



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Happy Tongan Language Week



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

We were saddened last week to hear of the passing of our ex caretaker and long-time friend of the school, Mr Huni Fifita. Huni had worked at St Pius X for well over 30 years when he retired in 2013. We send our sincerest condolences to his wife Amelia and Family at this sad time. Many of the staff and students presented a wreath at his Requiem Mass. RIP Huni.

It is now only a little over one week until our Jubilee celebrations. The staff and children have been working extremely hard getting ready and practising for both the special Jubilee Mass as well as the performances afterwards. If your child is unable to be here on the 16th September the teachers need to know as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have already done that. As we are expecting a very large crowd which we will need to provide refreshments for, we are asking families to bring a plate of finger food on the Sunday morning when they arrive. We will send a reminder notice home but children will need to be at school by 9.30am at the latest on the day. They need to wear their school uniforms. They will then change into their costumes after mass as the parents and guests are having their refreshments. The children will receive some food and drink in their classrooms.

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

'Variety' Come to School



Television Actress **Amber Peebles** came to school last week with representatives from **Variety Children's Charity** to present brand new bikes to ten of our lucky students. St Pius X was chosen to host the ceremony for our area with children from Glenbrae and Point England Schools also attending.

Paula, Amihuti, Jabez, Maraia, Melie, Audrey, Moala, David, Pauline and Viliami all received beautiful new red bikes and helmets.



Cluster Rugby Field Day 5th September 2018

My Story as a Junior Captain

On Wednesday the 5th of September I was so excited to finally have a beautiful sunny day to actually play my first union game(s). Arriving at the University Rugby Ground was so nerve wracking. I saw other schools with bigger boys than us that looked like their good players, but I told myself to think positive and not to look at sizes and be confident for my team. After a few warm-ups it was our first game. We were up against Sylvia Park School. It was a great start for us, we managed to control the game despite a few mistakes, and we won 35-0.

Second game up, we played the Barbarians. This team didn't have enough players so we gave them some of our players to make it even. Yes we came out with the win but I think we could have done better. The score was 25-0.

We played our third game against Pt England. This game was harder and more challenging. We had the game but our boys were losing their confidence and energy. At the end it wasn't the score we wanted but it is what it is. We still made it to the semi-final but lost our great wing Cameron who got injured.



Our semi-final opposition team was Panama Road School. They were the top team for their section and we were second in our section. This was another hard game for us because not only their team had some great players but half of our team already put ourselves down and gave up. The game was rough and although half of us gave up we still played and tackled them to the last second with the final score 35-0 to P.R.S

Finally our last game for the day came up, we played Sylvia Park School again for third and fourth place. Some of our players were already thinking we would win because we won against them in our first game, but Mr Coakley (Coach) and I told them not to take pride too soon and play the game properly. The structure of the game was always with us, and our boys took pride of it and played around a bit. The score was 30-0 which put us in third place for our grade.

I'm grateful to Mr. Coakley for coaching us and for all the team members for participating and for the great turn out at the end. Thank you to all the parents who helped us get there and back and for supporting us. But most of all thank you for letting me be your Captain for 2018 St Pius X Junior Rugby Team. Please forgive me if I have misled our team in anyway.



All the best for future All Blacks, Ikahe Tahi, Manu Samoa and Flying Fiji.
3rd Place – Excellent Result.

Love you all from **Opeti** Room 5

During the rugby tournament yesterday we had a really good time, even though we lost each and every game. From my aspect of the game play our team played ok, although I didn't play as good the 1st two games, 3rd game was not as bad like the rest of them. It was amazing for the boys to express their talent for rugby (especially the bump offs), although we lost, we kind of in a way had a sort of bonding exercise. The teams we played against: Pt England A, Barbarians, Bailey Rd, Glen Innes, Panmure Bridge, and Barbarians (Pt England B). **Ewan** Year 7/8 Team



Year 5 and 6 Netball

What a fantastic season our Junior Netball side had this year. For many of the team this was their first year playing competitive netball and they have had outstanding results. This was also the first year we have entered a team in the Thursday night Year 5/6 Competition. In the past our better Year 6 players played up in the Year 7 side in the Intermediate Schools' Competition on Tuesday nights. Special thanks to Coaches Mrs Middleton and Mikaela as well as all the loyal parents who came along each week to support the team. The Cluster Field Day for Netball is in Week 10.

Teachers and Principals Contract Negotiations

Kua Tae Te Wā update

After months of negotiations with the Ministry of Education, and more talks since the strike on August 15, we still have no new offer.

Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, continues to negotiate in good faith, but the Government says it will take time to fix the issues.

However, time is the one thing we don't have.

Around the country we're seeing:

- 40% reduction in teacher trainees
- Zero applicants for some teaching jobs
- More children entering school
- More children with additional learning and behavioural needs
- Teachers are burning out and leaving the profession, often within a few years of graduating

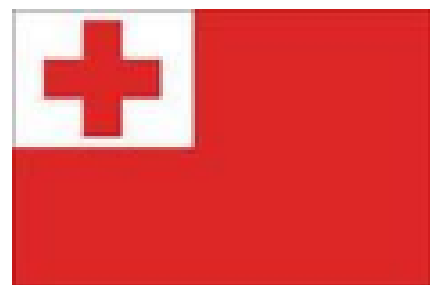


The staff at our school want your children to have the very best education we can provide. We're standing firm in that commitment and believe the time is now to ensure that schools can offer every child the education and support they need, and that we have a sustainable teaching profession into the future.

Our children can't wait. We won't wait.

We appreciate your support. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions, and consider signing this petition to the Minister of Education in support of teachers. <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/petition-teachers-and-principals/>

Tongan Language Week Display



"FAKAKOLOA 'O AOTEAROA 'AKI 'A E 'OFA FONUA"

Term 3 2018

September				
3 Week 7 RE Focus Sacrament Strand Tongan Language Week	4	5 Rugby Field Day	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 Netball Cluster Day Year 5/6	27	28 Last Day of Term

Advertisements:

EASTERN ATHLETIC CLUB 2018-2019 Season FUN AND CHALLENGE FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS



Enrolment

Dates: Tuesday 25 September 2018
Time: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Location: Barfoot & Thompson Stadium Foyer - 203 Kohimarama Road
(in the Selwyn College grounds)

Visit the website to learn more www.easternathletics.co.nz or 'like' our facebook page

Ministry of Education Notice

Education Conversations - Kōrero Mātauranga for Ethnic Communities **Friday 14th September 5.30- 7.30pm** **Guest Speaker Hon. Jenny Salesa**

The Ministry of Education, with support from the Office of Ethnic Communities is holding meetings for ethnic communities to contribute their ideas and opinions about New Zealand's education system. If you would like to be involved please come along to Ormiston Junior College. Refreshments will be provided and there is ample free parking.

Choral Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, Matthew 1:21-21 .

Saturday 8 September at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street. We celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary with a Choral Mass. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles.

Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4.

Ann Kelly Catholic Schools' Office

