



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings to you all.

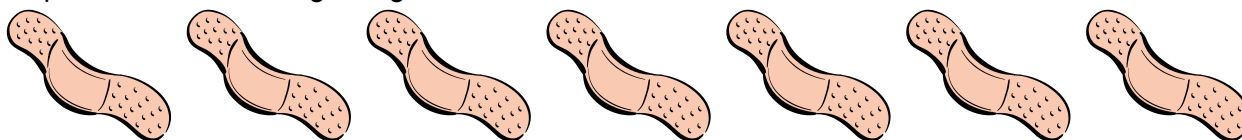
It is good to be back for our final term of the year. This is where the children get the chance to show off all they have learned during the year and then set learning goals for the future. Our formal testing week is only two weeks away so all classes are working very hard to make sure they are ready. Details about the tests will be given to the children next week, although they do follow a similar pattern to what we have done previously.

Staffing

I received the news this week that **Miss G, Sarah Gleeson** will be leaving St Pius X at the end of this year to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Good Shepherd Primary School in Balmoral. Sarah has been Associate Principal at St Pius for many years and will be missed hugely. She has had a particular interest in e-learning and has developed a massive expertise for twenty-first century teaching and learning. We will be organising a suitable farewell for Miss G later in the year.

Rheumatic Fever and Skin Infection Screening.

By now every student should have brought home a **Parental Permission Form** to be signed and return to school straight away. The form contains all the information about the free screening programme starting at St Pius this term. The major aim is to identify students with sore throats and get them treated as soon as possible before infections lead to far more serious Rheumatic Fever which causes damage to the heart. If children need treatment, the nurses will contact families and supply all the medicine for free. At the same time the nurses will check on any children who may have any skin issues and treat them as well. Please make every effort to sign the forms as soon as possible so screening can get started.

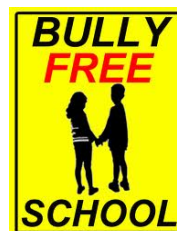


Holy Faith Sisters

Each year we have a liturgy to remember the founder of our Holy Faith sisters, **Margaret Aylward**. We had a lovely ceremony last Friday morning in the church. We prayed the Rosary, sang songs and listened to passages from the Bible together as a school remembering the life of this great woman who helped set the values we follow today.

No Bully Show

On Friday all the children were entertained by a travelling school show from Australia. The theme of the performance was about giving children the skills and knowledge to deal with bullies. The children were also challenged to examine their own behaviour to make sure they were not treating others the wrong way. It was very enjoyable and I am sure all the children gained from the experience.



Mrs Pole, Mrs Deeney and Mrs Moodley leading the Junior Syndicate with Maths exercises.

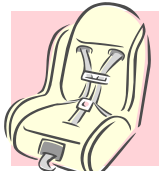
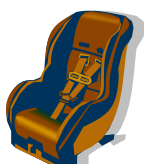


Maths Circuit Training

This term we have introduced a new concept for our fitness across the school. With the help of our Te Rangitira Group Leaders and under the guidance of Mrs Moodley, each class will practise their Mathematics while they are getting fit. Separate stations, with actions, are set up and as classes move around the circuit they complete number problems and practise their basic facts. This happens 3 days each week for our Junior Syndicate. The Seniors will be starting their more advanced programme shortly.

Child Restraint Law Change

From Friday 1st November, New Zealand's child restraint law will change requiring children to use an **approved child restraint** up to their **seventh** birthday. However, regardless of age, school children are safest in a booster seat until they are 148cm tall. Caltex are offering a voucher for 10% off a wide range of child restraints at The Baby Factory, including already discounted items, purchased at The Baby Factory before November 8th. Vouchers are available at participating Caltex service stations. To find out more visit **Safekids Aotearoa** at www.mysafekids.org.nz or at www.safekids.org.nz



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help. The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2013 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2013**.

Kuo fokotu'u 'a e Founa Tokoni ki he Totongi Ako', ke tokoni'i 'a e ngaahi fāmili 'oku fiema'u tokoni fakapa'anga ki hono totongi e ako 'enau fānau 'oku ako 'i he ngaahi 'apiako Katolika 'i he Taiosisi 'Aokalani', 'o tatau pē ki he Ako Lautohi pe Ako Kolisi.

Ko e taumu'a 'o e founa ko 'eni' ke fakafaingofua ki he mātu'a/tauhi fānau 'oku nau fehengahangai mo e faingata'a fakapa'anga', ke nau kumi tokoni mei' he 'apiako', 'o kapau 'oku nau fiema'u ha tokoni.

Ko e Founa ko 'eni' 'oku fakalele ia 'e hotau 'Apiako', pea 'oku 'atā ki he mātu'a mo e kau tauhi fānau 'oku nau faingata'a'ia fakapa'anga', pea 'oku mau fakalotolahi'i e ngaahi fāmili' ke nau fetu'utaki ki he 'ofisi 'o e 'apiako'.

'E ma'u atu e foomu ke ke fakafonu' mei' he 'ofisi 'o e 'apiako' pe Palōkia' pe ko ho'o download pē mei' he website 'o e 'ofisi 'o e ngaahi ako katolika' 'a ia ko e (www.catholicschools.org.nz) pea' ke 'alu ai ki he **(Property and Finance/Finance/Attendance Dues)**.

Kapau 'oku 'i ai ha'o ngaahi faka'eke'eke pe te ke fiema'u tokoni fekau'aki mo e totongi ako' 'i he founa ko 'eni', te ke lava pē 'o telefoni kia Carol Krebs, fika telefoni' (3603069) 'i he 'ofisi 'o e Taiosisi 'o 'Aokalani'.

'E tali homou ngaahi tohi kole tokoni' 'e he Auckland Common Fund Ltd 'o a'u ki Nōvema 'o e 2013.

Polokalame fesoasoani mo le totogiina o Pili o le fanau

O se polokalame fesoasoani mo le totogiina o pili o le fanau ua amataina nei e le Puleaga fa'a - epikopo i Aukilani (Diocese) ina ia fesoasoani ai i matua mo le totogiina o pili o le fanau o lo'o i a'oga laiti ma a'oga maualuluga a le Katoliko. O le 'auga tonu o lenei fesoasoani, ina ia iai se isi auala e fesoasoani ai i matua i le totogiina o pili o le fanau ae le'i o'o ina fesili i le a'oga mo se fesoasoani. O le isi foi fesoasoani, o le Financial Hardship Scheme, o lo'o iai nei i le a'oga a lou alo. O le tasi foi lenei auala fesoasoani mo aiga e fia maua se fesoasoani. Matou te talosagaina aiga o iai ia fa'afitauli ina ia fa'afeso'ota'i le ofisa o le a'oga. O lo'o iai pepa e fa'atumu e maua mai i ofisa o le palisi ma le a'oga, pe asiasi foi i le www.catholicschools.org.nz. **(Va'ai i lalo o le Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)** Afai e iai ni au fesili e uiga i nei 'auaunaga, e mafai ona fa'afeso'ota'i mai Carol Krebs i le ofisa o le Diocese (360 3069) e aunoa ma le iloa e se isi. O pepa fa'atumu mo 'auaunaga pe a manaomia, e talia e le Auckland Common Fund Ltd se'ia o'o ia **Novema 2013**.

St Pius X Parish ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.

This service will be held in our church on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30pm Everybody is invited.
Please bring a plate for a shared supper in the hall after the service.

Notice from the Auckland Catholic Schools' Office

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland warmly invites you to the Catholic Community Network Event on Thursday 14th November, 5.30pm-8pm at Ellerslie Event Centre. The following speakers will share on 'Success, leadership and the Influence of Christian Values in your Career'- Monsignor Bernard Kiely (Vicar General, Catholic Diocese of Auckland), Elizabeth Brown (Founder & Director, The Brand Direction Group) and Dr. Lance O'Sullivan (GP & Maori Health Advocate). Tickets \$45. More details are available via the website: www.catholicnetwork.org.nz.

Term 4 2013

October 2013					
21 Rheumatic Fever Student Meetings BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Wk 2	22 RE Topic Charism Year 7/8 Puberty Talks	23	24	25 Room 6 Assembly 12.00pm Room 3 attend Mass
28 Labour Day Holiday	Wk 3	29 RE Topic Prayer	30	31 Throat swabbing begins	
November 2013					
					1 Whole School Mass 9.00am
4 RE Topic Communion of Saints Testing Week	Wk 4	5 Cluster Touch	6	7	8 Room 4 attend Mass
11	Wk 5	12	13 Cluster Film Festival	14	15 Room 5 Assembly 11.45am Cluster Athletics Senior School Mass
18 Careers Week Years 7/8	Wk 6	19	20	21	22 Room 5 attend Mass
25	Wk 7	26	27	28	29 Junior School Mass Ukelele Festival - Saturday 30 th Nov
December 2013					
2	Wk 8	3	4	5	6 Room 6 Attend Mass
9 Xmas Carol Evening	Wk 9	10	11	12	13 Graduation Mass 9.00am Farewell Morning Tea
16 School Prizegiving	Wk 10	17 Last Day of Year Lunch time finish.			