



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

We had a wonderful surprise this week with a visit from the **Congregational Leader of the Holy Faith Sisters, Sr Rosaleen Cunniffe** from Dublin in Ireland. Sr Rosaleen wrote a beautiful letter of

congratulations to us last term, on the occasion of our 60th Jubilee celebrations. Sr Caroline brought her to join the school and parish, at mass on All Saints Day last week. After mass we had an impromptu assembly where the children in various cultural groups performed some of their items from the jubilee. Sr Rosaleen shared some stories and answered questions from the children. She said she would pass on our best wishes to a couple of Holy Faith Sisters who taught at St Pius X a long time



ago and were now living in Ireland. She also really enjoyed seeing a haka performed live as she had only ever seen it before on television. I reminded her that some of our friends were going to Ireland to perform the haka live in the next couple of weeks.

Important Parent Meeting

The Ministry of Education requires every school to consult with our community every two years in relation to the **Health Curriculum**. **St Pius X** last did this in 2016 so now need consult again. This will happen on **Thursday 8th November** starting at **6.00pm** with refreshments, before the meeting starts at 6.15pm. We have several invited guests presenting so it is very important we have a representative from each family attending. Children do not need to come but are welcome if there is not suitable supervision at home.

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As all our teachers are members of the **New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI)**, they will be on strike on **Monday 12th November** with all the other members in the Auckland Region. There will be rolling stoppages throughout the rest of the country during the same week. Our Board of Trustees discussed the action at our last meeting and decided to close the school on this day for health and safety reasons.

Any students who are enrolled in **Skids** can attend the full day programme at Glen Taylor School. Non-Skids children will be charged \$15.00 for the 8.00am to 3.00pm session. Contact **Centre Manager Anjum Malik** on **0210686892** to register.

Kiwi Sport this term.

Our senior classes are enjoying their Orienteering Kiwi sport this term. They have discovered map reading is a little bit more physical than they first thought. They have learned exactly how big the school property is as they have run all around it numerous times in their sessions. It has been so nice to get back on the field.



National Shakeout Day



Last week all our community took part in the **National Shakeout Day**. This was an opportunity to practise our drills in case there is a major Earth Quake in Auckland. Many of the children also took part in a challenge at home to see if their families are prepared for a natural disaster, especially if they live in a potential tsunami area.



During the drill we had an unexpected visitor when our past pupil **Felise Kaufusi** showed up at school to see if we had any photos of his time here. He was very fortunate that we still had the display from our Jubilee in the foyer of the school, so he was able to find himself in one of the photos of his decade. He took part in our

Drop, Cover and Hold Drill although he did find it difficult fitting under the desk in the office. He was in New Zealand representing the **Australian Kangaroos** in their epic Rugby League Test Match against **Mate Ma'a Tonga** at **Mt Smart Stadium**. He remembered his time here very fondly. Felise has previously represented Tonga and now plays for the Melbourne Storm in the NRL.



Kiera the dog had a wonderful time visiting our Junior classes recently. Kiera is part of a **Worksafe New Zealand** sponsored Programme and goes into schools teaching children the best and safest way to approach dogs. She is obviously very experienced and was exceedingly patient with all the children.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the St Pius X children who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the recent holidays. They were very lucky to have Bishop Denis Brown, from the Hamilton Diocese, celebrate this very special service. Just some of the photos are shown below.



Congratulations to :

**Ewan B, Cameron B,
Ailini M, Sefopalu M,
Angeline H, Taniela T,
and Maraia W.**

Term 4 2018

November				
5 Week 4	6	7 Manaiakalani Film Festival at Sylvia Park 10.00am	8 Health Consultation Evening 6pm	9 Duffy Theatre Show 1.30pm
12 Week 5 RE Focus Communion of Saints NZEI Strike Day	13 Kids4Kids Show	14	15	16 Year 4-8 Mass 9.00am
19 Week 6 RE Focus Communion of Saints	20	21 Year 7/8 Camp	22 Year 7/8 Camp	23 Year 7/8 Camp
26 Week 7 RE Focus Advent	27	28	29	30 Year 1-3 Mass 9.00am
December				
3 Week 8 RE Focus Advent BOT Meeting 7.00pm	4	5	6	7 Sat 9 th December Parish Food Gala
10 Week 9 RE Focus Advent/Christmas Carols Evening. Xmas hampers distributed to each family	11	12	13 Year 8 Graduation Mass 9.30am School Prize giving 12.00pm	14 Last Day of Term School finishes at 12.30pm Schools Starts again Mon 4th Feb 2019

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Teachers' and Principals' Contract Negotiations

The Board of Trustees has decided to close the school on **Monday 12th November** as all our Teachers are members of the NZEI and will be striking as part of their Collective Contract negotiations.

Strikes will be happening in each region of New Zealand throughout this week. Our teachers very much thank all our parents who have supported them during these difficult negotiations, as the impending teacher shortage hits home.

Any students already enrolled in **Skids** will be able to attend all day at no extra cost. Skids are able to supervise non-enrolled students for a small one off cost of \$15.00 for the day.

