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St Anthony's Newsletter Week 7 Term 1 2025

# Inspiration



# Tumuaki / Principal News

Kia ora Whānau

What a fantastic initiative Neurodiversity Week is which we will celebrate next week! It's wonderful to have an opportunity to encourage open discussion and fostering an environment where everyone can better understand and appreciate the talents of neurodivergent individuals. Celebrities including Sir Richard Branson, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom, and Maggie Aderin-Pocock talk about their neurodiversity as being a superpower and what a powerful message that is. We encourage you as whānau to discuss what your tamariki have learned each day so all of us are challenged to think about stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

We are all thoroughly enjoying the Science kits that are arriving each fortnight and the sense of curiosity and wonderings that these are promoting have been excellent to hear. We hope you enjoy hearing from He Atawhai about what they are having fun with.

During our Art sessions, we are exploring the work of Colin McCahon, focusing on his use of shapes, colors, and text in paintings. His bold and meaningful use of shapes, colors, and text has always had a way of sparking deep thought. It will be exciting for the tamariki to draw inspiration from his style while developing their own unique artistic expressions.

We share Ethan's, Benedicts and Bianca's creative expressions here below...



Our playgroup Mainly Play is underway again and we'd love you to spread the word and invite any friends or neighbours to come along and join us. Every Friday morning from 10 - 11:30 in our library.

Thanks so much for all the wonderful parents who helped transport and supervise the cricket on Wednesday - unfortunately, rain cut it short but we are grateful for your help.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Denise

# Whakapono



It's wonderful that our tamariki are learning about Lent and its significance through the themes of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. This is such an important time for reflection and growth. Fasting from bad habits is a powerful way to encourage positive change and self-discipline. The focus on a "change of heart" really ties into the spirit of Lent—encouraging everyone to become better versions of themselves while also considering others in need.

We encourage you as a whānau to pause and reflect on your own lives. Lent is a perfect opportunity for families to come together and ask important questions like, "Are we making time for prayer?" and "How can we build better habits?" This holistic approach brings out not only personal transformation but also a sense of community and care for others.

Welcome to the season of Lent.

### Science Fun in He Atawhai

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# Movin'March - Week 3



#### Don't forget your passports...

We're a Movin'March school and every day we're stamping passports in the classroom as part of the WOW Passport Challenge. It's super easy and you don't even have to complete a whole card to be in to win one of 5 x Micro Scooters and helmets!

#### Park & Stride:

If your family lives too far away to walk or wheel all the way, why not park away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest? It is wonderful to see some of our whānau walking along the block with their tamariki - ka pai!

# Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter - 16 March 2025

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# Seatoun AFC Junior Open Day

"Interested in playing football this season? Come along to the Seatoun AFC Junior Open Day to register, or receive information. The Open Day will run from 1:00-2:30pm at Seatoun Park, 20 Hector Street, on Sunday 23rd March. There will be football themed games for the kids on the field and registration QR Codes inside the Clubrooms. Registration links are also below.

If you have already signed up for the season with a club, you can still come along and enjoy some games on the field. The bar will be open for chips and refreshments for kids and adults. We will also have a BBQ during the day.

Here is a link to the sign up forms for the season

#### https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/337089

We also have our Fantails programme for girls who haven't played a lot of football before, to encourage participation. This programme is for girls aged 4-12 (based on ages kids are turning in 2025) and registration for Fantails will also be available at the Open Day. Sessions are from 5-6pm on Thursdays and run weekly. The first session was last week, so feel free to register and join the next session. The link to the Fantails registration form is below

https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/342853

If you have any questions, please email seatounafcjuniors@xtra.co.nz"

Kind regards,

James

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