



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for the great start to the school year. It has been a busy but very settled start so a big thank you as well to our wonderful staff who always go beyond the call of duty to support our students' learning.

Most parents will be aware by now, that I will be away from school for the whole of Term 2 on Sabbatical. This means I will take some time to refresh and rejuvenate before undertaking a study during the second half of the term. I will be travelling to visit schools in both **Samoa** and **Tonga** to gain a better understanding of the different schooling systems that most of our parents experienced themselves. I will be visiting both **Upolu** and **Savai'i** in Samoa and **Tongatapu** and **Vava'u** in Tonga. I am very much looking forward to these two visits.

Mrs Williams will be Acting Principal for the term. She will answer any email messages sent to either principal@saintpiusx.school.nz or debbiew@saintpiusx.school.nz or phone the school office or drop in anytime.

Sacramental Programme

The parish Sacramental Programme will be beginning after the holidays. We have a large number of students who have not made their First Holy Communion yet or been confirmed. Remember all Catholic children over the age of eight years are invited to go through this programme offered on Sunday mornings next term through our Parish. Please pick-up an enrolment form from the church or the school and return to Julianna in the Parish Office as soon as possible. We will also send forms home with students who indicate they may wish to complete their sacraments.



Reconciliation



Confirmation



First Holy Communion

Please remember that it is our responsibility as parents to ensure our children are welcomed fully into our Catholic Church.

The following children were selected at our Duffy Assembly last week to receive free books.

Caught Being Good Winners

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| Taniela | Room 3 | Mikaela | Room 7 | Audrey | Room 4 |
| LangiLangi | Room 3 | Daniel | Room 4 | Hoho | Room 1 |

Duffy Assembly



Last week we were very lucky to have a special visitor to our Duffy Role Model Assembly. **Mrs Lisa Allen** who is a famous book illustrator came and spoke to the children about her life and what made her believe that reading is so important. She reminded the children to always stick at what you want to do. To dream big and then work out how to achieve those dreams. It is not always easy but very rewarding when you get to do exactly what you love. She showed us some of her books that she has illustrated as well as a large number of her drawings. It can take her up to six months to complete the drawings for even a reasonably short children's book.

We were also very fortunate that our Duffy sponsors were able to come to the assembly to help give out this term's books. **Mr Peter Don** from the Rotary Club of Parnell and **Mrs Michele Mann** have supported our school for some time now and have promised to continue to do so into the future.

Netball

Netball starts next term. Hopefully we will have enough players for two teams again this year and we will be able to get sponsorship again, to pay the subs. Please speak to **Mrs Middleton** if you have any queries. There is a change of day this year for our Year 5/6 team who will now play on Thursdays. If we have enough players for a Year 7/8 team they will play as usual on Tuesday evenings.



Athletic Sports

We will be holding our school Athletics Sports this **Thursday 12th April** in the afternoon starting at 1pm, weather permitting. Parents are invited to join us and if possible, offer your own transport, badge or other help. The children have been asked to bring in their own classes and looking forward to an enjoyable day. Children are asked to where the colour of their shirt is possible.

CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Holiday Reading

Please support all the children to read as much as possible during the holiday break. The excellent Glen Innes library is open every-day so please use it as much as possible.

Class Blogging Records : Rooms 5 and 7 students have individual blogs.

| Room No. | Number of Comments | Total Page Views in last 30 days |
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| 1 | 183 | 1006 |
| 3 | 154 | 1003 |
| 4 | 179 | 982 |
| 5 | 14 | 709 |
| 7 | 62 | 826 |

Meet some more important staff members.

The wonderful people who help make St Pius X tick !!!

(Interviews conducted by Student Reporters from Room 7)

New School Nurse

We were saddened to say goodbye to our wonderful **School Nurse Kirsty** recently, but extremely excited to hear about the safe arrival of her new baby girl **Evelyn Maia**, a few weeks early. We wish Kirsty and family all the blessings from St Pius X.

I would like to introduce our new nurse, **Leanne Faull** who has now started and enjoying meeting our students and families.

Student Reporter Anna Lisa interviewed her for this newsletter about her background, to help us get to know her better.

Nurse Leanne has been a nurse for five years and just started working with Starship this year. Most recently she has worked at a clinic in a very small remote Aboriginal Community in Australia. Previously to that she spent three years working in South Auckland in family practice and Care and Protection for Youth Justice Residences. She grew up in West Auckland and still lives there with her husband and cat. She is really looking forward to working with the lovely St Pius X families.



Also meet **Patricia**, as well as **Tracey** and **Anna-Lisa** who are also on the Breakfast Club Roster. We really thank these generous individuals who give up their own time to prepare, set-up and then clean-up each morning to make sure every child at the school has something for breakfast. We are always looking for others to

join the team so if you could spare about an hour once a week please contact our school office or **Siueli** our SWiS for more information.

Just some of the lovely Easter Crosses made by the Year 7 and 8 Learners



Room One

Gardeners Extraordinaire !!!



From seedlings



Plenty of water



Plenty more water



Lots of love and care.



Every single learner in Room One has worked extremely hard looking after these beautiful Sun Flowers. They have seen them grow from tiny seeds to plants that have produced the most amazing flowers.

As well as growing these lovely flowers, they have been learning about them, measuring them and creating wonderful writing and art work. The language learning has been fantastic.

Check out the **Room One Blog** to see a more detailed record of all the learning that our 5 year olds have been doing.

[Room One Blog](#)