

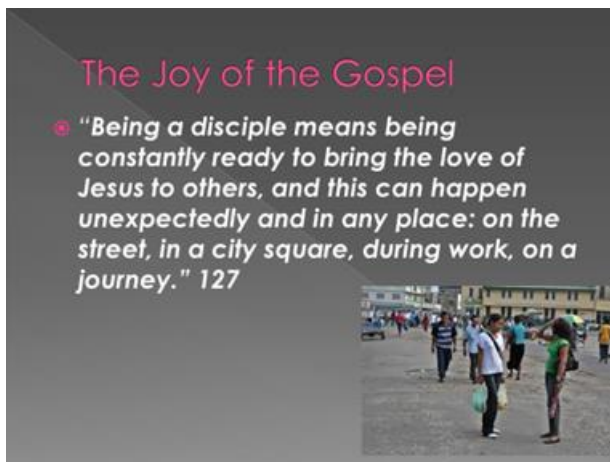


Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings

Welcome back to our final term of the year. I trust everybody has had a good break and enjoyed their holiday. I travelled with my wife, to Samoa during the first week and had the wonderful chance to spend time visiting and staying with the Marist Brothers at their school at Mulivai in Apia. It was a great chance for me to see first hand where so many of our families have come from. We drove around Upolu and enjoyed visiting all the villages which had been decorated for the recent SIDS conference. The Brothers were wonderful hosts and we enjoyed meeting and working with the teachers and over six hundred and fifty boys at the school. The teaching style was a little different from what we are used to but the boys were just like our boys – friendly, energetic and mad about rugby. We plan to build a close relationship with the school in the future and hopefully get the children do some sharing of their learning over the internet.

We have had a busy but settled start to the term. We were very pleased to welcome our new permanent teacher, Mrs Kuilea Pulotu who has taken over from Mrs Deeney in Room 4. She is getting to know the children and thoroughly enjoying her first couple of weeks at St Pius X. The teachers and students are working hard to prepare for our end of year formal assessments which begin in Week 4. The children will have the chance to show all the progress they have made during the year.



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Whenever I enrol new students, I always talk to parents about the importance we place on faith development and the role parents play in working with the school to meet the needs of all the children. The Bishops have asked schools to reflect on how many of our children have moved to full preference status, by being baptised as Catholics. I also look at the numbers of children who have not completed their sacraments. The Bishops have stated that all sacramental

programmes should be administered by the Parish rather than the school but it is our job to encourage and support the parish and families in this important ministry.

### Labour Day Holiday

Please don't forget that Monday is a holiday. This is also the date we change into summer footwear and insist the children wear their school hats in the playground. This is a Board of Trustees Policy and must be adhered to. Children who do not have a hat will be instructed to sit under the shady area during break times. I have noticed quite a few children wearing alternative shoes at school. They all say that their shoes have broken and that they are getting some new ones that night. Please give your child a note to verify that that is actually going to happen. I don't mind the children wearing sports shoes while they are playing but they must change into the official uniform footwear while coming to or going home from school or during any formal times or trips. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### Patrol Training

Our new Police Education Officer, Constable Gordon Campbell, has been at school this week training our next group of Patrol Leaders. New rosters will be distributed shortly. Please help your child remember which days they are on duty. We will be teaming the new members with older, more experienced patrol leaders during the rest of the year as they gain the confidence to take over on their

own.

Constable Gordon has been spending time observing our parents as they drop off and pick up the children and has had to speak to several drivers who do not have approved car seats for their children who are under 7 years of age or over the correct height. Please remember that you must keep to the law and that the safety of the children is paramount.

### Variety Children's Charity and the Warehouse.

On Wednesday afternoon Leone, Monique and Latanoa were very privileged to be selected to receive brand new Chromebooks as part of a sponsorship deal with Variety Children's Charity and the Warehouse to support thirty-five students from our Cluster. The computers were presented at a special ceremony at Pt England School with representatives from the sponsors in attendance.



### New Fitness Programme



This term we have introduced a new fitness circuit that all the children in the school take part in for two sessions each week before class begins.

The children have been split into mixed groups led by our senior students.







### Free Lunch

For some time now our Breakfast Club has been supported by **Gattings**, a local catering company. As a special treat they provided a free lunch to all the children and staff on the last day of term 3. Everybody was most thankful for a delicious meal.

### New Sports Uniforms

A few of our boys modelling our great new uniforms.



### School Garden



It must be spring – The tomatoes and lettuces have been planted and are growing nicely.

### School Dental Van

The van is presently at St Pius X and the children are receiving their checks. You will be informed if there is a need for any work to be carried out on their teeth. The van will be here next week again until the 31<sup>st</sup> October and then returning later in November to do any catch-ups for those children who may have been away this time and missed their examination.



# Term 4 2014

October 2014				
Wk. 3 Labour Day Holiday	28/10	29/10	30/10	31/10 Room 5 Assembly
November 2014				
3/11 Testing Week Ripper Rugby Kiwisport	4/11 Whole School Throat Swabbing Duffy Show 1.30pm	5/11 Whole School Throat Swabbing	6/11 Firewise visit to Rooms 1 and 4	7/11
10/11 Ripper Rugby Kiwisport	11/11 Roots – Wave Workshops	12/11 Film Festival Whole school to 1.00pm show at Sylvia Park	13/11	14/11
17/11 BOT Meeting Dental Van at SPX doing catch-ups all week.	18/11	19/11 Year 7/8 Camp to Piha	20/11 Year 7/8 Camp to Piha	21/11 Year 7/8 Camp to Piha
24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11	28/11 SPX Movie Night  29/11 Uke Festival
December 2014				
1/12	2/12	3/12	4/12	5/12
8/12 BOT Meeting	9/12 Advent Liturgy 6.00pm	10/12	11/12	12/12 Graduation Mass
15/12 Prizegiving Picnic lunch	16/12 Last Day of Term 12.30pm finish			

## **Board Talk**

### **1. Welcome to our Newest Board Member**

The Board would like to warmly welcome Epi Timu as our new Parent Representative. We welcome her to our team.

### **2. New Teachers**

We would like to welcome new staff members – **Mrs Chan** (our new music teacher) and **Mrs Kuilei Pulotu**. Mrs Chan started in Term 3, and Mrs Pulotu started this term, teaching in Room 4. A very warm welcome to you both.

### **3. Self-Review**

Bullying - As part of our regular self-review, the board reviewed bullying at our school. While no school can be completely 'bully-free' it was great to hear of the strategies our school uses to discourage bullying in our school. These include the Peace Room, the Peace Room post-box and shows from professional theatre groups. A new one this year was the 'Peace Officers'. It was great to hear that this new strategy has been very positive.

### **4. Manaiakalani Film Festival – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

It's that time of the year again!! Come and see the wonderful movies your children have created and been involved in. Speak to the school about tickets for this fun event.

Next Board Meeting : **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – at 6.30 – 9.00pm. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to come.