



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

**Advent** started this week which is a special preparation time for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. All the classes are focussing on this during their Religious Education time and I know many of our children are practising hard for the St Pius X Parish celebrations. Please talk to your children about this as much as you can. Our main school **Advent Celebration** is next **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm**. All the children are involved and expected to attend with whoever in their families is able to. As I have mentioned previously, each family will receive a large Xmas Food Hamper donated by the St Ignatius Parishioners as they did at this time last year. I have conveyed our sincere thanks to them for the wonderful support they have offered our school throughout the year.



### Food Gala – Cakes/Goodies

Many of our Parish families will already be aware of the Food Gala this Saturday and fully involved in preparing special cultural food to be sold during the day before the social in the evening. St Pius X School has offered to help the cake store with goodies. If any family is **NOT** already involved with a stall and would like to contribute a cake or some other delicious goodies that would be much appreciated. Just bring it along on Saturday morning to **the St Joseph's Stall** and drop it off.

### Health Curriculum Survey

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to come to our recent **Health Curriculum Consultation** and to those who have been able to complete the online survey. We are presently collating the responses and a **Health Statement** will be presented to our Board of Trustees shortly. This will then be published on our school website.

### Property Update

The refurbishment of our two classrooms next to the hall is on schedule to be finished in the holidays. We are also very excited to be able to confirm the tender for the whole school rebuild has been finalised and the first pre-build meeting is set for mid-January with the site being made ready for construction to begin, before schools starts next year.



It's really happening after such a long time in planning.





## Year 7 and 8 Outdoor Education Camp



Henderson Wave Pool



Outdoor Cooking



Maris Stella 'Get Your Gun'



'Deadeye' Duane



Stream Science (with cold feet)



'Little' Viane



Teamwork Always Wins



Steady . . .



Judges Deliberating !!!

Unfortunately our planned Outdoor Education Camp to Piha had to be changed at the last moment as the Auckland City Council closed **Piha Mill Camp** because of potential flooding risk and danger. We were transferred to a new camp for us, **Ferndale Lodge**, but luckily just as much fun was had by our senior class from Wednesday to Friday last week. A range of activities were planned including air rifles, archery, out-door cooking, as well as stream science amongst the many other problem solving tasks. Special thanks to all the adult helpers who make these camps possible, as well as to the **Lion Foundation** for their grant which paid for most of the costs. On the way home we stopped into the West Wave Aquatic Centre in Henderson for a final swim. The balance of the costs came from our Bike Raffle which was won by

*One Big Adventure*  
FERNDALE LODGE



**Helena's Family. Joseph, Maris Stella, Claudia and Melia** with some of the other prize hampers.



## Kids4Kids



Once again our Room 5 students attended the annual **Kids 4 Kids Concert** at the Vodafone Event Centre in Manukau. Special thanks to **Mrs Middleton** and **Mrs Round** for preparing the children and to all the parents and staff who came to support the group. For the second year in a row, one of our students, **Tupua** was selected to open the show with a fantastic RAP sung solo with long-time show



stars **Jackie Clarke** and **Nathan King**. **Akesa** was selected to perform on the ukulele and **Patience** and **Dianne** to dance on stage.

## Teeth Brushing Thanks to Rotary



Special thanks to **Mrs Penny Leyland** and the **Rotary Club of St John's** for introducing this great programme to help our children with their dental health. Each term, every child will receive a new tooth brush to be kept at school and used each day after lunch. Each class is presently working out the best way to organise the most efficient and healthy way to make this happen. Any pre-schoolers will also get a free tooth brush, as part of the programme.

## Defibrillator (AED)

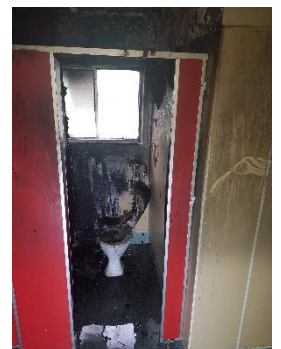
The **Rotary Club of St John's** have also just donated a new **AED Defibrillator** for emergency use by our community, as part a major push to have more of these lifesaving machines accessible everywhere. It has been installed next to our front door but available for use by anybody who needs it.

Members of **St John's Rotary Club** installing the AED.



## Fire at School

Early this week we had a serious fire at school which destroyed our boys' toilets and smoke damaged the girls' toilets and hallway. I was very pleased that our **Emergency Evacuation Procedures** worked perfectly and everybody left the building very quickly and safely. We are still investigating the cause but at this stage the fire brigade believe there may have been some toilet paper that was lit and discarded. The Catholic Schools' Office and Insurance Assessors are working out a plan for repairing the area before school starts again next year.



## Term 4 2018

November					
26 <b>RE Focus Advent</b>	<b>Week 7</b>	27	28 <i>Netbook Meeting 6pm</i>	29	30 Year 1-3 Mass 9.00am
December					
3 <b>RE Focus Advent</b> <i>BOT Meeting 7.00pm</i>	<b>Week 8</b>	4	5	6	7  <i>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December Parish Food Gala</i>
10 <b>RE Focus Advent/Christmas Carols Evening. Xmas hampers distributed to each family</b>	<b>Week 9</b>	11	12	13 Year 8 Graduation Mass 9.30am School Prize giving 12.00pm	14  <i>Last Day of Term School finishes at 12.30pm</i>  <b>Schools Starts again Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>

### Chrome Book Matters - Manaiakalani

For those parents who have yet to return their applications forms, if these could be posted back to **Anita Sarich**, P O Box 18061, Glen Innes, I can start processing them when I return to work on the 21st January 2019.

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### Important Dates for Final Weeks of Year

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December - St Pius X Parish Food Gala

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm Advent Liturgy and Collection of Xmas Hampers.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00pm Graduation Mass in Church

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm Final Prizegiving in Hall

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of school Final bell is at 12.30pm. Last assembly for year is at 12.00pm. Each child will receive a special Christmas present donated by the Sacred Heart College Staff.

**End of Year Reports** distributed

School starts again on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**. The school office will be open from 9.00am until 12.00pm each day during the last week of January for stationery and uniform purchasing.