



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

This week we celebrated the Feast of our Patron **St Pius X** with a beautiful Mass on Tuesday 21st August. The children have been learning about his life and what made his papacy so special. Please ask them about this. Special Birthday blessings to the St Pius X Parish as they celebrated their 62nd Anniversary as a Catholic Community over this past weekend.

Planning is well underway for our own **60th Jubilee** which will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th September** with a Jubilee Mass followed by a school performance telling the story of our school over the last sixty years. All the children will be expected to take part so please make sure you are free to join us and our invited guests to acknowledge this wonderful occasion. More details about the jubilee will go home in the coming weeks.

School Jubilee Sunday 16th September **Mass at 10.00am Performance at 12.15pm**

Tremendous thanks to all the parents and students who attended the **3 Way Student Conferences** last week and received their **Mid-Year Reports**. We had well over ninety percent attendance which was great. Parents, teachers and students had the chance to discuss achievement levels, what the next learning steps are and how parents can help at home. This Home School partnership is so vital to the children's success.



Well done to **Ailini** from Room 7 who was awarded an **Honours Badge** at our assembly this week. Ailini joined her brothers at St Pius X last year and has developed into a fine leader and role model to younger students. She has a wonderful attitude to her learning and is always responsible and helpful to others.



Congratulations the following students were awarded **Certificates** at our **Learning Celebration Assembly** last Friday.

Preston and Annabelle	from Room 1	Lose and Isitolo	from Room 4
Arvay and David	from Room 3	Sateki and Lili	from Room 5
Mikaela and Helena	from Room 7		

Also congratulations to these students who were selected after being **Caught Being Good** and received **free Duffy Books** as a reward.

Paula	Room 3	Moala	Room 3	Ana	Room 3	Jacob	Room 4
Alfonsus	Room 4	Daniel	Room 3	Jaden	Room 1	Jacob	Room 1
Christian	Room 4	Anthony	Room 1				

St Pius X Cross Country Results 2018			
Year 1	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls	Hope M	Christina L	Annabelle H
Boys	Anthony U	Andrew S	Anisi P
Year 2			
Girls	Lose S	Meela G	Everley T
Boys	Isotolo T	Vili S	Alfonsus K
Year 3			
Girls	Melenaite M	Moala P	Langiola U
Boys	Lisiate F and Taniela T		
Year 4			
Girls	Danielle M	Angeline H	Monique S
Boys	Amihuti M	Jabez S	Pita F
Year 5			
Girls	Silia P	Kalisi M	Malia F
Boys	Iverson T	Thomas M	Alfred S
Year 6			
Girls	Patience M	Dianne F	Akesa S
Boys	Cameron B	Opeti S	Siaosi T
Year 7			
Girls	Fiapo M	Aaliyah T	Telesia T
Boys	George V and Laki P		Jerome A
Year 8			
Girls	Vika T	Mikaela T	Claudia S
Boys	Ewan B	Obeley T and Macky S	
Overall House Trophy Winner - KIWIS			



Following our successful school Cross Country, Mr Gaffney selected a team to represent St Pius X at the Cluster Event at Bailey Road School. We are still waiting for the official printout of results but were very pleased with our Year 3 girls' team who placed 1st, Langiola, 2nd Melenaite and 3rd Moala, in their race. This was an outstanding achievement. Taniela was 6th in the Year 3 boys' race and Amihuti was 6th and Jabez 7th in Year 4 boys' event. Also to Ewan from Room 7 who finished 6th in the very competitive Year 8 boys' race.

Well done to all our competitors.

Teachers' and Principals' Industrial Action

All our teachers, with myself included, would like to sincerely thank our parent community for supporting our **Strike Action** last week. It was the first time in over twenty-four years that teachers have felt so angry at their pay and conditions, as well as the looming teacher supply crisis. They needed to send a real message to the Government that it must act now to avoid an even more serious situation of not having enough suitably qualified and dedicated teachers in front of your children in the future. Teachers have indicated they are prepared to strike again if the Government is unwilling to address these concerns during the ongoing contract negotiations. Let us hope they are able to come to an agreement to minimise disruption to the children's learning.

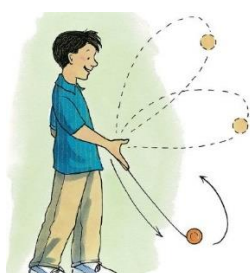


Some of our teachers on the March up Queen Street and earlier in the week, waiting to talk to parents as they collected their children, on the **National Day of Action** before the Strike Day.

Ned Show Returns to St Pius X



For the third time we hosted the touring **Ned Show** which focusses on children being positive in their attitude to learning and how they treat others. The story of the show follows Ned and uses tricks done on a yoyo as a motivating factor. Yoyos were sold as a means of '**paying it forward**' to allow other schools to have Ned visit free of charge. **Maris Stella** and **Patience** can be seen taking part in the show.



Term 3 2018

August				
20 Week 5 RE Focus Sacrament Strand	21 Feast of St Pius X Mass at 9.00am Variety Bike Presentation 2pm	22	23 Last Day for Netball	24 Manaiaakalani Annual Hui
27 Week 6 RE Focus Sacrament Strand	28	29 Rugby Field Day at University Rugby Club.	30	31
September				
3 Week 7 RE Focus Sacrament Strand Tongan Language Week	4	5	6	7
10 Week 8 Maori Language Week	11	12	13	14 Sunday 16 th Jubilee Mass/Show
17 Week 9 BOT Meeting 7.00pm	18	19	20	21 Learning Celebration Assembly Rm 7
24 Week 10	25	26	27	28 Last Day of Term