

Phone: 06 376 8523
Email: office@stanthony.ac.nz † www.stanthony.ac.nz
[www.fb.com/stanthonyschool](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyschool) † 24 Wakeman St. Pahiatua, 4910

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*



23 October 2025

Newsletter 18

Kia ora e te whānau,

*We are really looking forward to catching up with school whānau and friends tomorrow at our annual Pet Day. It is always a fun and joyful event. Just a reminder that all dogs must be on leads and kept in the tennis court area only. Please keep them away from the other pet zones. A **free sausage sizzle** (thanks to Property Brokers) will be provided for all classes at midday.*

*Order forms have gone home for the **Friends of St Anthony's School Cookbook Fundraiser**. This is a fantastic project, supporting our hall maintenance costs and the building of the storage shed (that requires a few more dollars to finally build). A huge thank you to the amazing Friends Committee for this work. Get your orders in for this cookbook asap so you don't miss out on some amazing recipes.*

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

Message from Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo has released a very short video as part of Mission Month/Sunday. Please click on this link to hear his words:

<https://youtu.be/eEwDtbZxt4c>

School Community Mass

Our Term 4 Community School Mass is being held on Sunday, 9 November 2025. We look forward to all school whānau joining us for this special celebration.

School Closed

School will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, 27 October 2025.

Nau mai Haere mai! Welcome New Student



We are thrilled to extend a very warm welcome to Adrianna Dagg and her whānau who have joined our St Anthony's School family this week. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to sharing the many wonderful events that lie ahead this term.

Our current school roll is 120, and we're proud to continue growing as a vibrant, faithfilled, supportive school.

Pet Day

Pet Day is taking place tomorrow **Friday, 24 October 2025**. Students can come to school in their PE uniform if they would like to on this day.

The Y1 - Y6 Exhibition Section: This is available for viewing in the hall. Students can take their entries home at the end of the day. Students should not be in the hall without an adult. Please see information to follow about the Pet Day Games.

The Pet Competition includes:

Calves: Leading and Care & Attention

Lambs: Leading, Calling and Care & Attention

Dogs: Leading and Obstacle Course

Small Animals: non competitive

Pet Day information is at the end of this newsletter and on our website in the Newsletter section.

Pet Day Games

Our Y7 & Y8 students are running some games at 11am to approximately 11.45am for the Y1 - Y6 students. Teachers will be supervising their classes at these activities. These games cost between 50c to \$1 per game and all proceeds will go towards the St Brigid's Church refurbishment. Students can bring their money in a named container or similar so that they do not lose this. Students will not be able to share money on that day. We suggest bringing coins rather than notes if possible. Should this present a problem for any family please advise Marg asap (confidentiality assured).

No Lunch Orders Tomorrow

There will be no lunch orders taken tomorrow 24 October 2025 due to Pet Day. These will resume again next Friday.

Thank You

A special thank you to Andy Gardiner for transporting the display boards to and from the stadium for our Art Exhibition. We really appreciate your time and support. Thank you to our wonderful Board of Trustees for the beautiful new classroom furniture for Sr Alphonsus Y1 class, Sr Margaret Y2 class and Sr Gertrude Y3 class. The students and staff really appreciate this. Come and have a look if you are passing.

Thank you also to the families who have nominated St Anthony's School as part of the Fuels for Schools initiative. St Anthony's School is making fantastic progress toward the \$1,000 redemption threshold in Fern's Fuel for Schools programme, with our current donation total being \$195.99.

Prizegiving Cups Return

Please return any trophies and cups received at last year's Prizegiving to the School Office by 31 October, so that we can get these engraved in time for this year's event. Please see the Principal for any queries around this.

School Athletics Event, 12 November 2025

From: 9:30am - 2:15 pm (approx)

Where: To be held at the Bush Multisport Stadium Grounds.

All of our St Anthony's Y1 - Y8 students will be participating in our School Athletics Event. A letter will be sent home with every student next Tuesday, providing further details. To run this event we do require a lot of adult support, if you are able to help in either of the following ways, please contact Rae Powell

rpowell@stanthony.ac.nz before Wednesday, 29 October.

- Help to support the junior students
- Help to support a senior group of students
- Help run the discus, long jump, shot put or running races

For any further questions, please contact Mrs Rae Powell. Please note there is no postponement date for this event.

Y7 & Y8 Moving Forward Conference

Our Y7 & Y8 students will take part in this conference on the 18 November 2025, that is focussing on careers. Next week they will be able to make 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.

Friends of St Anthony's School Community Cookbook Orders

The Friends of St Anthony's School Community Cook Book is ready for print. Thank you to our school community for providing your recipes. You can pre-order copies at a discounted rate as per the order form sent home on Tuesday. If you would like further order forms please see the attachment to this newsletter, the order form is also on the school website under the tab Information (Forms). This will be an amazing book and orders will arrive in time for Christmas. Please send order forms back to school by 31 October 2025 and bank money as per the order account. For any queries please contact friendsofsta@stanthony.ac.nz.

2026 School Term Dates

Term One: 28 January - 2 April

(Easter falls in the April holidays)

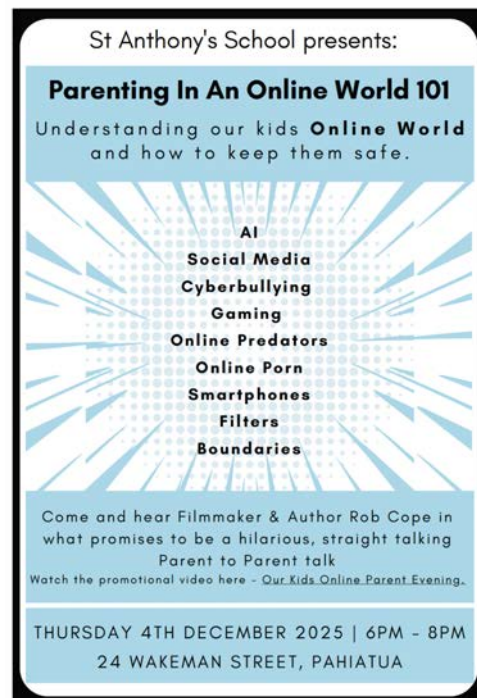
Term Two: 20 April - 3 July

Term Three: 20 July - 25 September

Term Four: 12 October - 16 December

Upcoming School Dates

24.10.25	Pet Day
27.10.25	Labour Day School Closed
28.10.25	Y7 & Y8 Tech
31.10.25	Mass: Sr B, Fr T, Sr dSM
31.10.25	Assembly
5.11.25	Y7 & Y8 Retreat
6.11.25	Newsletter
7.11.25	Mass: Sr A, Sr M, Sr G
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
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*

Diocese of Palmerston North Newsletter

The Diocese of Palmerston North newsletter is available to view on this link:

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz>

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

PET DAY INFORMATION

Friday, 24 October 2025

PET COMPETITION

Registrations are now closed.

Please make sure that all pets come tethered or caged and bring your own water bowls. **Please bring pets to school from 12:30 onwards - not before.**

Animals will be judged from 1pm.

St Anthony's Bush Ag Day Teams - registration forms are available from the office and are due back by 3pm Friday, 24 October 2025. Bush Ag Day is the only competition where St Anthony's registers a school team. Please email the Principal directly regarding any absence from school for any other Ag Day/A&P Show you would like your child to compete in as per normal processes.

DOGS

Each dog must be on a leash and have an adult responsible for it at ALL times (muzzles are preferred). Dogs must be kept away from other section areas. Dogs should enter the grounds via the front gate and head straight to the courts.

LAMBS & CALVES

The field gate on Huxley Street will be opened at 12.30pm for lamb and calf entries. Calves need to be separated by 1 metre at all times.

SMALL ANIMALS

Small animals must be in a cage at ALL times.

Small animals should enter through the front gate and go straight to the inner courtyard outside Sr de Sales Maher classroom.

GENERAL INFO

If your child is leaving with you before 3pm, please notify your child's class teacher before you leave school.

Programme of Events

10:30-11:00 Morning Tea

11:00-11:45 Year 7 & 8 Games & Stalls

12:00-12:45 Picnic Lunch (free sausage sizzle)

12:30 Gate opens for animals:

1:00pm Animal Judging

If your child is leaving with you before 3pm, please notify the class teacher before you leave school.

THANK YOU!

To our wonderful judges:

Elaine and Dennis Dougherty, David Harman, Mark Eagle, Ron Gray, Jason Treder, Peter and Judy Lea and Jess & Rosie from TVS.

And to our valued sponsors:





Friends of St Anthony's School

2025 Community Cookbook Fundraiser

Pre Order Form

Please contact your friends and family to see if they would like to order a Friends of St Anthony's Cookbook.

\$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00

Orders are due in to the School Office by 9am on **31 October 2025**.

Please pay **directly** to:

Friends of St Anthony's School bank account 38-9022-0673493-01 with your ***name*** and ***quantity*** as the reference.

Name	Email	Ph Number	Quantity	Total Price