



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

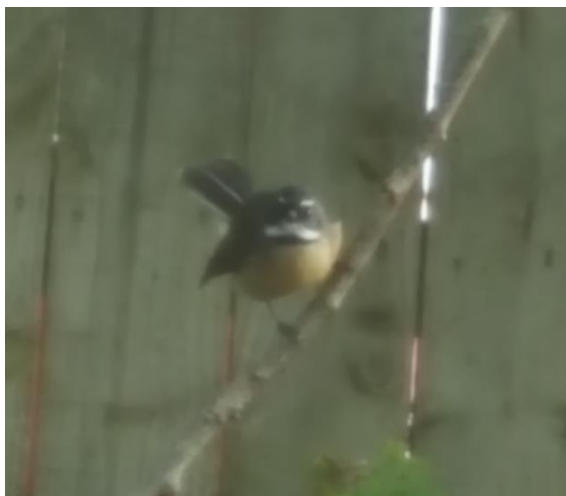
At our Board of Trustee meeting last week, our Draft **Catholic Character Review Report** was presented and discussed. With a few minor suggestions, the excellent report was signed and sent back to the Catholic Schools' Office for final confirmation. We will receive this back shortly and then I will publish it on our website for all families to read. It is an excellent report for which we can be very proud. The Catholic Character of our school is strong, vibrant and visible. Special thanks to our Board, staff, parents and students who met with the review team and were able to showcase the school so well. Special thanks to our Director of Religious Studies **Mrs Tui**, for all her wonderful guidance over years, as well as the extra work preparing for the review.

Important Notice

There has been a change of date for our next Board of Trustee meeting as it coincides with our scheduled **Education Review Office** visit. The meeting date has been brought forward by one week from Monday May 15th to Monday May 8th. As always these meetings are open to parents.

Caring for our Common Home Te Taiao o Tamaki - The Environment of Tamaki

Most parents should by now know that the whole school, along with our **Manaiaikalani Cluster**, is involved with a special study about our local environment. **SPX Nu'u** has several projects planned for this term and the rest of the year. One of these is to design and build some bird feeders to attract more birds to our school. This will be a challenge with so many large trees being cut down in the area to make way for building houses. This week we had two very special visitors playing near the staffroom windows.



Netball

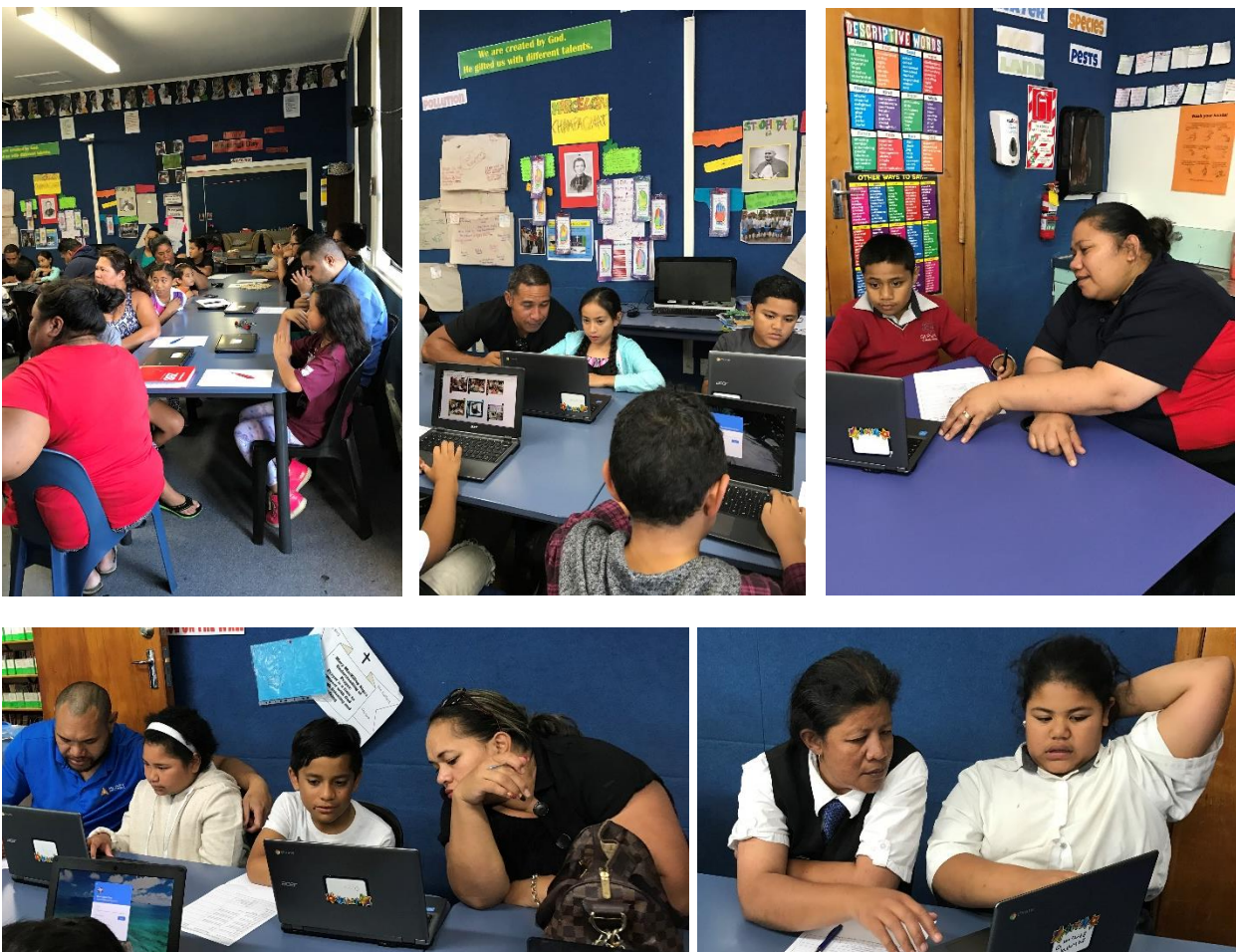
Training for these teams will be starting shortly so anybody who wants to play on Tuesday evenings at the Auckland Netball Centre must register their name with Mrs Middleton as soon as possible.

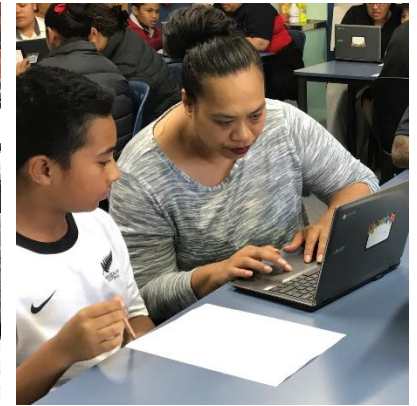
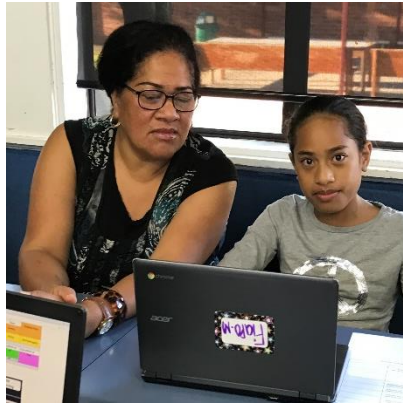
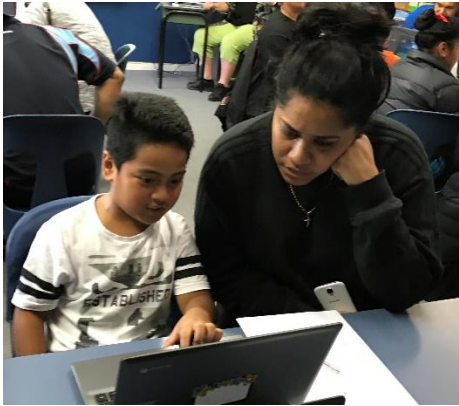
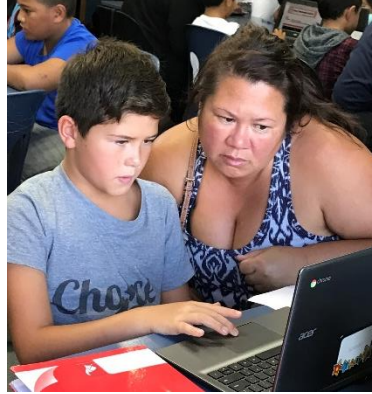
Room 5 Parent Meeting to Learn about Chrome Books

Last week Mrs Middleton from Room 5 had a fantastic parent meeting in preparation for her class taking home their new Chromebooks. It is important that parents know what to expect and then how to engage with their children's learning. All parents will have constantly heard me pleading for parents to make comments on their children's class or personal blogs. The Room 5 parents now have 'no excuse' for not commenting every week, as they have now completed the training necessary and know how to do it. I will be watching . . . - I have offered a class reward for the first class that has every child receive a comment on their blog from a parent.



After the class meeting, all parents had a chance to work with their children actually using the chromebooks. You can see the concentration on both the parents and children's faces.





On Monday afternoon, I had the privilege of teaching in Room 5 for a short period of time. Spot the unmotivated child – I don't think so !!!



Te Taiao o Tāmaki

During Term 1, 2017 all **Manaiaikalani Schools** will be participating in a cluster inquiry focusing on the health of local streams and pest eradication. Each school will be designing a programme of learning in response to their learners and local environment.

Click on the Links below to connect with and comment on the learning shared via our blogs

Quad Blogging

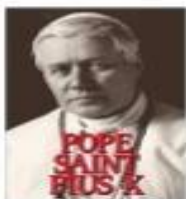
Throughout the term we will be sharing our learning and connecting with each other online and via our blogs. This will culminate in a learning celebration at Te Oro, where our young people will be presenting throughout the day for whānau and connecting with each other **kanohi-ki-te-kanohi**.

Learning Celebration **Wednesday 12th April, 2017**. We will need some parent helpers to walk with the children down to Te Oro.

[Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, Glen Innes](#)

Term 1 2017

March 2017					
27	Week 9	28	29 HPV Year 7/8	30	31
April 2017					
3	Week 10	4	5	6	7
10	Week 11	11	12 HPV catch-ups Manaiaikalani Learning Celebration at Te Oro	13 Holy Thursday Liturgy Last Day of Term	Good Friday



Friendly Cafe Forum for parents of Saint Pius X Catholic School students



Tuesday 4 April, 10.45 am in the Library

Or Thursday 6 April, 6.00 pm In Room 7

Awaken the Aroha for our children,

we value your attendance, voice & input.

**Come & learn of the different
support services that you
can access.**



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**RSVP by 3 April for
catering purposes,
Confirm by text the day
you wish to attend**

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