



Quote of the Week

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Benjamin Franklin



2019 Swimming



Reminder

AGM

Annual General Meeting

The St Anne's PTA warmly invites parents and caregivers to an open evening to meet and mingle at 7:30 tonight Thursday the 7th of March at the St Anne's Church Foyer.

Elizabeth Schaw our principal will share insights from her experiences in the education sector.

This will be followed by the St Anne's PTA AGM.

Some refreshments will be provided.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

There has been a lot in the media lately about the online challenge “Momo”. Netsafe have released an article about this, offering advice for parents.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/momo-challenge-advisory-february-2019/>

We suggest you read this to be aware.

We live in a vastly different world these days, where our children are digitally engaged and online. Much is made about limiting screen time, and parental monitoring of activity. In reality those things are not easy to do. My strongest advice to parents is to set the boundaries when the children are young, before they get older and reach the more dangerous age of exploring the world that is out there.

Netsafe have some very good tips to help you do this. <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>



Last week an Auckland school told parents they must put a monitoring app (Family Zone) on their children's phones in order for the children to get access to the school's Wi-Fi network. The app lets parents manage their children's devices in and out of the home, including setting turnoff times, limiting downloads and purchases, blocking pornography and restricting access to games, social media and adult-rated YouTube content. The system sorts websites into risk categories, sends parents an alert when a child tries to access a high-risk site, and emails parents weekly reports on what sites their children have looked at.

The school's demand caused a bit of an uproar around civil liberties, but at the end of day our job as parents is to keep our children safe, and sometimes our children rebel against that. I'm sure that we all took offence against our parents rules when we were young, and look back now to see that actually they did know what they were doing! Installing an app like this when the children are still at primary school, means you can feel assured that they are safe online and that you are aware of what they are doing.

Last week our Intermediate classes did a module on Cyber-safety with the Life Education educators. Hopefully between us all teaching our children to stay safe, and setting some boundaries that help them to manage this, they will grow up more aware and able to avoid the more negative side of this digital era.

Nga mihi

Elizabeth Schaw

PITA PIT - healthy and convenient

On Fridays, Pita Pit lunches are available to order for your children through Lunch Online (online ONLY). These lunches are delivered to the students at lunchtime. Lunch Online work with schools and food providers to return some of the sales value back to the school and support local communities. So it's a win, win!

Register online at www.lunchonline.co.nz



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WEEKLY FAMILY MATHS PROBLEMS

Each week in the newsletter there will be a mathematics question for all families to discuss and have a go at solving. These questions will range from New Entrant to Year 8 so families have an idea of the sorts of problems that our learners engage with. These questions are designed to open up mathematical discussions in the home and for learners to see that mathematics isn't just learned in the classroom and to see their family/whanau have a go.

Have a go. Have fun. Solutions will be posted in the following week's newsletter.

Solution to the problem in week 3

A map or online information will confirm that Sydney is further away from Auckland than is Christchurch. Sydney and Auckland are in two different time zones. When it is 1:00pm in Auckland it is 11:00am in Sydney. When the plane lands in Sydney at 2:30pm, it is 4:30pm in Auckland. Flight time Auckland to Sydney is around 3.5 hours, and to Christchurch around 1.5 hours.

Week 5's Question

This week's question comes from the problem solving work that the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams have been doing in class.

Bill puts exactly \$25 into his piggy bank every month. It takes one year to fill. How much money will Bill have in his full piggy bank?



ST ANNE'S BALLERS REPRESENT!

Last weekend we had 7 St Anne's pupils represent Whanganui Softball at the Hutt Valley Okada Tournament.



Lachlan O'Leary, Ethan Darlington and Darius Matthews (U9 Whanganui Teeball team)
Thor Darlington, Malachy O'Connor, Maximus Matthews and Oscar Butcher (U11 Whanganui Softball team).

Both teams did well especially the U11 side who made it to the final after winning 2 nail-biting tie-breakers!!

Congratulations boys you have represented your school and Whanganui admirably.

Regards, Paula

Congratulations
Scarlett
Room 7



Scarlett with her certificate from a Judo competition. She went up against children from her club, the other club in Whanganui, and children from Palmerston North and New Plymouth, so it was a big achievement to come first in her pool! She won 4 matches and drew 1 (which was against her little brother Hunter!)

St Anne's PTA
Presents
PICNIC
AT  **KOWHAI**
PARK
ST Anne's Family Night
Kowhai Park
8 th March
5 till 7pm
Bring your dinner and picnic blanket and
enjoy tea together at Kowhai Park.

WATER PARK FUN **Train rides** 5.30-6.30PM **BRING YOUR SKATE BOARDS AND SCOOTERS.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A SUPERVISED EVENT. ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED A PARENT OR CAREGIVER TO STAY WITH THEM. PLEASE BE AWARE OF HAZARDS AT THE PARK OF WATER, THE RIVER, ROADS AND THE TRAIN TO HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Intermediates

Year 7 and 8 students have been investigating good decision making around drugs and alcohol. They completed many activities around this topic- here are two of them.

Mr Keelty and Marsha, the Life Education teachers, made a point of complimenting our students on their amazing participation, attitude and behaviour. We have to agree, our students were amazing and that means that they got the most out of each session. A huge thanks to both Life Education teachers for teaching our students. The sessions were superb.

Halim and Tonya.



Intermediates - Halim Sheridan

Over the course of the past two weeks, Year 8 students have been sharing 3 - 4 items that are signify something about them. Here Mostyn McDonald (on the right) is sharing three items that are important to him and his assistant Owen is helping him.

Mostyn's three items were a chanter pipe, tenor horn and a book. Mostyn is learning to play the bagpipes, he is in a brass band and he loves to read. Thanks for sharing Mostyn.