



San Antonio School, Eastbourne

A – Z of Information

ABSENCE NOTES:

An absence note is required when children are away from school. This is in addition to a phone call on the day. These notes are required for our files. The phone call enhances the safety of the child when he/she is moving between home and school. Notes are also required to request permission to leave school grounds during lunch hour or during school time for other reasons; or to request exemption from a particular school activity. If no phone call is received by 9:15 on the day of absence the school will contact parents / caregivers.

BELL TIMES:

The School Bell times are as follows:

8.55am First Bell

9:00am School commences

10:30am Interval commences

10:50am Interval concludes

12:30pm Lunch commences

1:30pm Lunch concludes

3:00pm School concludes (Bus children are released at 2:55pm and accompanied to the bus.)

BUSES:

The School bus leaves Point Howard at 8:35am (Classic Coaches)

The School bus leaves our School at 3.05pm

The bus follows the main road.

While travelling, the pupils are expected to obey the bus driver or the monitor, if there is no teacher on board.

City Council buses travel outside of the Eastbourne area to Lower Hutt and Petone.

CURRICULUM:

The New Zealand Curriculum recognises that all students should have the opportunity to undertake study in essential areas of learning and to develop essential skills.

The Essential Learning Areas:

English

Mathematics and Statistics

Science

Technology

Social Sciences

Arts

Health and Physical Education

Learning Languages

Principles

Excellence

Learning to learn

Cultural heritage

Equity

Connections

Coherence

Values

Excellence

Innovation, enquiry and curiosity

Diversity

Respect

Equity

Community and participation

Care for the environment

Integrity

Key Competencies

Participating and contributing

Thinking

Relating to others

Managing self

Using language, symbols and text

📖 DONATION REQUEST (SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE) \$188 per child per 4 Terms

The school requests payment for the Activity Donation and School Donation each term, being \$188 per child per term.

This payment is made up of:

Activity Donation	\$90
School Donation	\$98

The Activity Donation is designed to cover items such as bus trips, visits, visiting performers and other additional expenses generally associated with planned extracurricular activities that are not covered by the Operations Grant from the Ministry of Education.

The Board is committed to providing additional resources for the school to increase the opportunities the school can provide for the children at San Antonio. The Board has received continued support for this approach, through parent surveys, from the school community.

Please note that your donation is tax deductible (subject to IRD limits).

📖 ENROLMENT-PREFERENCE:

San Antonio School is a Roman Catholic Primary School for girls and boys from New Entrants to Year 8 (Form 2) offering education with a special character. Preference of enrolment shall be given to those children whose parents have established a particular general or religious connection with the special character of the school.

📖 FEATURES:

The School is in Eastbourne, situated on the Wellington Harbour, 10 kilometres from Lower Hutt city. Some of its features include:

The Christian environment

Low teacher / pupil ratio

Multiple class groupings

Family atmosphere

The students are often high achievers and are generally well motivated towards learning.

San Antonio aims to create an effective learning environment permeated by the Gospel Spirit.

The school has a maximum roll of 78 pupils. Ideally pupils are placed in the Junior School at Years 1 and 2, Middle School Years 3 and 4, and Senior School Years 5, 6, 7 and 8.

This may vary with roll fluctuations.

There is a high level of community involvement with relations between the community and school being informal and relaxed.

📖 HOMEWORK:

Pupils are required to do homework on a regular basis. The amount of home work will gradually build from the time the pupil starts school until the time of moving on to secondary school, and will be based upon what the child is currently learning. The tasks set shall be within the capacity of the pupil to perform with minimal assistance. In special circumstances parents may make a written request to have their child excused from homework.

📖 MISSION STATEMENT:

San Antonio School is a caring, Catholic community committed to excellence in all spheres of the education of our children.

San Antonio School exists to educate our children academically, socially and spiritually.

To challenge our children to achieve and to prepare them to play a positive role in life.

📖 SCHOOL LUNCHESES:

School lunches are available on Fridays. Orders must be placed by **9am on the day**.

Please see the enclosed Muritai Munchies price list for further details.

During the winter months hot lunches are available each Wednesday. A roster for hot lunches will be placed on the school notice board. Orders for hot lunches must be in by the preceding Tuesday.

STAFFING:

Principal:	Mrs Jenny Stewart
Junior School Teacher:	Mrs Jenny Stewart
Junior Teacher:	Mrs Lucy Mathieson
Middle/Senior School Teacher	Miss Bronwyn Hollingsworth
Executive Officer:	Mrs Tanya Jolly
Chairman BOT:	Mr Sean O'Sullivan
Librarian/Relief teacher	Mrs Helen Divett

SCHOOL VISITS

Rationale: There is a need for children who are close to starting school to be introduced to school life.

Purpose: To introduce New Entrants to school and classroom routines gradually, whilst supported by the presence of a parent / caregiver.

Guidelines:

- 1) Children may start school visits four weeks prior to starting school, once enrolled.
- 2) School visits will last for no longer than 1 & ½ hours, with the child being accompanied by a parent / caregiver.
- 3) Children may attend as many times as the parent / teacher feels is necessary.

Conclusion: Children due to commence school will be given opportunities to 'experience' school.

UNIFORMS:

Girls' uniforms, sports uniforms, summer hats, a small selection of school jerseys and school ties are available from the P.T.A. There are also some second hand uniforms available. Other uniform items are available from retail outlets. Due to manufacturing requirement, supplies of girls tunics and dresses experience delays - please place your order early.

Contact for Uniforms PTA: Office manager-Tanya Jolly, 562 7398.

