



## Quote of the week

**"Rejoice, that the immortal God is born, so that mortal man may live in eternity." John Huss**

## Dear Parents

### Kia ora i te whanau

#### Third week of Advent - Joy

This Sunday we light the third candle of advent which is red or pink.

Hot pink, pale pink, rose pink are all shades of pink painted into a sunrise. Like the various shades of pink, our expressions of joy can be so different. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, it can be calm confidence in His sovereignty, or pure delight as He expresses His love.

Mass times over the Christmas season are included in today's newsletter. Christmas is not just about Santa Claus and presents. Take time to be involved in a mass this Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Farewell

Next week we farewell Jasmine Brown. Jasmine has been teaching part time over the past two years assisting with Robotics, learning support and releasing teachers. We really appreciate the love time and effort Jasmine has given our school and children. Jasmine will be taking the role as classroom teacher at Carlton School next year - we wish her well.

#### Welcome

The Board of Trustees can confirm that Elizabeth Schaw will be taking the role of acting principal for Term 1 and 2 next year. It will be great to have Elizabeth back as the Board undertakes the process of recruitment of a new Principal.

#### Prizing and concert

Just a reminder that this will be held at the Royal Whanganui Opera House on Monday evening. There will be a collection in the foyer for donations which will be used to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

#### Staff only day 2019

Next year there will be a staff only day scheduled for 17th May. All staff will be trained in restorative practices.

#### Class placements

Letters will be sent home today detailing class placements and our stationery requirements for 2019. Meteor Office Products will be stocking our packs from 7 January 2019.

#### Goodbye

It has been a privilege to be Principal at St Anne's School for the past eight years.

I acknowledge the calibre of St Anne's staff, Board trustees and PTA members. All these people are leaders in their own capacity and the love, care and commitment they give not only our children but you as a community is to be applauded.

Thank you for the opportunity to have worked with these wonderful people and please support them over the next years as they all have the best interests of all children at heart. There are many changes proposed for education and change is stressful so please keep all these people in your prayers.

I will not only miss the people I work beside but also the many children that I connect with daily. We have great children at St Anne's and they are all on a learning pathway. Sometimes they make mistakes but our role is to support and nurture them to grow and learn.

May God bless you all and have a blessed Christmas and enjoy the time with whanau.

**ngā mihi**



## Reporting to Families

End of Year reports will come home today Thursday 13 December.

We are happy to mail out copies of reports to parents who request them. Please make sure that our office knows of this and has your current mailing address



**Time to return  
the Library  
Books.**

## WATER FUN

**Tuesday 18 December**

**10:15am to 11:15 am**

**St Anne's School field**

bring

- togs
- shirt to cover in sun
- sunscreen
- sun hats
- towel
- plastic bag
- water bottles
- water pistols
- fun water toys
- **(no buckets, no water bombs)**



## END OF YEAR CONCERT AND PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that our end of year concert will take place on Monday 17th December at the Royal Wanganui Opera House commencing at 6.30pm.

Students need to be at the Opera House by 6.10pm at the latest.

We would appreciate a gold coin donation at the door to help cover the cost of hiring the Opera House, watch out for our collectors who will be in the foyer.

Intermediate students need to come in full winter uniform, Year 5/6 need to be in summer uniform, other students will be advised what to wear (costume).

If anyone requires wheelchair access and seating, could you please contact the office asap so arrangements can be made.  
We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our wonderful students' achievements.



Congratulations to the Avengers Teeball team who have been undefeated all in both Term 1 and Term 4 this year.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

13 December	House day out
17 December	Concert 6.30 @Opera House
18 December	Water fun 11.20am
19 December	Last day Years 1-4 3.00pm
20 December	Last day 12.30pm

## 2019

4 February	First day of term 1
12 April	Last day of Term 1
29 April	First day Term 2
17 May	Staff only day
5 July	Last day Term 2
22 July	First day Term 3
27 September	Last day Term 3
14 October	First day Term 4
18 December	Last day of 2019

# CONGRATULATIONS



It is great when our students gain success. Jacob King, a Year 8 student, recently won the 2019, Year 9 Boys' Sports Scholarship, at Whanganui High School. Congratulations Jacob, well done and well deserved.



We love hearing about the successes of past students. Isabella Gichard and Brooklyn Smith have just finished Year 9. They both have had a brilliant first year at Girls College and received a number of prizes at their recent prize giving.

Outstanding result and well deserved Isabella and Brooklyn.



Central Futsal Champions

**The Catholic Parish of Whanganui  
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**Christmas Mass Times**

**Monday 24th December**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

Vigil Mass 7.00pm @ St Marys

Vigil Mass 9.30pm @ Holy Family

Vigil Mass 10.00pm @ Jerusalem

**Christmas Day**

**Tuesday 25th December**

Mass 9.00am @ St Marys

9.30am @ Kaiwhaiki

9.30am @ Waverley

**Weekday Mass times from Wed 26th December to Fri 25th January  
(Vigil and Sunday masses as normal)**

**Reconciliation- NOT on Fridays at St Marys-  
but is available Saturday 9am at St Annes and 5.00pm Holy Family**

**Wed 26th-Friday 28th Dec 9.00am @ St Marys**

Sat 29th Dec 5.00pm Reconciliation

5.30pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family

Sun 30th Dec 9.30am Mass @ St Marys

5.30pm Mass @ St Annes

9.30am Mass @ Patea

Weekday Masses from Monday 31st December to Friday 25th January are:

**Monday to Friday 9am at St Marys only.**

**Saturday 5th 12th, 19th and 26th January**

St Annes 9.00am Reconciliation

9.30am Mass

Holy Family Vigil 5.00pm Reconciliation

5.30pm Mass

**Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th and 27th January**

St Marys 9.30am

St Annes 5.30pm Mass

There will be someone in the office at St. Mary's between 9.00-12.00pm Monday-Friday from January 7th.

There will be no weekday masses in Patea and Waverley or at Kowhainui, Summerset, St Johns Healthcare or Jane Winstone until the beginning of February.

