

St Anthony's Catholic School Te Kura O Hato Antoni

HUNTLY



Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Bula, Kumusta, Greetings,

We would like to wish each one of you, a **Happy and Holy Easter Season. May the risen Jesus bless our families with His Spirit of Peace and Joy in the year ahead.**

Our school leaves for their **Easter Break** on Thursday the 1st of April, with two of the traditional rituals of the Church, **Stations of the Cross, Jesus' journey on the last day of his life** and the enactment of the **Washing of the Feet of his disciples**, an example of Jesus coming to save and serve us all. In the same way we are asked as Christians to serve each other. I encourage you to try and attend the **Holy Week Catholic Services Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper ,Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Holy Mass** and **Easter Sunday – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord's Passion**, at the St Anthony's Catholic Church, Huntly, or St Paul's Church, Ngarauwahia, with your children to provide them with a rich **Easter** experience.

As part of our Lenten Season and Holy Week observances of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving, our students have shown a generous spirit of love in action by our **Caritas Collection** and were able to raise **\$66**, in small change. Thank you for encouraging your children with this compassionate and generous practise of giving alms.

We continue with the Fruit of the Spirit - **Self Control- mana whaiaro**, and we see so many of our children developing and practising this virtue.

Our **School Parish Mass, Passion – Palm Sunday** was on Saturday 27th March, at St Anthony's Catholic Church, Huntly. We provided Music Ministry for this Holy Mass. Thank you to all the parents who supported your children in their faith journey by attending Holy Mass as a family. Our Church resounded with your added voices in singing the hymns and responding to the prayers at Holy Mass.

Four Senior students participated in the **Inter Schools Swimming Competition, Huntly** on 19th March. The representative students were; **Dominic Steiner, Sisi Fosita, Casey Steiner and Lukas Vandy**. Our students displayed good sportsmanship and participated enthusiastically. Thank you to **Mr Ben Steiner** for taking our swimmers to this competition and supervising them. We could not participate in the Catholic Inter Schools Swimming Competition on Thursday 18th March. Thank you to **Mr Alan James**, Senior Teacher, for organizing our students to participate in the Inter School Swimming Competition.

Our school participated in the **Inter School Catholic Kahui Ako, English Writing Competition**, held in **Week 7**. Each Room Teacher encouraged their students to write on a topic they were passionate about and then picked their best writing pieces for this competition. We had fantastic results which we all can be very proud of. Congratulations to our Winners.

At NZC Level 1– **Paul Toafa**, 3rd Place,

NZC Level 2 — **Ariana Nathan**; 1st Place and **Taulialia Kutimeni** 2nd. Place,

NZC Level 4—**Euan Casimiro**, 1st Place.

These are incredible results as we have six Catholic Primary Schools in our Kahui Ako. Thank you to all the teachers who have worked hard to get our children to this amazing standard of writing.

The combined **Parents Group Meeting** for Maori-Pacific-Filipino Families, was held on **Friday 19th March** at 3.15pm, in Room 5. There was a good attendance of parents. **Marvin Casimiro**, on behalf of the Parents Group, will be gaining quotes and organizing for the installation of sun shades over the Senior Jungle Gyms, in consultation with the Principal. The **\$2,000.00** raised by the **Fun Run** last year in Term 4, by all the students and parents of St Anthony's Catholic School, will be used for this minor school project. Volunteer parents from this group wish to provide food items for the **Shared Lunch** in celebration of our **Patronal Day, the Feast of St Anthony of Padua, on Friday 11th June, Term 2**.

We had a remarkably successful Easter Egg Raffle of three baskets of goodies. Congratulations to Flerinda Valando, Rob D, and Petra. Thank you to all the families and children who sold the tickets and supported our school. We made a profit of **\$609** for the school.

Finally, it would be nice for all of us to continue to reflect, on **Easter** Scripture verse:

"25. Jesus said: **I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live,**

26. **and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26)."

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki i nga wa katoa

May God bless and watch over you over the Easter Break.

Dr. Kevin V. C. Kannan *EdD*
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS!!!

No. 278: Petra

No. 767: Flerinda Valando

No. 880: Rob D.

Thank you all so much for your outstanding support.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	1	Stations of the Cross, 1:15p.m. Holy Thursday Liturgy, 2:10pm—Rm 5 Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm-St. Anthony's Catholic Church
April	2	Good Friday-SCHOOL CLOSED Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 3pm-St. Anthony's Catholic Church
April	3	Easter Saturday Vigil, 7pm-St. Paul's Catholic Church
April	4	Easter Sunday Mass-St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 9am
April	5	Easter Monday-SCHOOL CLOSED
April	6	Easter Tuesday-SCHOOL CLOSED
April	10	Holy Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 5:30pm

Years 5 - 8 News—Mrs. Ma. Cheryl Casimiro (Room 3) and Mr. Alan James (Room 4)

As we approach Easter, Rooms 3 and 4 have been preparing for the Easter Triduum by learning about the Stations of the Cross and performing the Stations as a syndicate.

Our learning in the second half of the term has focused on many areas in Literacy, Mathematics and Religious Education. In Mathematics we are learning about fractions, what fractions are, adding and subtracting fractions along with mixed numbers. Our focus in Literacy is on developing reading comprehension skills such as responding to text and locating and retrieving information. In Writing we are crafting recounts and how to develop our descriptive language along with using language features.

There have been significant achievements this term with Euan Casimiro placing first in the Level 4 Kahui Ako Writing Competition. Room 4 presented their Science assessments about Living World to students in Room 1. It was an enjoyable experience but also an important progress in the students' learning.

We want to wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter.



Rooms 1 and 4 competing their Kahoot Quiz for Science. Room 4 students presented information about Life Cycles of Living Things. The Room 1 students buddied up with a Room 4 student to compete and answer the questions.



Poynton House Feast Day ⇨

⇐ *Gaines House Feast Day*



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