malloy, a previous Principal of St Anthony's School. We send sincere condolences to his family.
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen"

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 8 December 2025** at school. All are very welcome.

Strategic Plan

A draft copy of our 2026 - 2028 Strategic Plan will be shared via SKOOL Loop. This sets the direction for our school over the next three years. It incorporates many aspects of feedback from our school community, the Ministry of Education and the Palmerston North Diocese. If you have any comments or suggestions on this plan, please advise Principal Marg Hyslop principal@stanthony.ac.nz or Presiding Member of the Board Natalie Beech nbeech@stanthony.ac.nz by 27 November 2025, so that we can have this ready to finalise at our upcoming BOT meeting.

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*

Friends of St Anthony's Committee

Pahiatua Christmas Parade Float

The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, 6 December at 3pm. The Friends of St Anthony's School Committee are again going to organise a float with a Nativity Theme for this parade. If you would like to help please email Loretta on friends@stanthony.ac.nz

There are 15 places available on the school float for junior students. Please email Loretta by Monday if you would like your child to be on the float. This will be on a first in first served basis. We ask that parents are on the float to supervise their children.

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

Athletics Day Photos

