



Quote of the Week
"Do your best and let God do the rest."
Tafitoala Catholic Priest

2019 Board of Trustee Election 7 June 2019

You should in the next couple of days receive a letter with a nomination form attached.

Please take the time to think about either becoming a board member or nominating someone who might be able to make a lasting contribution to our school. These forms need to be completed and returned to St Anne's School before 12 noon on 24 May 2019. Anyone can be nominated as long as they are nominated by someone on the voting roll.

If you don't receive the letter please check with our office that we have the correct name and address for you on our records.

Jo Gudsell
Returning Officer



REMINDER
NO SCHOOL



Staff Only Day 17 May 2019

Next Friday all the St Anne's staff are attending a one day course deepening our use of PB4L in managing behaviour by learning about Restorative Essentials. **This will mean school is closed for that day.** This will help us to embody the approach of the PB4L Restorative Practice model at the grass roots level - the everyday, informal actions that place emphasis on relationships, respect, empathy, social responsibility and self-regulation. The Restorative Essentials are a relational approach to effective communication skills and Restorative Conversations. A relational approach is grounded in relational theory (Downie and Llewellyn, 2011) and aligns with the five key competencies of The New Zealand Curriculum. The Restorative Essentials supports teachers and adults within the school community to approach problems in a restorative way and equip staff with the skills needed to de-escalate situations successfully, enabling all staff to 'keep the small things small'.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What does it really mean to be entitled to a 'free education' in New Zealand? This is often a bone of contention and one that we would all love to be a reality, but know that in actual fact it doesn't align to our 21st century schooling model. The Ministry fund schools for the very basics of an education. That is free. If we opened from 9 - 3, 384 half days of the year, and taught Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and PE in a very simple way, we could most likely run our school on the income we receive from the Ministry. We don't do that. We want a rich and full education that reflects the Vision, Values, Principles, and Key Competencies that our world leading New Zealand Curriculum says are important to ensure that our young people are confident, connected, actively involved life long learners. That is why teachers voluntarily go away from home for three or four days to give our students a camping experience, with team building, and outdoor experiences, and out-of-the-usual challenges; that is why our staff undertake training in restorative practice and PB4L - making sure we don't punish children for making a mistake, but rather teach them a better way; that is why our teachers organise education outside the classroom - like Super Six, Contributing Schools, ePro8, Mathex.



That is why St Anne's School is dedicated to providing the best education for our children with complex learning needs and employ exceptional teacher aides to support us - looking after those children but also providing a wonderful environment in which we can all learn to show aroha and empathy. That is why, even though we don't have a swimming pool, we take all our school to the Splash Centre to ensure that every child in our school has the opportunity to learn to swim.

At St Anne's we absolutely believe in our young people having the very best of educational opportunities we can give them. Every single child.

So, I would like to thank our PTA for their huge support that allows us to do this. I would also like to thank all of you for the contribution you are willing to make to allow us to 'put the icing on the cake' and make our classrooms and our programme rich. Many of these contributions are 'donations' because under our mantle of 'free education' we do not call them fees, but we do need your donation in order to continue to do what we do.

My point in having this conversation is to prompt you to please pay your donations, and most importantly to remind you that all school donations are tax deductible. For every donation you make to a school you are able to claim 33.33% back from the IRD. For swimming donation you pay \$40 but if you upload that receipt to the IRD you will get \$13.20 back at the end of the financial year. A camp payment of \$215 comes down to \$145 when you get your 33.33% back at the end of the financial year.

Now, under the new IRD changes 'Simplifying income tax for individuals' they now have an improved donation receipt management. You can now upload your donations receipts through myIR throughout the year meaning you can keep on top of donation receipts.

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Elizabeth Schaw
Principal



Building Progress



Relay For Health 2019

We will be running a Relay For Health fundraiser in week 4 of this term. The money raised will be going towards school camps and education outside of the classroom. It is a fun day for the children and we appreciate the effort that you as parent/caregivers do to encourage getting sponsors.

There are three main prizes for the most money raised and lots of spot prizes to be given out on the actual day as well.

A fundraiser sheet will come home and I am sure the children would love your help to get sponsors for this fun event.

The relay will take place on **Thursday 23rd May** at 9.00am and run for an hour. You are most welcome to come and join in or watch and support your children in their endeavour to achieve the goal they have set.

Thanks in advance
Pam Wilson

Sports News from Ava and Damian Room 8

All Hockey and Netball will begin next week.

There will be no Intermediate Basketball due to low numbers of registrations.

If you intend to play on the field and it is muddy please bring some rough clothes from home to keep your PE gear clean so it can be used for its intended purpose of PE.

News From Jo Gichard - DRS

School Mass Sunday
16th June at 9.30am.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Any parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptised are welcome to attend an information meeting to be held today Thursday 9th May at 3.10 in St Anne's Church.

Fr Marcus will be able to explain what is required and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to be involved but you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact me (Room 11) and I will be able to help.

Jo Gichard
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WAIRUA TAPU KIDS



DO YOU LOVE YOUR MUM? WHY NOT DRESS UP AS HER AND COME ALONG TO YOUTH GROUP!

Come find out at St Mary's Church on Friday 17th May, our next Youth Group of Term 2!

From 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Anyone in Year 7-10 welcome

Led by Marianne Lynch (027 426 9881), Te Mana Kaua (Year 13 students), and Kea Renata (0225618572)

2019 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CEM website www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz

The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz



Please return THIS section to the school office by 22 May by 9 am. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child: _____ DOB _____ Class: _____
to participate in the 2019 KIWI competitions. Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$9.00	
Mathematics		\$9.00	
Science		\$9.00	
Total			\$

Name of parent /caregiver:

Signature :



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4 DAYS ONLY

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see the amazing artwork from our
students

and browse through the books for sale.

OPENING HOURS

14 June FRIDAY 9-3PM

17 June Monday 9-3pm

18 June TUESDAY 9-3pm

19 June WEDNESDAY 9-3pm

WITH A SPECIAL LATE NIGHT OPENING

MONDAY 5PM-6.30PM 17 June 2019

for the Schools Open Evening

We are going to kick start the Book Fair
this year with a

MAGICAL ENCHANTED FOREST DRESS-UP DAY

Friday 14 June