



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Welcome back to Term 3 and, as usual, it has been an extremely busy time in the life of our school. So much has happened already and we are just starting Week 3!!!

What a beautiful mass we had on the 30th July when we came together with the St Pius X Parish to celebrate the new term and the bonds we have within our community. Two of our 'best mates' five year olds **Alfonsus** and **Tutei** looked splendid as did all the children who dressed in their Sunday best for this lovely celebration. Special thanks to **Mrs Tui**, **Mr Tai** and their teams, for preparing the children so well, and to the parish members who were happy to forgo their rostered ministry duties, to allow the children to take part. Thankyou also to **Fr Felise** for always being so welcoming to the children.



The Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass and Caring Awards

Our students, **Ana-Lei, Von** and **Lusia** were awarded a special certificate by **Bishop Patrick Dunn** at the Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass and Caring Awards at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday July 26th, for their outstanding care and commitment to caring for others in their school and community.



The Foundation, through donations and bequests, has been supporting communities in need with grants for emergency housing, domestic violence prevention, elderly support, growth programmes for youth, foodbanks, refugee, migrant and new settler support services and families in crisis for over 25 years. Please support our annual July Appeal and help those in desperate need in our community.

Cook Island Language Week Images



Meitaki Maata

Meitaki

Kia manuia

Nook ake ra

Kia orana



Winter Blogging

During the recent holidays, 43 of our senior students chose to take part in the **Winter Learning Journey** where they voluntarily continued their learning throughout the holiday break. The programme, sponsored by Manaiakalani Education Trust and involving over 250 students from our cluster, took the children on a virtual tour of New Zealand where they learnt about many new places and wrote about what they were like. The children tried to complete one activity each day as well as commenting on the blogs of as many of the other children as they could. They were awarded points for the quality of their work and how active they were supporting other children. There were over 5000 individual blog postings across the whole group and I was very proud to hear that the St Pius X learners were the most active compared to all the other schools with Lusia from SPX Nu'u being the overall winner.



St Pius X Winners

SPX Nu'u

Lusia 1st

Von 2nd

Brooke 3rd =

Mikaela 3rd =

Room 5

Helena 2nd

Chris 3rd

Our prize winners can be seen with **Mrs Rachel Williams** with their prizes which included CD's and lots of healthy treats.

Government Book Week



During the last week of last Term 2 we were visited by **Mr Simon O'Connor**, the Member of Parliament for Tamaki to present our Duffy Books. **Mr O'Connor** has been to our school before and always enjoys meeting our children and staff and representing the Duffy Books in Homes Programme particularly during Government Book Week. He spoke about the importance of reading and how he now enjoys reading to his own children.

Term 3 2017

August 2017				
7 R.E. Focus Church Strand	8	9	10 Boostrix Immunisation	11 (13/8) Bishop Pat 1 st Communion/ Confirmation
14 R.E. Focus Church Strand	15 Feast of the Assumption	16	17	18 Netball Field Day Both teams all day ASB Stadium
21 R.E. Focus Sacrament Strand Feast of St Pius X BOT Meeting 7pm	22	23	24 Yr7/8 1.30pm Revolution Tour visit	25 Manaiakalani Hui
28 R.E. Focus Sacrament Strand	29	30 ASB Getwise Financial Literacy Programme	31	
September				
				1 Learning Celebration Assembly
4 R.E. Focus Sacrament Strand Tongan Language Week	5	6 Whole School Zoo trip	7 Visit by 7 teachers from Cairns BOT Boards' Forum	8
11 R.E. Focus Social Justice Week Maori Language Week	12	13 HPV Vaccinations Yr 8	14	15
18 R.E. Focus Revision HPV Catch-ups BOT Meeting 7pm	19	20	21	22 Whole School Grandparents Mass Learning Celebration Assembly
25 R.E. Focus	26	27	28	29 Last Day of Term

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