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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



6 November 2025

Newsletter 18

*Kia ora e te whānau,
Thank you to our school whānau and parishioners
who joined us for a very special All Souls Day
Liturgy at the Mangatainoka-Pahiatua Cemetery
on Monday. We sincerely appreciated your
support. Thank you to Julia Thomson who
generously donated extra flowers.*

*If you didn't get a chance to order a
Friends of St Anthony's School Cookbook, good
news, the orders are still being taken. You can
collect an order form from the school foyer or go
to the Forms section on the school website.*

*Please mark your school calendars for the
important upcoming event with Rob Cope,
presenting 'Parenting in an Online World'. This
informative presentation is being held in our hall
(free of charge with food supplied) on Thursday,
4 December at 6pm. It will be absolutely worth
your while and we would truly appreciate having
at least one parent from each school family at
this event. Friends and family over 18 years of
age are also most welcome to join us for this.*

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

School Community Mass

A reminder that **this Sunday, 9 November 2025** is
our Term 4 Community **School Mass at 11.15am**
at St Brigid's Church. There will be a cup of tea
after Mass at the church. Students wear their
school uniform and can sit with their family. We
look forward to all school whānau joining us for
this special celebration.

Pet Day

Thank you school whānau for making our Pet Day
such a fabulous event by way of your positive
support. Thank you to our wonderful judges:
Mark Eagle, Jason Treder, Ron Gray,
Jason Waterman, David Harman, Jess and Rose
from TVS, the brilliant Beech cousins Phoebe and
Laurie, and our amazing calf wrangler
Phil Bennett who helped us celebrate our pets.
Thank you to Judy and Peter Lea for judging our
Class Exhibitions. Thank you to Patrick Baker from
Property Brokers and Patsy for serving up the
wonderful sausage sizzle. Thank you to
Mrs Waterman for all the wonderful organisation
to make our Pet Day such a fabulous experience.

Congratulations to our Grand Champions:

Lamb Alexie Williamson
Calf Sophie Beech
Dog Maddie Graham



Pet Day Games

Our Y7 & Y8 students would like to thank everyone who took part in the Pet Day games. They are very pleased to advise our community that they raised \$602 that has been donated to St Brigid's Church for refurbishment costs.



Sunsmart

With the warmer weather finally arriving students are now wearing their school sunhats outdoors, as are staff. We do have a small supply of sunblock available for students to apply later in the day if they want to. We are assuming that families will have already applied some before leaving home if required.

Congratulations Past Student



A special congratulations to past St Anthony's Student, George Anderson, who attained truly inspirational awards at the recent Tararua College Prizegiving ceremony: Dux Artium (Arts Dux), First in Class for Drama and Music, Head Student Prize, Cup for Most Outstanding Instrumentalist, Cup for Outstanding Work in School Production, Cup for Cultural Contribution to the School, Cup for Physics, and the Whatukura Award for Top Male Māori Student. Our sincere congratulations to you George.

Y7 & Y8 Moving Forward Conference

Our Y7 & Y8 students will take part in this conference on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, that is focussing on careers. This week they made choices for their selected workshops. Students will come to school on the day, as per normal in their school uniform and will walk to Tararua College with their teacher, Mrs Harrison.



Y7 & Y8 Spiritual Retreat

Our Sr Brigid Y7 & Y8 students had an amazing day yesterday on their Spiritual Retreat in Palmerston North, led by their teacher Mrs Harrison and DRS Mrs Elliott.

Measles Health New Zealand advice

If there are no measles cases at your school, students and staff should attend school regardless of vaccination status.

If a case is found, please contact Public Health who will provide advice. Public Health will check school rolls against the Aotearoa Immunisation Register.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students/staff may be asked by Public Health to stay home only if they're close contacts of a confirmed case.

Public health officials will contact those affected directly with instructions, including quarantine if needed.

Fully vaccinated students and staff can return to school once their status is confirmed by Public Health.

Public Health is working to speed up this process to avoid unnecessary time away from school.

You can check your vaccination status here:

[My Health Record – Health New Zealand](#)

Book a free vaccine here:

[Book My Vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

More information:

[Contact public health services – Health New Zealand](#)

[Measles Symptoms – Health New Zealand](#)

School Athletics Event Y1 - Y8

As per the notice given out today, our school Athletics event is being held on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 from: 9.30am - 2pm (approx) at Bush Multisport Park. All of our St Anthony's Y1 - Y8 students will be participating in our School Athletics Event. For any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher or event organiser Mrs Rae Powell. Please note there is no postponement date for this event.

Lunches - Practice Athletics Y3 - Y8

Y3 to Y8 will be going down to the Bush Multisport Park tomorrow Friday, 7 November 2025 for an Athletics practice. They may return slightly later to school so therefore it is preferable they do not buy their lunch as it may be cold when they get back.

2026 After School Friday Bush Touch Rugby

Students have the opportunity to play Touch Rugby on Friday's after school during Term One next year. The season runs from 13 February to 27 April 2026, and the fees are \$10 per player. The registration form is on the school website. We will need the forms returned to school by 14 November 2025. The \$10 per player also needs to be paid by this date.

Congratulations A & P Show Participants

Congratulations to Bradley and Ellen Ireland who competed in the Manawatu & Wairarapa A & P Shows, over the past weekend. Both gained multiple placings which was an amazing achievement.

Manawatu A & P Show Results -

Ellen: 5th Senior Leading, 4th Senior Care and Attention, 2nd Dairy Type Heavy Breed Champion Senior Calf

Bradley: 6th Senior Leading, 5th Senior Care and Attention, 1st Dairy Type Heavy Breed, Reserve Champion Senior Calf

Wairarapa A & P Show Results -

Ellen: 1st Ring Craft Age 10-11, 3rd Care and Handling Age 10-11

Bradley: 1st Ring Craft Age 12-15, 1st Care and Handling Age 12-15, 2nd Heifer Calf Type Age 12-15, Reserve Champion Ring Craft, Champion Care and Handling



2026 School Term Dates

Term One: 28 January - 2 April

(Easter falls in the April holidays)

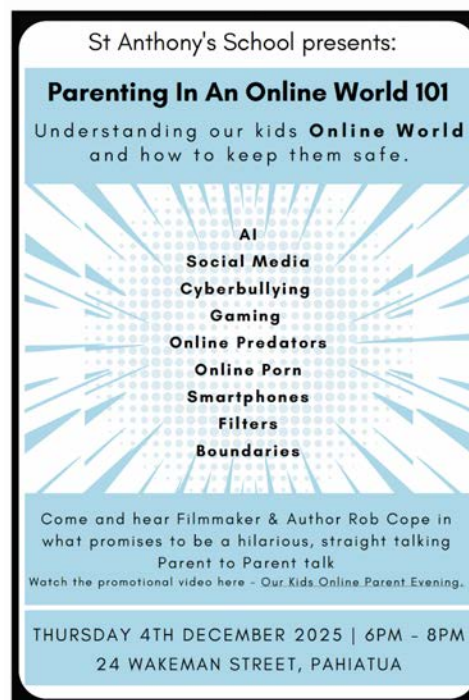
Term Two: 20 April - 3 July

Term Three: 20 July - 25 September

Term Four: 12 October - 16 December

Upcoming School Dates

6.11.25	Newsletter
7.11.25	Mass: Sr A, Sr M, Sr G Y3 - Y8 Athletics Practice
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
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
6.12.25	Explore Christmas
8.12.25	BOT Meeting 5-7pm
9.12.25	Principals Morning Tea
11.12.25	Prizegiving
12.12.25	Last day Term 4



BOT Meeting

Our next BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting is at **5pm on Monday, 8 December 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 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.