

ST ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



Spotlight: *The best time at Wellington Muesum*



Kia ora e te whānau

Ngā mihi nui | Big congratulations to our wonderful FOSA team!

Thanks to their generous efforts, we had an amazing trip to the Te Waka Huia o Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho | Wellington Museum. Both our tamariki, kaiako, and whānau had a fantastic time exploring and learning together. Although our trip to Mātiu Island has been deferred until later, the day was filled with invaluable experiences.

A special shoutout to our small but mighty F.O.S.A team that works tirelessly to fundraise and support the needs of our tamariki. Your dedication makes a significant difference in our community!

Huge thanks to Wendy Desiles, who has led this team with passion and commitment. Your leadership has been instrumental in our successes!

As we look ahead, we want to take a moment to farewell Anna Kempton and Sian Kelly, whose children will be moving on to college next year. Both Sian and Anna have been the backbone of our committee, contributing their time and energy to ensure our initiatives flourish. We will miss their presence and commitment, but wish them all the best in their next adventures.

Thank you once again to everyone who supports the work of F.O.S.A. Together, we are making a positive impact on the lives of our tamariki!

Congratulations to all our tamariki who recently represented us in the Eastern Zones Athletics. Ka pai, McKenzy Paese for being first in the Shot Put, which means she will progress to the Interzone competition.

Ngā mihi

Denise

UPCOMING EVENTS

What:

Mainly Play at 10 am
so invite any
preschoolers to
come along - Friday
mornings at 10 am

What:

Te Moana leads our
Assembly - Friday,
November 14 at 2:15
pm

What: November 24
Hīkoi - Full
Evacuation

**See you at Star of
the Sea - 2:45pm**



This Fortnight in Pictures



Shared lunch to acknowledge
our learning about Parihaka



Science learning about Our Big
Blue Ocean

Whakaponono | Faith

On All Saints' Day (November 1), Catholics honor all saints in Heaven, both known and unknown. Known saints are those canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. This day emphasizes our spiritual connection to Heaven.

November marks the end of the Church's liturgical year and the calendar year, making it a fitting time to remember those who have passed away.

Saints are holy people who followed Jesus and now live joyfully with God in Heaven. They guide us in being good, helping others, praying, and loving God.

Death isn't the end; it's a transition to eternal life. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate everyone in Heaven, not just those with special feast days. The following day, All Souls' Day (November 2), is dedicated to remembering those who have died but may not yet be in Heaven.

This state is called Purgatory, a time of purification as they prepare to fully experience Heaven. We refer to these souls as "the Holy Souls," and they appreciate our prayers, just as they pray for us.

On this day, Catholics worldwide remember and pray for loved ones, honoring our bond and the promise of eternal life with God. Please take a moment to visit our church and add your family's names to the prayer cloth, continuing our tradition of remembering our loved ones in November.

Te Maunga Class Feature

What an eventful term it has been for our Senior students so far! Our regular Friday excursions to town have been packed with hands-on learning and real-world experiences. These Friday adventures have taken us to some great places:

- **Le Cordon Bleu!** We were lucky enough to sit in on a cooking lecture, tour the amazing campus, and best of all, sample some of the food (which was absolutely delicious!). It was an inspiring look at world-class culinary arts.
- **Wellington History:** We stepped back in time at the Katherine Mansfield House. The students learned about life in the 1800s here in Wellington and about Katherine Mansfield herself—a true pioneer in modernising the short story, which ties in perfectly with our current inquiry unit.
- **Sustainability in Action:** We had an interesting visit to the Sustainability Trust. We learned practical tips about reusing, recycling, building healthy homes, and ethical electricity. And of course, the students got to flex their technical skills by pulling apart old, non-functional computers to safely salvage the valuable metal components for sale.

These Friday Tech Days continue to be an incredibly valuable and hands-on part of our Seniors' learning!



Viraneath, Bianca and Emily pulling apart a computer at Sustainability Trust



Luka typing his simile at Katherine Mansfield House



Partaking in a taste testing after watching a cooking class at Le Cordon Bleu.



Our Year 8 Tamariki having a tour at Le Cordon Bleu



One thing we have focussed on this term has been on self-discovery, specifically identifying our unique character strengths and talents.

We have been discussing these personal gifts through our Catholic values, encouraging the students to think deeply about how they can share their strengths, talents, and gifts to help others and serve their school, community, and home.

The goal is for them to recognise and use their unique abilities to make a positive difference in the world.



God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

—1 Peter 4:10 NLT

Board News

Our Term 4 Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 16 November from 2 pm to 4 pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, lend a hand, and help keep our school grounds looking beautiful and welcoming.

Whether it's gardening, tidying, or small maintenance tasks, every contribution makes a difference. Afternoon tea will be provided, and all ages are welcome.

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER,
2–4pm



**Tūngia te ururua kia tupu
whakaritorito te tupu o te
harakeke**

*Clear away the undergrowth so
the new shoots of the harakeke
can spring up.*

Have you remembered?

Check the Hero App to support:-

- The Mary Potter Hospice Fundraiser
- Our Working Bee
- Volunteers for our trip to Matiū Island



Community News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Lots of fun, modern 'cool' songs and activities with inspiring teachers. Build confidence, explore music and lift your level. Ideal for singers, guitarists and pianists.

WWW.THEROCKACADEMY.CO.NZ

December Holiday Programme

Dates: Wed 17th to Fri 19th – EBIS Hall.

January Holiday Programme

Dates: Mon 19th to Fri 23rd – EBIS Hall.

Video Highlights: [School Holiday Shenanigans and Busking in Wellington](#) (Warning: may cause spontaneous air drumming).

Beginners and advanced pupils are welcome.

Activities include:

- Daily busking trips
- Band school (Thursday) – Perfect for drummers
- Table tennis
- 4 Square
- Badminton

Book here: [The Rock Academy](#).

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTHERN PRIDE: SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (SWIS) HALL, NEWTOWN

22nd DEC – 30th JAN 2025 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$14/hr

ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$37/hr per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent)

At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB

YRS 1-3 | YRS 4-6 TERM 1, 2026

KEY INFORMATION

DATES
6 Weeks | Starts 16 Feb 2026

TIMES
45min Sessions
Yrs 1-3: 3:30pm | Yrs 4-6: 4:45pm
(Upper Hutt: 4:00pm & 4:45pm)

VENUES
NHS (Mon) | Upper Hutt & Porirua (Wed)
Lower Hutt & Kelburn (Thu)

After School Hockey Club

Our 6-week After School Hockey Club is perfect for Years 1-6 students to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun with friends after school.

Programme details:

Starts: 16 February 2026

Locations & Days:

- National Hockey Stadium (Berhampore) – Mondays
 - Upper Hutt & Porirua – Wednesdays
 - Lower Hutt & Kelburn – Thursdays
- 45-minute sessions, split by age group

Whether students are new to hockey or looking to develop their skills ahead of the winter season, this is a great chance to play, learn, and grow in a fun environment.

Registration link:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b28a6f>