



Dear Parents and Caregivers - **Ngā mātua aroha, me te Kaitiaki**

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

The end of the term is here and what an awesome term it has been. The teachers and students have been magnificent and on the occasions the students have gone outside the school, I have been so impressed with their behaviour and attitude and the way they have represented the school, their families and themselves. On top of that we have celebrated **Cook Island** and **Tongan Language** weeks with outstanding displays and giving those children a real sense of belonging as we become a more and more multi-cultural school. Next term we will be focussing on Niuean and Fijian Language weeks.

Last week **Father Iosevo** celebrated a special Grandparents Mass where many of our older family members joined with the children to lead different parts of the liturgy. A very special time for everybody and a tremendous thankyou to **Mrs Tui and her team** for preparing the mass. Afterwards the grandparents were hosted by the students from Room 7 for a special morning tea in the library. Everybody had a great time.



Other highlights from the term included taking the whole school to **Kelly Tarlton's Underwater Aquarium** as part of our major 'water' study. Tokilupe and Folaupola represented the school as **Manaiakalani Student Ambassadors** and spoke at several functions with hundreds of people attending. Another group represented our school at the **Bishop Pat's Caring Foundation Mass**. We also finished off our interschool **netball** competitions successfully as well as entering two teams into the **Cluster Rugby** field days with one student Albert being selected to represent Auckland against Waikato and Wellington. Many of our students also regularly **serve at mass** in the St Pius X Parish or in their own parishes.

This term we completed our first **Seasons for Growth Programme** to support a group of children who had suffered a loss in their families in

recent years. This was funded by the **Social Workers in Schools Programme** and run by Margaret from the Auckland Catholic Diocese. This term our senior classes have learnt all about **Hockey** for their Kiwisport and the juniors have completed the **Ready Set Go Programme** for their Kiwisport.

Alongside all these valuable activities the children have been working very hard at their studies. It is vital though, that learning **does not stop** for two weeks during the holidays. Children **MUST** keep reading at home. Please visit the library regularly and spend time talking to your children about what they are reading. We will be having our **End of Year** major assessment in the Week 3, straight after Labour Day so there is not much time to get ready.

Next term we also have many exciting activities planned such as Jelly Beans Music, Kids4kids Choir Festival, Ukulele Festival, the Manaiakalani Film Festival, our Cluster Cultural Festival, Senior Activities Week as well as Advent and Christmas Liturgies. An extremely busy time ahead.

## Grandparents sharing morning tea with Room 7 students after Mass.



## Writers Workshop at the National Library in Parnell

Last week Mrs Kelway took four of our Year 7 boys to the **Inspiring Boys Writing Workshop** at the National Library. Our ex staff member Mrs Fuatino Leaupepe-Tuala, who is the Programme Advisor for Maori and Pasifika Learners wrote to me saying how much she was impressed with the St Pius X boys and the confidence they showed amongst a very large group of other learners.

***"It was awesome to have your boys here in the Centre and even more awesome to see them so interested in choosing books! They've all grown so much and were so polite and lovely, it was great to see them. I was really proud of Seuati and Joshua when they were the first people to stand up and ask questions (in front of around 60 other boys, most of them older) and not only speak clearly and confidently but also ask great questions."***



Anthony, Joshua, Seuati and Albert are seen here with New Zealand author **David Riley** at the National Library.

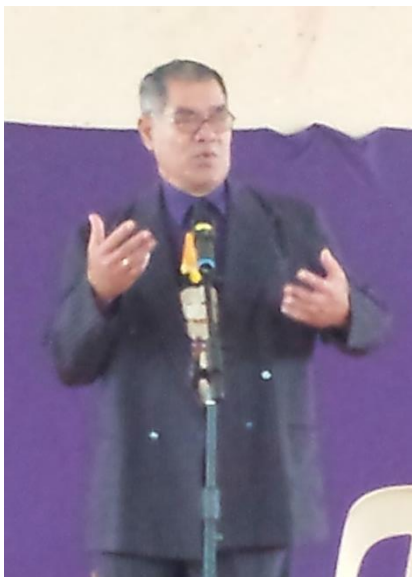




## Speech Competition Winners 2015

Last week we held our annual speech completion finals after each class had selected representatives from their rooms. The winners all gave very inspirational speeches and held the attention of the whole school and our special independent judges, Mrs Pole and Mrs Hollins. Aurora was the winner at Year 8 level although the other finalists Jane and Catherine also gave excellent speeches. Patrick won at Year 7 with Alecia and Rosrine very close behind. The winners at Year 6 and 5 were Ana-Lei and Anna-Lisa respectively with Fanoali'i and Katelyn the other finalists. The overall standard was excellent with some students making great use of technology to support their speeches.

At the end of the speeches, Fanoali'i's grandfather gave an impromptu talk about how much he enjoyed being here. He told the children about how he had been a teacher, a policeman, worked at the university and was now a minister and that they should never lose faith in God to support them.



Patrick, Aurora, Ana-Lei and Anna-Lisa proudly showing off their winners' Certificates. Fanoali'i's grandfather, Mr Iosefa also gave a great speech. Not sure who this other lady is but she looks pretty scared!



Our silver beet is growing extremely well. We now need people to take it home and eat it. Please feel free to come down to the school and help yourself to as much as you can use.

In Term 4 we are taking part in the 'Spud in a Bucket' competition through our local Bunnings Warehouse so we may have potatoes next term, depending on how well they grow and how lovingly the children look after them.



### Rugby Field Day

St Pius participated in the **Tamaki Cluster Rugby** tournament on Wednesday 9th of September. We entered two teams. Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8. Years 5 & 6 did not place anywhere, however everyone enjoyed themselves. Years 7 & 8 team played very hard and finished 3rd place on a countback. Both teams played very hard and loved every moment of the day. Thanks to the parents who supported the teams. We couldn't have had such a successful day without your help.



### Year 5/6

Von, Kanesini, Tydre, Fanoali'i, Samiuela, Saveu, Malakai, Opi, Macky, Alan, Samuel, Samiuela, Fonuamotu.

### Year 7/8

Christopher, Misiotei, Patrick, Frank, Justin-Tyler, Eusepio, Anthony, Justin, Seuati, Albert, Asipeli, Osca.

### Cluster Cross Country



This year Mr Gaffney and his team of helpers took our biggest ever team to compete in the **Cluster Cross Country** event at **Bailey Road School**. Although we didn't win any of the races all the children had a great time meeting other children and everybody finished their races on a much harder course than we had at our school. Well done Team!

