



*Kia ora, Malo e Ielie, Bula, Kumusta, Greetings,*

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter Break. Our term began with a Welcome Values Assembly based on the virtue *Love - Aroha in the imitation and manner of Christ*. We encourage families to acknowledge and act on this value by making our homes a *'place where your children experience love'* in action. We as an educative community, will teach, encourage and recognise our students' demonstrations of Christ's actions of love.

For the Start of Term Holy Mass we bussed our students to St Anthony's Catholic Church, Huntly. Thank you to the parishioners who attended Holy Mass, as this exposes them to our Church faith community and your prayers for our children's faith.

A sincere thank you, to our School Prefects *Francine Valondo, Alex Steiner and Gracci Dag-um*, who attended the Dawn Parade and ANZAC Ceremony on ANZAC Day the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. We laid a wreath at the Huntly Cenotaph, on behalf of St Anthony's Catholic School, to honour and remember our families and friends involved in these ANZAC Campaigns and those who served and lost their lives in war.

The **Term 2 Academic News Letter** will be sent home this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Each Room Teacher will inform you about Curriculum strands and Assessment Weeks and other Literacy interventions being undertaken this term. Please see that your child/children are at School for the scheduled Assessments.

We encourage each Parent or Caregiver to continue to ask your child/ children **at least one question** out of the following, daily:  
*Can you tell me 'what you learnt in English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics (and any other subject) at School today'?*  
*What progress or improvements are you making in English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics (and any other Subject) towards your Goal set in the Goal Setting Interviews in Term 1?*  
*What activities did your Teacher make you do today, did it help you progress in English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics (any other Subject)?*  
*Do you think you have achieved or are progressing/improving to achieve the targets you have set in your Goal Setting Sheet for English Reading, English Writing and Mathematics (any other Subject)?*

These questions asked regularly will show your child your interest in their education and also keep you informed as to how we as a School are supporting your child in raising their progress and achievement. This encourages all of us to realise that school is a place of improving and learning.

We have started the **Kickstart Breakfast Club**. Please encourage your child / children to come to School by **8.15am** each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week, to attend. Thank you to the Parish and Parental Volunteers who continue to run the Breakfast Club. We could do with a few more Parents or Caregivers to be on the Breakfast Roster, as we require more hands on deck to lighten the commitment of the volunteers. Please ring or e-mail **Mrs Flerinda Valondo**, School Secretary (fixed term), if you can assist on any one day of the week. Thank you.

Please also note that your child needs to be in proper **Winter Uniform** this Term which includes the Navy Blue Polar Fleece, knee high navy socks or tights and black leather laced School Shoes for boys. We have noticed quite a few boys in **non-regulation shorts and socks and shoes**. Parents please look at the web site and buy your child the proper School Uniform items. Please also purchase the Sports Uniform, and any other items that your child requires from the Uniform Shop *Funto*, on line as soon as possible, as the stock is on clearance sale prices. Please log in to [www.funto.co.nz](http://www.funto.co.nz) for uniform items and follow the instructions.

Through Term 2 the Sports Leaders under the supervision of Miss Cook, will continue to run **Lunch Time Sports Activities** on all days of the school Week. Requested sports gear will be given out during Lunchtime for student use, depending on interest. Please encourage your child to take part in this opportunity.

We are running three School Clubs this Term. Mr Alan James will run a **Chess Club** on Wednesday in Room 2. Dr Kannan will run a **Choir Club** in Room 5 on Thursday and Miss Nicola Cook will run a **Knitting Club** each Friday of the week, starting Week 2. The clubs will be run in the second half of lunch from 1.00 to 1.30pm. The aim is to expose our children to other creative opportunities

May we this term reflect and act on this beautiful passage of Holy Scripture, *Love - Aroha (Christ like) - "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)*

*Ma te Atua koutou e Manaaki,*  
God Bless you all.

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



**An Evening with Mary Feat. Matt Fradd | Tuesday 28th May, 6-8.30pm**

On 28 May, for the month of Mary, Bishop Steve is hosting this special event at the Cathedral. The evening will officially begin with Mass at 6:00 pm, a light dinner will be provided at 7:00 pm, finishing with a keynote from Matt Fradd, world-renowned speaker, "My Mother is a Virgin". *Optional Rosary at 5.30pm.*



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**Open Day**  
Thursday, 9 May  
"Set your heart on Sacred Heart"

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May	4	Holy Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 5:30pm
May	6	Social Worker in School (SWiS), morning only SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12:40PM-Paid Union Meeting
May	8	Social Worker in School (SWiS), morning only BOT Election—Main Roll Closes
May	10	EPro8 Challenge, Maeroa School-9:30-12:30pm
May	11	Holy Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 5:30pm
May	13	Social Worker in School (SWiS), all day
May	15	Social Worker in School (SWiS), morning only
May	17	EPro8 Challenge, Kimihia School—Year 5-6 ,9:30-12:30pm EPro8 Challenge, Kimihia School—Year 7-8, ,1:00-4:00pm
May	18	Holy Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 5:30pm

**First Communion and Confirmation**

All who would like to make their first Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact Father Aherne, Elaine Kannan or the Parish Office (07 8288527 or [huntlycatholiccs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:huntlycatholiccs@xtra.co.nz)). Preparation will start next term and the Sacraments will be held at the end of the year.



**St John's College**

**Information Evening 14 May**

All parents and prospective students are invited to attend.

Tuesday 14 May : 6:00 – 8:30 pm  
St John's College Gym  
85 Hillcrest Road, Hamilton