



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

All parents and Guardians are invited to our special Soul Friends' Mass this Friday morning at 9.00am. Over the years this has become one of our most beautiful school celebrations when everybody commits to being a special friend to some other member of our school community. These friendships continue throughout the year and help breakdown the age barriers between the children and give opportunities for the older children to mentor and be an example to their younger friends.

Soul Friends Mass

- Every year an older child will have a younger child as a Soul Friend. At our St Patricks' Day mass we make a promise to our Soul Friends that we will
 - try and talk to them every day
 - encourage them to do the right things
 - if they are sad to make them feel happy
 - be a good friend to them

These are important promises that you will make to your Soul Friend.

Show our love for God in the way we love and care for our Soul Friends. It is a special relationship that will help children feel happy, secure and accepted at school.

At St Pius X School we do everything in faith, hope and love. Having a Soul Friend means looking out for them in a special way.

School Athletics Sports Day

Following on from the mass we will be having our annual Athletics Day starting at 11.00am. Traditionally many parents join us for the day to support the children and help make it a wonderful and fun day. Please offer yourself if you are able to help be a judge or in any other way



Caught Being Good

Mikaele Rm 1, Sebastian Rm 1, Valensia Rm 6, Akesa x 2 Rm 2, Diego Rm 1, Tangi Rm 6, Samantha Rm 5, Meleane Rm 4, Malia Rm 1, Gabriel x 3 Rm 1,

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thank you so much to everybody who was able to come along last week to our picnic dinner Meet the Teacher Evening. The weather was great and the big group really enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to mix and mingle and get to know the staff of the school in a very friendly way. Our new colourful gazebos really added to the evening and allowed for the needed sun protection. They will be on display and in full use again on Friday at our Athletics sports.



Catholic Review

As I mentioned during this evening, we will be having our External Catholic Character Review by the Catholic Schools' Office later in April. This is a wonderful chance for us to show off what a great school St Pius X is at giving your children a special Catholic education. It is also a time for us to reflect on what we do and how we can improve. A large part of the review is looking at what we believe makes our school different from other state schools or even other Catholic schools. We want people to understand the special charism of our school and what that means for each of us. We certainly teach the children about the Holy Faith Sisters, who started this school, and the works of St Pius X, after whom we are named. It is so important, though, that we focus on the values that the sisters brought to the school rather than just the history of who they were. Please ask your children about this so that you also have a good understanding about what we are trying to achieve here.

Remember our Mission Statement:

Excellence in education: working together as a Catholic community.

Remember our St Pius X Vision Statement:

St Pius X students have faith in their knowledge and skills to fulfil their personal best in hope and relate to world in love.

Children enjoying their first Triathlon session through our Kiwisport Programme.



Term 1 2013

March 2013				
11 RE Focus Jesus Strand Kiwisport Triathlon	12 Kiwisport Triathlon	13 Kiwisport Triathlon	14	15 Soul Friends Mass Athletics Sports Day
18 RE Focus Jesus Strand	19 Paid Union Meeting for teachers. 12.30pm finish.	20	21	22 Room 5 Assembly
25 RE Focus Jesus Strand	26	27	28 Easter Liturgy 11.00am	29 Good Friday Holiday
April 2012				
1 Easter Monday Holiday	2 Easter Tuesday Holiday	3 RE Focus Easter	4	5
8 RE Focus Easter	9	10 Catholic Character Review	11 Catholic Character Review	12 Room 3 Assembly
15 RE Focus Holy Spirit Strand	16	17	18	19 Last Day of Term

Secondary School Open Days and Enrolments

Sacred Heart College Open Day -

Wednesday 20th March. Welcome address and tours at 12.30pm and 1.15pm.

Parking available at Gate 4.

Enrolments close on 5th April 2013.

St Paul's College

Contact the school office to receive an enrolment pack. Phone 3761287

Marcellin College Annual Open Evening - Boys and Girls

Wednesday 20th March, commencing at 7.00pm.

Prospectuses are available from the College Office – **Phone 6256509.**

Baradene College

Enrolment closes Monday March 18th.

Enrolment packs available from the school. Phone 5246019

Selwyn College Open Evening

Thursday 4th April 6.45 pm

Don't Forget

Soul Friends Mass – 9.00am Friday

Athletics Day – 11.00am Friday

Early finish Tuesday 19th March – 12.30pm for Teachers' PUM