



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Last Friday we had a special mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During the mass we also recognised our wonderful caretaker who has just retired. Mr Huni Fifita first started working at St Pius in 1989 and has kept our school looking great for nearly 25 years. All his 5 sons attended this school before going on to Sacred Heart College and then University. We were very pleased that four of his sons and their own families, as well as Huni's wife Amelia, were able to join us for mass and then at a special morning tea afterwards. All the children made thank you cards and Father Ioane gave a special blessing to Huni and his family.

At the end of Mass, Huni Fifita Junior, spoke about how privileged he felt about the support his father and family had received from the whole St Pius X Community. He especially mentioned the Holy Faith Sisters and all the Parish Priests who had personally helped his family over so many years. It was noted that the Fifita family were the first Tongan family to settle in St Pius X Parish. Huni senior, will be sadly missed by all the staff and children. He has been a tremendous role model to other families about what can be achieved when families totally support their children's education. We were very pleased that Sr Ann Warren was able to be at the mass to represent the Holy Faith Sisters and our previous principal, Mrs Gina Benade also came along to be with Huni on this special occasion.

As a momento, the school Board of Trustees has commissioned a whole school photo which we will have framed so there will be a lasting reminder that the Fifita Family will always be part of the St Pius X School Community.



Board of Trustees Election Results

Thank you so much to those who stood for our Board Elections. The results are as follows:

Mr Wayne Moa, Ms Betty Wang, Mrs Cecelia Vakauta, Mrs Catherine Ringwood and Mr Peter Sosefo elected as Parent Representatives.

Bishop Pat has appointed the following as his Proprietors Representatives:

Fr Ioane, Mrs Pat DeZoete, Mrs Akata Siale and Mr Sepolona Tai

The Staff Representative is **Mrs Debbie Williams** and I am a member as Principal.

The new Board will be commissioned this Sunday at 10.00am at our Parish/School Mass.

All Children are expected to attend this mass.

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.

Siniva S	- Helpfulness	Salome F	- Helpfulness
Teanoano M	- Enthusiasm	Saveu U	- Helpfulness
Olidah T	- Peacefulness	Maea T	- Perseverance
Charis A	- Diligence	Akesa S	- Determination
Joshua U	- Kindness	Rosrine V	- Responsibility
Christian F	- Responsibility	Mele S	- Peacefulness
Ilaisaane P	- Enthusiasm	Leki F	- Diligence

Caught Being Good

Fanoali'i Rm 4 (x2), Malia Rm 5, Gabriel Rm 1, Siniva Rm 7, Frank Rm 6, Savelio Rm 6, Jane Rm 6 (x3), Saveu Rm 5, Rachel Rm 3, Mei Rm 4 (x2), Teanoano Rm 5, Lili Rm 1, Laki Rm 2, Ana-Lisa Rm 5

Catholic Review

We finally received our confirmed Review this week. Our whole community can be very proud of what the Reviewers found during their visit and the report they have written. Special thanks must go to our Director of Religious Studies, Mrs Ana Tui for all her efforts getting ready for the review and to all our teachers and support staff who work so hard to support the Special Character of our school.

I will put a copy of the whole report on our website shortly, but I have included the conclusion page here so everybody can get a chance to see what the Reviewers thought of us.

St Pius X Catholic School provides a child-centred, nurturing learning environment that focuses on the whole child and the achievement of excellence. The spiritual and academic leadership of the Principal, a dedicated staff and the close links with the St Pius X Parish together combine to form a successful Catholic community. The Holy Faith charism and values provide the school with an ethos that permeates school life.

The children spoken to by the reviewers were living testament that the school is achieving what the community aspires to in their vision:

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

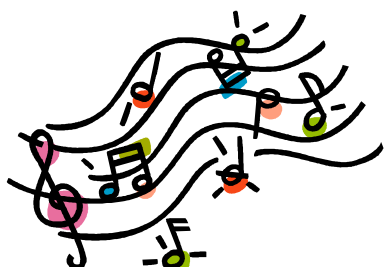
The children are confident, happy and engaged in their learning. Along with their families they are proud members of the St Pius X School community.

Mr Neil Laurenson – Manager Catholic Education Services

Mrs Colleen Gleeson – Review and Development Officer, Catholic Schools' Office.

Music Mentoring

This special course has now started for a selected group of talented Year 8 students who will work with a 'Star' mentor each week for the rest of the term. They will be split into two groups and will go through the process of writing, arranging and performing their own songs which will be recorded onto CD's when finished. You will remember one of last years groups, **Uprising Vibrations**, had their song chosen for New Zealand Music Month and is getting played on the radio at present.



Parent Interviews - Appointments

On Wednesday 10th July we will be having our Three Way Conferences (Parent Interviews). School will finish at 12.30. We are going to try and arrange interview times this year so that people will not have to wait too long. Last year some parents had to wait for more than an hour. We will be sending home forms for you to complete shortly, so we can make the times that best suit you. All parents are expected to attend these interviews.

Netbook payment Issues

Please make contact with the Anita at school on Wednesday mornings or at Tamaki College at other times, if you are having any issues with keeping up your netbook payments.

School uniforms – shoes especially

All children should now be wearing black school shoes as detailed in our school uniform policy. Please help support us by not buying alternate styles like the kung fu style canvas that one or two children are now wearing. This just causes problems and creates difficult situations.



Swimming Pool – towels

Swimming has been going well especially since the weather has been better. Please encourage your children to bring their togs each day. Those who have been regular swimmers have made great progress. If anybody has any old towels we can have at school to keep as spares, they would be most appreciated. Just drop them off at the school office or send along with your child.



Netball update

On Wednesday 5 June a group of St Pius students went to the AMI Netball courts and represented our school by coming first in the Netball Cluster. The years 5 and 6 did very well.

The Year 7 and 8 netball team won all their games and had one draw. They were in the semi-finals and came out with a win. We all played fairly and had a great time.

Results

Year 7 and 8 1st Place out of 11 teams

Year 6 6th Place

Year 5 5th Place

Our Tuesday night teams are both progressing well. Please remember to pay your \$10.00 for the year's subs. Our sponsor has paid for our new uniforms and referee fees and for new netballs.

Home School Partnership Meeting

We had a wonderful 'Home / School Partnership' meeting last Thursday evening. Just under half of our families were represented which was a great effort. All those who spoke to me said they found the meeting very useful and well worth-while.

We had a Health Focus with 4 visiting nurses from the Auckland District Health Board presenting two separate workshops advising parents how they can best support their children.

The first looked at Skin Health. We have had many children presenting at school with sores, Scabies or other skin infections. We have information at school if you are worried or need to get advice.

The second topic was about nutrition and providing healthy lunches. Most of our children bring plenty of food to school but often it is not very healthy. We presently eat far too much fatty food or meals which have too much sugar.

The amount of sleep that children are getting was also discussed. Many of the children stay up very late watching TV or visiting family or attending meetings during the week. Parents need to make sure the children are well rested ready to learn each day at school.



Term 2 2013

May 2013				
10 RE Focus God Strand Weeks 6 – 9 Class and Team Photos	11	12 Hearing and Vision Testing	13	14 Sunday 16th June School Mass 10.00am BOT Commissioning
17	18 Last Day of Football	19	20	21 Rooms 1, 2 and 6 Mass
24	25	26	27	28
July 2012				
1	2	3	4	5 Rooms 3 and 4 attend Mass
8 RE Focus Charism	9	10 Parent Interviews School closes 12.30pm	11 Last Day of Term for students	12 Teacher Only Day