



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Congratulations St Pius X Parish on the wonderful celebrations over the weekend acknowledging St Pius X Feast Day and the 60th Jubilee of the Parish. What a beautiful service bringing all the different groups together and recognising all those who have gone before us that have made this community so special. A great feast, with fabulous entertainment, followed to complete a fantastic celebration. Well done St Pius X Parish.

Several weeks ago I had the privilege of joining the Catholic Schools' Office Review Team as an observer, as they carried out the review of another Catholic School on the North Shore. I found the experience hugely beneficial as I reflect on the Special Catholic Character of our school. It was very affirming to see similar practises I know happen at St Pius X being so positively acknowledged by the review team. Mrs Tui, our Director of Religious Studies is presently preparing for our internal Special Character Review for this year. Families will be asked to complete a short survey, similar to those in previous years, detailing thoughts about different aspects of our school life.

Auckland Museum Visit

Room 4 Students visited Glen Innes Library last week for a special exhibition from Auckland Museum where they had a hands on experience with artefacts from the Pacific. Special thanks to Anu, our friend from the library, and to the group of parents who were able to help with supervision on the trip.



Zirka Circus

The circus came to town last week for a short taster show which all the children and staff enjoyed very much. This is the second time we have hosted Zirka Circus in the last few years. It was fascinating to see that the performers were just young children of 8, 9 and 10 years of age. Some of our students who went to the main show also had an amazing time.



Cook Island Language week was celebrated by a group of senior students who taught the school some simple greetings and songs. This is the second year we have been able to take part and all the children enjoyed learning about this Pacific Island Group and culture. Special thanks to Ms Jeannie and others who helped. Some members of the Te Rangitira Group spoke at the special assembly at the end of the week.



Kalolaine



Olga



Albert



Ms Jeannie, Joshua and Faleaka

Cross Country- This Thursday starting at 1.00pm.

All parents are invited to come along to support the children in their efforts to complete our Annual Cross Country. Once again it will be held at Eastview Reserve. The children have been practising for several weeks now. Children are asked to wear their **House Colours** as they will be competing for the **House Trophy**. They will need to wear some appropriate footwear on the run.

Parish Sacramental Programme

On Sunday 28th August **Bishop Pat** will be visiting St Pius X to **celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation** for a group of our young students. All families are welcome to join with us at the 10.00am Mass in the church. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers at this time.

Netball

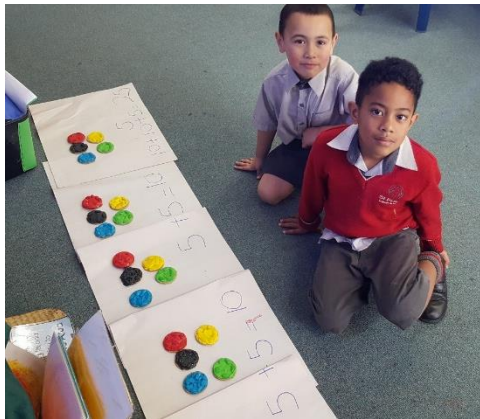
Congratulations to our **netball team** who have competed wonderfully at the ASB Netball Centre each Tuesday evening this season. Special thanks to coaches and parents who have supported the team throughout the season on some very cold and wet nights. Well done, everyone!

Healthy Lunches at St Pius X

Last week all the children, and staff were given a free **Healthy Lunch** provided by some local health professionals and supported by the **New Zealand School of Management**. About twenty Trainee Chefs did the preparation as part of their study and gave a brief talk to each class as the lunches were given out.



Olympic Learning



What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had watching and learning about the Olympic Games. The athletes have been outstanding. All the classes have been hard at work learning about the history of the Olympics and some of the countries taking part.

Villami and **Xavier** have been learning about the Olympic Rings by baking some cookies and then learning how to count them in groups of five. It is great when you can eat your learning afterwards.



CyberSafe Programme

Room 7 were lucky to have a visit from Constable Gordon last week to talk about Cyber Safety in relation to the law. He had a presentation that he uses in all his schools letting children know their responsibilities when going on line. There has been a lot of publicity about Cyber Bullying recently in the media so it is important for our learners to know what to do if they come across any. They were also given a clear message on how the Police deal with Cyber Bullies.



Mass On Thursday

Room 4 will be leading the school mass on Thursday to help celebrate St Pius X Feast Day. All parents and families are invited to join us at 9.00am in the church.

Term 3 2016

August 2016				
15 Week 4 Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady	16	17 Hearing and Vision Testing	18	19 Sunday 21/8 Feast of St Pius X
22 Week 5 BOT Meeting 7.00pm	23	24	25 St Pius X Mass Rm 4 Mass 9.00am Cross Country 1.00pm	26 Manaiakalani Hui at Tamaki Yacht Club 28/8 First Communion/Confirmation
29 Week 6 Sacrament Strand	30	31		
September 2016				
			1	2 Room 3 Class Mass
5 Week 7 Tongan Language Week 4 th – 10 th	6	7	8	9 Room 1 Class Mass AP/DP Conference
12 Week 8 Social Justice Week 11 th – 17 th	13 Cluster RE Meeting	14	15 Tamaki Boards' Forum 6.00pm	16 Learning Celebration Assembly
19 Week 9 BOT Meeting 7.00pm	20	21	22 Duffy Theatre Show – 1.30pm	23

GI.ANTZ Homework Club at Glen Innes Library starts again this term, 3.30 – 4.30 Monday to Thursday. Enrolment forms at School or the library. Free.

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New bus and train zones start 14 August 2016






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