ST ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER





Kia ora e te whānau

Every year, I find it very moving to see our tamariki stand and recite the Rosary in their native tongue. Leading prayer in front of others is no easy feat, so a huge congratulations to them all! Thank you to all our whānau who supported your children to learn the prayers and joined us to pray together—it was a truly beautiful occasion.

Congratulations also to our Year 7 & 8 students, who once again ran a hugely successful Mission Fair. As an act of service for the Month of the Missions, they organized fun activities and delicious treats for the rest of the school. So everyone had a great time, and the seniors raised funds for those less fortunate in our global community.





Finally, last week's trip to the zoo was a wonderful highlight for our tamariki. Supporting our Inquiry focus on 'Safe Spaces,' the children had a fantastic time exploring the habitats and spotting their favourite animals. They are now diving even deeper into the worlds of their chosen animals through Inquiry and Art.

UPCOMING EVENTS

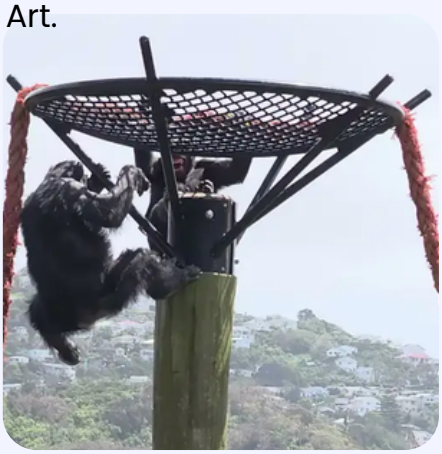
What:
Kiwi Hoops on Monday

What: This week a time of learning and acknowledging what happened at Parihaka - take time to ask your tamariki about this

What: A day of Sailing for our Year 7 & 8s on Monday, November 16

What: Oral Presentation Cup Final - come along and watch our Year 7 & 8s compete at 1:40pm on Friday, November 20







Whakapono | Faith

The month of November is a wonderful time to pause, take the time for a moment of silence, and remember our loved ones who have passed.
The month begins with a day of remembering the Saints who, through their ordinary lives, performed extraordinary acts of faith in pursuit of being like Jesus and/or expressing their love for Te Atua. We then have All Souls Day when we think about all those who have died

As John 14 tells us, Jesus is the Way to the Father, and the best news is there is a place for each of us in God's Kingdom.
"Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?" "I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father.

During this month, we have a banner with all the names of our loved ones who have passed displayed in the Church. Each Mass and time of prayer, these people are remembered, so feel free to pop in, add your loved ones to the banner, and/or take a quiet moment to pray.



Reflection: What do you choose to do each day?

What if becoming a saint isn't about doing something huge, famous or amazing?
What if it begins with something as simple as inviting someone to join your game, standing beside a friend who is being picked on or saying sorry when you've hurt someone?

Jesus tells us that the people who really make a difference aren't always the loudest, strongest or most popular. They're the ones who choose kindness, make peace, show courage and stand up for what's right.
The saints weren't perfect. They made mistakes, faced challenges and sometimes felt afraid. But they kept trying to live like Jesus.
And here's the challenge for all of us today. We don't have to wait until we're older to make a difference. Every classroom, playground, home and friendship is a place where we can put love into action.
So here's a question worth thinking about. If someone looked at the way you treated others today, would they see something of Jesus in you?

Because holiness isn't just something we celebrate today. It's something we can choose to live every day.

Thanks to Liturgy, Prayer and Ritual for sharing this reflection

Board News

Kia ora e te whānau

Health and PE Consultation Feedback

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who took the time to complete the Health and PE consultation survey. We appreciate the feedback and the opportunity to hear the views of our school community.

There was strong support for the sporting opportunities available to students and the wide range of sports on offer. Some feedback suggested that there may be value in narrowing the range of sporting options to allow for greater focus and participation. The importance of integrating our school values into Health and PE was also highlighted.

Your feedback will help inform our thinking and planning as we continue to develop the Health and PE programme.

2027 Term Dates

The Board has confirmed the 2027 term dates:

- Term 1: Tuesday 2 February (Whānau Conferences); all students together Wednesday 3 February – Friday 9 April
- Term 2: Tuesday 27 April – Friday 2 July
- Term 3: Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
- Term 4: Monday 11 October – Tuesday 14 December

We look forward to welcoming students and whānau back for the 2027 school year.

He aroha whakatō, He aroha puta mai. If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

As we head towards the end of the year, may we continue to show kindness, encourage one another and celebrate the contributions each of us makes to our school community.





If your child/ren would like to participate in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at St Patrick's Church, have a chat to Clare Lundon +640212278363 or clare@clarelundon.co.nz

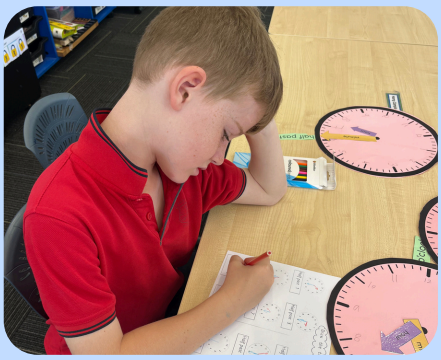
HE ATAWHAI LEARNING

We've had a busy term so far learning all about time! The children have become experts at identifying o'clock and half past on analog clocks.
The tamariki know all about the face of the clock, including the roles of the hour hand, the minute hand, and the fast-moving second hand.

To put our learning into action, we got creative and crafted our very own analog clocks. The children have loved setting the hands on their handmade clocks to show different times, as well as drawing the hour and minute hands onto blank clock faces to show accurate times. They've also loved using the mini clocks to consolidate their learning.









S.T.E.M

We are so excited about our new STEM table and wall! The children have been busy using drills, screws, gears, and ball-roll tracks to build, test, and explore simple machines.



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Wellington Zoo

I went on the bus to the zoo. I saw chimpanzees. They have black fur and they have long arms. They made silly noises and we laughed. Some chimpanzees did climb up the ropes. Some chimpanzees did swing on the ropes. It was a very fun day.
-Izabel

Last week, I took my car to the zoo.

First we sat down and had some morning tea. I ate an apple and some of my cheese stick.

Next I went to see some otters. They came right up to the glass! I learned they have one layer of waterproof fur and another layer to keep them warm. We also learned that they can swim for hours without getting tired!

Then we went to see some gibbons. Their names were Robin and Vilson. We learned that they sing songs to mark their territory. We also learned their whole body is muscle.

The last animal was a snow leopard. they are great at camouflaging in the snow. That one was my favourite animal.
-Elizabeth









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Supporting One of Our Own! 🌟

Kia ora whānau,

As many of you know, we love celebrating the achievements and passions of our students inside and outside the classroom. One of our very own students in Te Maunga, Chiara, has an exciting opportunity coming up, and we would love to get behind her as a community!

Please take a moment to read the note below from her family about how you can support her journey. Every bit of encouragement and support makes a huge difference!

Congratulations, Chiara, on taking on this amazing and courageous challenge!

Sam Cripps

Hi everyone, I am doing **Shave for a Cure**!
I am going to shave almost all of my hair off. My mum is going to get the clippers out and give me a verrrrry short cut like my Dad's.
Here's the thing, I need your help!
Will you please donate so my new hairdo can make the biggest impact possible towards people with blood cancers in New Zealand? Every dollar you give helps.

My inspiration is my Grand Dad Caesar, who had leukaemia and passed away in 2022.
I feel bad for people with blood cancer and I want to help somehow.
Thank you very much!



Blood Cancer NZ | Shave for a Cure

Community Notices



At Capital Gymnastics, our focus goes beyond teaching gymnastics skills. We're passionate about building lifelong friendships, fostering a sense of belonging, and helping every athlete reach their full potential.

Whether your child joins us for recreational classes, holiday programmes, or competitive gymnastics, they become part of the Capital Gymnastics family — a community that celebrates effort, supports one another, and inspires confidence both inside and outside the gym.

To find out more or to enrol, please visit www.capitalgymsports.org.nz or email us at office@capitalgymnastics.nz

