

Newsletter

6 November, 2013

St Pius X School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Last week we had a wonderful mass to celebrate All Saint's Day. Father gave a lovely homily acknowledging all the Saints we know of but reminded the children that there are many, many more saints in heaven. He talked about all our relations who have lived good lives and are now looking down on us and that we should not forget them. We need to try and behave in ways that will make sure we are all saints ourselves one day. After Communion each of the classes presented a poster of a special Saint that they had been learning about and gave a short explanation about why that person was important to them.

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.

Christian	- Responsibility	Rosiephine	- Faith
Henrietta	- Friendliness	Courtney	- Diligence
Malia	- Responsibility	Alfred	- Enthusiasm
Lopeti	- Reliability	Lose	- Helpfulness
Meleseini	- Service	Zheiyna	- Love
Fiapo	- Responsibility	Alan	- Caring
Ezra N	- Determination	Kanesini	- Responsibility

Milk in Schools

By now every child should have returned their permission slips to be involved in this wonderful programme. The milk has arrived at school and the new fridge is due today. We will start distributing it to the children as soon as we can. We do need the return slips though. We need to be aware if any children have allergies to dairy products or are unable to drink milk. We hope to be able to give it out 4 days each week. The children will be trained to recycle the boxes each week and place them in the bins that have been provided.



Fonterra have also combined with **Kids Can** and are now supplying milk for our Breakfast Club which continues each Wednesday and Thursday mornings thanks to the help of a couple of our very generous parents.

Rheumatic Fever and Skin Infection Screening.

The nurses have now finished the whole school throat swabbing programme and results are starting to come back. Initial data shows that we are very similar to other local schools in relation to the rates of Strep Throat in our community. They have started making contact with individual families and usually invite parents into school to receive the free medication. From now on they will be at school three days each week and checking on any children who say they have a sore throat. They will also be running clinics if there is any treatment needed. This is a fantastic free service which we are very fortunate to be involved with. Please remember if you have any worries or concerns, just call in to the school office or phone Philippa who will give you the nurses' number.

Touch Field Day



Yesterday our two school Touch Teams represented St Pius X at the annual Field Day at Mt Wellington Reserve. We entered teams in the Year 6 and Year 8 divisions. Mr Slade had been training the teams and although they were very inexperienced at game play, they were very keen to do well and have a great day. Both teams started the day well with fine victories. Unfortunately after that the teams struggled and lost their remaining games very narrowly. The Year 8 team finished 4th and the Year 6 team finished 5th which were good efforts considering we have not had our Kiwisport Touch coaching yet, which many of the other schools have already had. Behaviour was excellent and every member enjoyed the experience greatly' WE were also lucky to have members of New Zealand Touch present during the day.

Year 6 Team: **Justin, Frank, Simone, Christopher, Misiotei, Savelio, Salote, Valenisia, Kelly and Pepe.**

Year 8 Team: **Jordan, David S, Jay, Eneasi, Pauliasi, Sione, Maxine, Jane, Kilistina and Rachel.**

Enrolments for Next Year

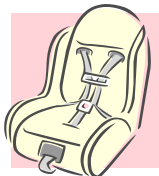
We are now into planning our classes for next year and need to know how many 5 year olds we expect to have next year. If you have present 4 year olds turning five at any time next year could you please let us know so we can make sure there is a place for them. They do not need to fill out all the enrolment forms just yet but please let us know to help with our planning.

Phone number updates

There are many reason why we need to call parents during the school day and it can be very frustrating if the numbers we have on record are no longer current. If you do change your phone number please let the school office know so we can find you if we need to, particularly if it is an emergency. Just last week we had to call an ambulance to a sick child. We just never know so thank you for helping us with this matter.

Child Restraint Law Change

The law has now changed 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



Film Festival

Next Wednesday, 13th November, we will be taking the whole school to **Sylvia Park** Movies to attend the **Cluster Film Festival**. This year we have four movies entered which will be shown on the big screen. We will be going to one of the morning sessions by bus, so please make sure all the children are at school on time. Two of the movies have been chosen to be screened during the evening session. Students from each class will be presenting the movies to the audience at each screening. There is no cost for the children to attend the morning session.



Remember Last Year – This year's movies are even better ! ! !

Year 7/8 Activities

Planning is now well underway for our Year 7 and 8 Activities in Week 7. Information will be coming home shortly. Please return the permission forms to school as soon as possible.

As for two year's ago we will be taking the students to Orakei Basin and having a Kayak Experience with some professional instructors. Another day we will be travelling to town and then getting the ferry to Rangitoto Island and then climbing to the top. Both these activities will be fantastic and and I am sure will be very memorable for everybody. I know Mrs Tui particularly enjoyed the hike up the highest peak in our city and is really looking forward to going again.



Don't worry – we are not paddling to Rangitoto Island, although that would be an adventure.

There may be one or two other surprises as well !

Term 4 2013

November 2013				
4 RE Topic Communion of Saints Testing Week	Wk 4	5 Cluster Touch	6	7
11	Wk 5	12	13 Cluster Film Festival	14
18 Careers Week Years 7/8	Wk 6	19	20	21
25 Year 7/8 Activities Week	Wk 7	26	27 Y7/8 Kayaking	28 Y7/8 Rangitoto Trip
				29 Junior School Mass Ukelele Festival - Saturday 30 th Nov
December 2013				
2	Wk 8	3	4	5 Year 4 (Yr5 2014) Parent Meeting re Netbooks. 6.00pm
9 Xmas Carol Evening	Wk 9	10	11	12
16 School Prizegiving	Wk 10	17 Last Day of Year Lunch time finish.		13 Graduation Mass 9.00am Farewell Morning Tea

Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations

During the holidays, the Manaiakalani Trust did a survey on all the children in our Cluster and how they were blogging. Two of our students, **Julia, Room 7** and **Joshua, Room 3** were selected as winners along with one student from Panmure Bridge School and one other from Pt England School. They each won a brand new bike and helmet.

