

# Newsletter

27 March 2013

St Pius X School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

We are now half way through the most important week in our liturgical year, Holy Week. This started with the blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper followed by his crucifixion on Good Friday. The highlight happens on Easter Sunday with Jesus rising from the dead. Throughout the week all the children have been learning about this at their own level so they can understand what we are celebrating. We will have a special Easter Liturgy on Thursday in the church at 9.30am. As always, parents and family are welcome and encouraged to join with us for this wonderful sharing time. I have asked the children to spend some time talking with their parents about what they are learning and I also ask you to find the time to talk to the children about what they know. Please make a special effort to attend the Parish Easter celebrations across the weekend.

## St Pius X Parish celebrations

Holy Thursday –	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday –	10.00am	Way of the Cross led by the parish Youth
	3.00pm	Commemoration of Jesus' Passion and Death
		Confessions after 3.00pm service
Holy Saturday -	7.30pm	Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday -	9.00am	Mass

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly

Malia	- Excellence	Gabriel	- Peacefulness
Zahara	- Friendliness	Akesa	- Love
Aaliyah	- Commitment	Katelyn	- Caring
Samantha	- Helpfulness	Fonuamotu	- Enthusiasm
Frank	- Diligence	Catherine	- Commitment
Patrick	- Helpfulness	Alecia	- Diligence
Malia	- Excellence	Gabriel	- Peacefulness

## Caught Being Good

**Malia** Rm 1 (x2), **Gabriel** Rm 1, **Mei** Rm 4, **Samasoni** Rm 4, **Salote** Rm 6, **Folauhola** Rm 6, **Anna Lisa** Rm 4, **Stanley** Rm 5, **Lezabelle** Rm 6, **Tangi** Rm 6, **Joshua** Rm 3, **Dalaney** Rm 6

## Soul Friends Mass



Fr Ioane celebrated a special Mass for St Patrick's Day and for our Soul Friends.



## Telecom Foundation Supports Manaiakalani Education Trust

Telecom have been so impressed with the work we have been doing at St Pius and throughout our Cluster, that they have decided to donate a huge sum of money to help us continue this great work. Miss Gleeson and I were privileged to attend a special function at Tamaki College last week for this announcement. You may have seen coverage on TV One News. Simon O'Connor, our local Member of Parliament was there as well as Sir Bob Harvey, who is the Chairman of the Telecom Foundation. As you can see several of our students were chosen to be the 'face' of their campaign. Our students also feature in a promotional movie that will be online shortly showcasing the work we are doing.

The message was very clear that "the Manaiakalani Programme is achieving strong improvements in learning outcomes and student engagement through its whole-of-community approach to e-learning. It is developing world-class building blocks for educational success, establishing 'digital DNA' in a community that would otherwise have little access to technology."

Visit [telecomfoundation.org.nz](http://telecomfoundation.org.nz) to find out more.

## Senior Librarians for 2013



Christian, Salamona and Vililatai received their Librarian Badges at assembly last week.

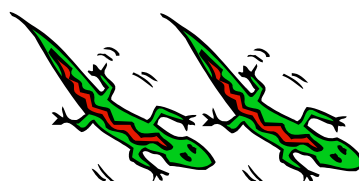
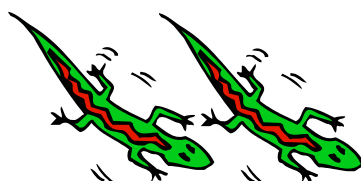
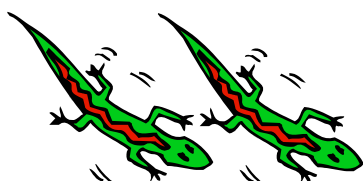
## School Athletics Sports Day



The St Pius X Athletic Sports were held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



We had a very successful day with a slightly changed format which ensured all the children were involved most of the time. The winning House this year was **Geckos**. Congratulations to your Student leaders. Special thanks to Miss Leuapepe and her team for all their organisation. We had excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. We will now select our team to represent St Pius at the Cluster sports later in the year.



**Term 1 2013**

March 2013

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25 RE Focus	26	27	28 Easter Liturgy	29 Good Friday



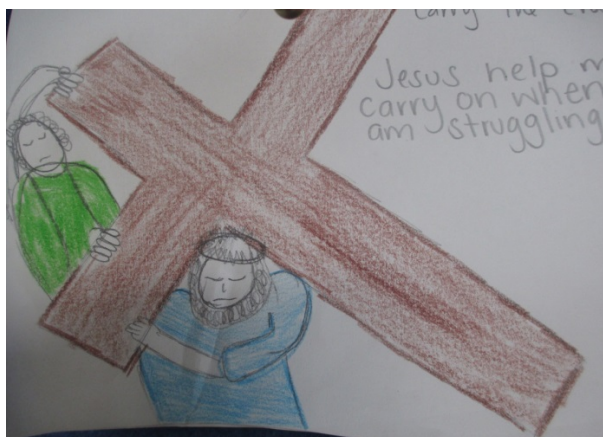
Jesus Strand			9.30am	Holiday
<b>April 2012</b>				
1 Easter Monday Holiday	2 Easter Tuesday Holiday	3 RE Focus Easter	4	5
8 RE Focus Easter	9	10 Catholic Character Review	11 Catholic Character Review	12 Room 3 Assembly
15 RE Focus Holy Spirit Strand BOT meeting	16 Auckland Catholic Principals Conference, Sydney	17	18	19 Last Day of Term

**Don't Forget**  
**Easter Liturgy – 9.30am Thursday**  
**Good Friday**  
**Easter Monday and Tuesday**  
**School Opens again on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Just some of Room 7's writing about their Soul Friends.**

*On the feast of St. Patrick, we celebrated a special mass. We had to bless our promise to our Soul Friends. Soul friends are two people, mostly a bigger student and a little person from the junior classes making a promise that they will look after each other during the school year. We share our stories at school and spend time to pray together.*

*My Soul friend is Teanoano. She is 7 years old from Room 5. I read a prayer at mass and I took her up with me. I shared my lunch with her. I look forward to journey with her during the 2013 school year.*  
**Dawn Room 7**



*Jesus, help me to carry on when I am struggling.*



**Catherine Room 7**

*I am learning to solve addition and subtraction problems using materials like a tens frame and play money. I like working with Ms Ana. She helps me and she is funny.* **Viliami Room 7**