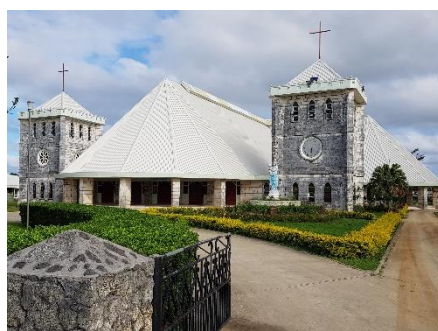




Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It is great to be back at school after being away during Term 2. I have travelled all around the world and in particular spent time visiting many town and village schools in both Samoa and Tonga. I need to especially thank Mrs Williams for leading the school so well while I was away and for all the staff taking on extra responsibilities during this time. I must also publically thank all those members of our community who organised their family in Tonga and Samoa to look after me so well. Special mention of the Pulu and Kuilboer families in Vava'u, and to Br Chris Marney and the Marist Brothers Community in Mulivai for opening their homes and taking the time to make my visit special. There were many, many others who helped in so many ways including offering advice and contacts. I am in the process of writing a report for our Board of Trustees and the New Zealand Teachers Council, which I will share with our community once completed. So far I have very much enjoyed chatting with many of our staff, parents and students about their own experiences growing up in the Pacific and with me having visited their villages, really added to my experience. Just a few images!





## Kia Orana

This week is **Cook Island Language Week** and as is our custom, all the classes will be celebrating this in their own way. Thank you to Anna-Lisa's mum Tracey, for putting together the lovely display for our office.



## Kiwi Sport



Just some of the Room 3 **'Future Breakers'** stars practising their Basketball skills as part of our Kiwisport Programme this term. The coaches were very impressed with the overall skills that all our senior students showed.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/)

(go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions)

## Driveway Rules

**Please drive very carefully whenever you use the school or church driveway to keep the children safe and please also refrain from driving up after school, even if the cones have not been put out yet.**

## Caring Foundation Mass

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of taking **Ewan** and **Katelyn** to the annual Caring Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Unfortunately **Mikaela** was unable to attend with us as she was ill. They had been selected to receive special certificates as representatives from our school of children who show a wonderful understanding and support for those who have greater needs than ourselves. This picture shows **Katelyn** receiving the certificates from **Bishop Pat**, along with children from all the other Catholic Schools in Auckland.



**Bishop Pat and Katelyn with our Certificates**

## Property News

I am very pleased to inform our community that plans are well underway, **again**, for our school redevelopment which we have been promised for a few years now. The total refurbishment of Rooms 1 and 2 will begin during Term 4 ready for completion before the start of 2019. The Catholic Schools' Office schedule then has the major rebuild of our new school starting after Christmas, with completion before the end of next year. Exciting times ahead. We are very busy planning for this disruption with our Year 1 class moving temporarily into the Music Room for the final half of Term 4. There may be some access issues on the courts as well as we cater for all the contractors etc. I will keep everybody informed.

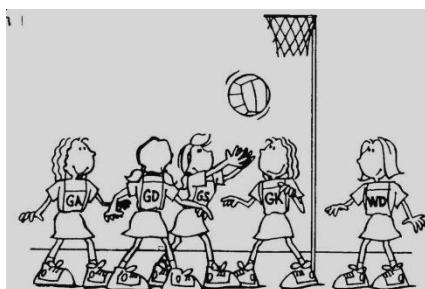
## Grandparents Mass

Please join with us on Friday morning as we celebrate all our Grandparents with mass in the St Pius X Church. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the library.

## Welcome New Students

Special welcome to **Marist** who joins us from **Marist Brothers' Primary in Mulivai in Apia** and **Vika** and **Siaosi** from **Mt Maunganui**.

## Netball



Netball games start again this week. Our team plays at 5.15pm on Court 25 against Diocesan School.

Please come and support the team.



## Term 3 2018

August				
<b>Week 2</b> Cook Island Language Week		1	2 Netball	3 Grandparent's Mass 9.00am NED Show 12.00pm
6 <b>Week 3</b> <b>RE Focus</b> <b>Church Strand</b>	7 3 Way Conferences School finishes 12.30pm	8	9	10 SPX Cross-Country
13 <b>Week 4</b> BOT Meeting 7.00pm <b>RE Focus</b> <b>Church Strand</b>	14	15 Feast of the Assumption NZEI Strike Day	16 Cluster Cross-Country Bailey Road School	17 Learning Celebration Assembly Rm 3
20 <b>Week 5</b> <b>RE Focus</b> <b>Sacrament Strand</b>	21 <b>Feast of St Pius X</b> Variety Bike Presentation	22	23	24 Manaiakalani Annual Hui
27 <b>Week 6</b> <b>RE Focus</b> <b>Sacrament Strand</b>	28	29	30	31
September				
3 <b>Week 7</b> <b>RE Focus</b> <b>Sacrament Strand</b> Tongan Language Week	4	5	6	7
10 <b>Week 8</b> Maori Language Week	11	12	13	14  Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass/Show
17 <b>Week 9</b> BOT Meeting 7.00pm	18	19	20	21 Learning Celebration Assembly Rm 7
24 <b>Week 10</b>	25	26	27	28  Last Day of Term

**IMPORTANT      IMPORTANT      IMPORTANT      IMPORTANT**

3 Way Conferences are scheduled for next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. School will finish for lessons at 12.30pm with 10 minute conferences starting at 1.20pm and running through until 7.30pm. Please return the interview appointment sheet to school tomorrow, Thursday, indicating which block you will be able to attend. We will then let you know your actual time.

### NZEI Industrial Action 15<sup>th</sup> August.

We have just been informed by the Teachers' Union, the NZEI that all their members will be striking for the full day on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. As all our teachers are members of this union we will close the school on this day. Our teachers understand the inconvenience this may cause parents, but thank everybody for their support during contract negotiations.