




Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

The First Sunday of Advent is this weekend and we will begin preparing for the coming of Christ. We realise that Christ has already come and His coming into the world was a real event in history. We also realise that it was not just something that happened long ago. Christ comes into people's lives today.

May Jesus watch over each and every family and may the blessings of Christmas be upon you all.

<p>Lord,</p> <p>May we all use this Advent to prepare our soul for Jesus</p> <p>Amen</p>		<p>The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, When everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy.</p> <p>Advent is also meant to do this to us – to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form He may come to us.</p>
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"Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others."

1 Peter 4:10

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.

Patience	- Excellence	Gabriel	- Peacefulness
Justin	- Enthusiasm	Kilisitina	- Helpfulness
Richie	- Gentleness	Victoria	- Determination
Beni	- Perseverance	Aaliyah	- Diligence
Lenleigh	- Responsibility	Eusepio	- Enthusiasm
Chanel	- Determination	Malia	- Helpfulness
Tevita S	- Joyfulness	Dawn	- Peacefulness

The following children received Duffy books for 'Caught Being Good'

**Tokilupe Rm 3, Kilisitina Rm 6 (x2), Saveu Rm 5, Alan Rm 4, George Rm 2,
Mikaela Rm 5, Ana-Lisa Rm 5, Angelyn Rm 2, Joshua Rm 3, Teanoano Rm 5**

Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th November – School Movie Night 6.00pm.

Thursday 5th December – Year 4 (Year 5 2014) Parent meeting about Netbooks.

Monday 9th December – Carols at school 6.00pm in hall.

Friday 13th December – Graduation Mass 9.30am in church.

Monday 16th December – Prizegiving 10.00am. Family Picnic lunch on field.

Tuesday 17th December – School closes at 12.30pm for holidays.

St Pius X Parish Celebrations for the End of the Year of Faith and Culture



Last Sunday the St Pius X Parish had a wonderful mass to celebrate the end of the Year of Faith. After mass the whole community, shared in some magnificent entertainment from the different cultural groups from the parish and the school. We were blessed with great weather and excellent performances from just about everybody in the Parish. The pictures above are just some of the memorable moments from what we hope will be a regular event in the future.

Julia, Maxine and Meleseini sing their song Island Styles that won the Ukulele Festival best song from a Primary School.

Akesa performs solo and impressed with her skill at such a young age.

Board Talk – November

1. Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, dealing with Typhoon Haiyan and its aftermath.

2. Community Consultation - update

Thank you to everyone who came to our community consultation. We hope to share what you told us as soon as possible.

3. Parent Social – Saturday 23rd

Unfortunately this social had to be cancelled. It is now planned to happen in the new year.

4. Awesome musicians

Each family should have received a free copy of the CD from the Play it Strange Trust. The board listened to some of the songs our students made with help from the Jam Bus. Thank you to **Frances Carter**, our students and the 'Play It Strange' Music Trust. AWESOME !!

5. Playgroup

The board would like to recognise and thank **Halamehi Anae** for the fantastic work she does as the Play Group Co-ordinator. This play group would not have been as successful as it is, without all her hard work. We appreciate her continued effort particularly when the future for the preschool is uncertain.

6. ERO – Next Year – Term 1 or Term 2

The school board welcomes the news that we will be visited by ERO next year. We will update you when we hear more.

7. Pastoral Care review

Please look out for the pastoral care review form. This needs to be completed and returned to school so we can hear what you think about how pastoral care works at our school.

8. BOT Self-Review

At each meeting the board is spending some time reviewing how we work as a board. This is helping us all further understand our roles.

November 2013 Board Reminders

Next Board Committee Meetings :

Special Character – 10th December 6.00pm

Community – (to be confirmed) 6.00 – 7.00pm

Property – (to be confirmed) 7.00 – 8.00pm

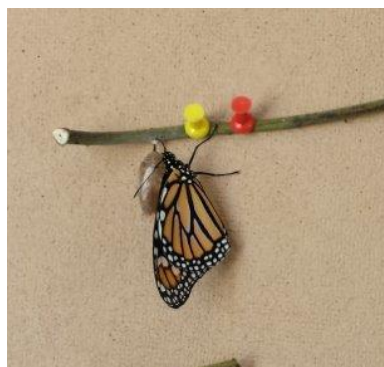
Finance – 11th December 3.00 – 4.00pm

Policy – 11th December 6.00- 7.00pm

Next Board Meeting : Monday 16th December 6.30pm

Parents and caregivers are also welcome to come.

Butterflies at School



For most of this year a group of younger students have been carefully watching our swan plants as the tiny caterpillars gradually grew bigger and bigger before finally turning into their chrysalis. Unfortunately we lost a couple to wasps so last week we brought three chrysalises into the library to protect them. So far two have hatched successfully and the third is turning black so it shouldn't be two long now. Special thanks to Mrs Hoggins who has prepared a book display in the library to help the children learn about the

Monach Butterflies life cycle.

Room 7 Inquiry



For the last two terms our senior students have been studying different countries around the world. As well as presenting their findings to the rest of the syndicate, each group entertained us with a cultural dance they had learned from their country of choice. Room 7 then made some specialist food from their chosen country and shared a meal with each other.

Honours Badge



Last week we were very pleased to award another **Honours Badge** to one more outstanding Year 8 student. Julia has shown a real maturity in her learning this year. She has been very involved across a range of school activities including being a member of our senior netball side.

It is in music that Julia has excelled. She was part of a group who wrote and performed their own song which was added to the recent JAM Bus CD.

Julia's teachers have been very impressed with her attitude and leadership skills particularly with younger children.

Term 4 2013

November 2013				
25 Wk 7 Year 7/8 Activities Week	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	6 Room 6 Attend Mass
9 Wk 9 Xmas Carol Evening 6.00pm	10	11	12	13 Graduation Mass 9.30am Farewell Morning Tea
16 Wk 10 School Prizegiving 10.00am followed by picnic	17 Last Day of Year Lunch time 12.30 finish.			

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