



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.

### Fakaalofa lahi atu and Greetings from Niue



A lovely display in the school foyer to support Niue Language Week. Thank you to the staff and students who have contributed.

Welcome back to Term 4 when the children get to show everything they have learned during the year, and what an extremely busy year it has been. Last week we started the term with a special liturgy to celebrate the founder of the Holy Faith sisters, Margaret Aylward. Over the years so many of the families have been taught, helped and supported by this wonderful group of dedicated and special women. We have been, and continue to be, so privileged by their involvement in our school. Previous principal, Sister Anne Warren has run our staff retreats at the beginning of the last two years, Sr Caroline helped out as a Teacher Aide in our Junior classes before returning to Ireland for a sabbatical last term and Sr Johanna stills helps with our reading programme several times each week.



#### Caught Being Good

The following students were **Caught Being Good** this week at school. Congratulations and enjoy your Duffy books.

**Kamaea Rm 1 (x2), Josaia Rm 4, Claudia Rm 3 (x2), Fredrick Rm 1 (x2), Monique Rm 1, Arvey Rm 4,**



The follow article appeared in the Auckland Catholic Caring Foundation Newsletter last week. It is always nice to see positive reports about how we are seen in the wider community.

## St Pius X School – Village in the City

Surrounded by grassy playing fields, this little 'hidden village' in Glen Innes, is facing enormous changes as old houses are removed and the scale of new build accelerates all around it. St Pius X Primary is a small school grappling with big community issues as families face relocation or increased private rentals.

However, throughout this period of instability and tension, one thing remains the same: the staff want every child to feel a sense of belonging to the school community and that care, extra support and advocacy, can always be accessed when needed.

**Your donation** has meant a new school resources co-ordinator can continue to facilitate the services and support the school receives for their community.



Darragh O'Riordan, General Manager, says, "As a small school with a big heart and a huge commitment to the pastoral care of their students, freeing up the Principal and teaching staff means that wrap-around support and advocacy can continue to be given to those families who need extra help."

Paul Coakley, Principal says, "At the beginning of the year, we ask students to look at themselves, we then ask them to look at the local – their school and surrounding community, and finally we challenge them to look to the world and their place in it."

**With the support of your donation, the students of this school can better cope in a time of upheaval and have their eyes opened to a wider future.**

## Music



This term we are very pleased to have **Mrs Ruth Round** join our teaching team as our Music Specialist. With the resignation of **Mrs Marich** last term to move south we decided to engage **Jelly Beans Music** for this term to run some of our music. We have been fortunate to receive a set of recorders for all our Year 1 – 6 children to use during the programme. We will keep the recorders at school for safe keeping. The children are really enjoying their sessions so far and we have great expectations for the rest of the term.

## Kids 4 Kids

Not long now to go for the upcoming **Kids 4 kids Show** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. All children in Year 4 and 5 will go to the rehearsal at Manukau in the morning but as has already been indicated, parents will need to organise taking their own children to the evening session, if they choose to. We need all the letters returned to school straight away, if they have not already been returned. Please contact Mrs Middleton at school, if you have any queries.



## New Board of Trustee Member

At our last BOT meeting we were very pleased to welcome Mr Ofakiloma Taimani onto our Board as a new Bishop's Representative to replace Mrs Pat DeZoete who has just resigned after being on leave for some time. Ofa is very excited to continue to be part of the St Pius X journey after his daughter graduated at the end of last year. Ofa brings a wealth of experience in finance and government as well as Parish involvement and is very keen to help increase parental involvement in the school. The present term of office for our Board of Trustees finishes early next year with elections in May.

## End of Term Disco

On the last Friday of Term 3 we had a special disco to celebrate the end of term. The students organised the music for the competitions and house and class challenges, with DJ Slade on the mic.



Motu and Mrs Pulotu getting into the spirit of 'Wacky Hair' Day and other students forming a 'Conga' Line at the disco. It was great to see all the children, no matter what their age, getting along so well together. Everybody had a great time although some of the teachers had better moves than others on the dance floor.

## Te Rangatira Badges



**Joshua, Seuati and Salote receiving their Badges for Service.**

This week I was very pleased to award **Te Rangatira Badges** to a group of excellent students who have worked very hard in this group all year. They have shown an excellent attitude and been great role models for all the other students.



# Term 4 2015

October				
19 RE Focus <b>Charism/Prayer</b> BOT Meeting	Week 2	20	21	22
26 <b>Labour Day</b> <b>Holiday</b>	Week 3	27 Assessment Week	18	29
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				31 <sup>st</sup> Raffle Drawn
November				
2 RE Focus Assessment (cont.) <b>All Souls Day</b> Whole school mass	Week 4	3 <b>Kids4Kids</b> morning rehearsal Evening Show at Manukau	4	5
9 Cluster Writing Moderation	Week 5	10	11 <b>Cluster Film</b> <b>Festival</b> Whole school to Sylvia Park	12 <b>Senior Sailing</b> Year's 6-8
16 RE Focus	Week 6	17	18	19 <b>Tamaki Boards</b> <b>Forum 6.00pm</b>
23	Week 7	24	25 Senior Activities <b>Skateland</b>	26 Senior Activities <b>School Based</b>
30 RE Focus <b>Advent begins</b> BOT meeting <b>Senior Careers Wk</b>	Week 8			27 Senior Activities <b>Rangitoto Island</b>
December				
		1	2 <b>Helpers</b> Morning Tea	3
7 RE Focus <b>Ear Van</b> at St Pius 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Carol Service	Week 9	8	9 <b>Leavers' Dinner</b>	10
14 <b>Prizegiving</b> and <b>School picnic</b> on field afterwards. 10.00am <b>Reports</b> go home	Week 10	15 <b>Last Day of Term</b> School finishes at <b>12.30pm</b>		11 <b>Leavers Mass</b> 9.15am

Senior Activities Lotto Raffle: Drawn 31<sup>st</sup> October Lotto Draw. Please return all ticket money to school by the end of Week 3.