



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Congratulations on a fantastic 60th Jubilee Celebration last week. Our wonderful community came together to share this special occasion. The children were great both in our Mass and in their performance afterwards as they told the story of our school through the perspectives of the different ethnic communities that have made up the St Pius X School over all these years.



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To Mr. Paul Coakley, Principal, the Board of Trustees, Staff and the whole school community at St. Pius X School, Glen Innes, Auckland, New Zealand.

Heartiest and warm congratulations from all the Holy Faith Sisters, on the occasion of the 60th jubilee of the opening of St. Pius X School. We wish you every joy as you gather for your celebrations on Sunday September 16th. As Holy Faith Sisters we are very proud and happy to be associated with a school with such a fine tradition.

Of course, none of your present students would know any of the Holy Faith Sisters who have returned to Ireland. However, if we had a gathering of parents or perhaps grandparents with those Sisters, there would be plenty of reminiscing and laughter and sharing of memories!

We are always delighted to hear and to know that the spirit of Margaret Aylward, who founded our congregation, is still alive in St. Pius X School. She always wanted our students to be strong in faith, "a faith that is alive and active" and to be confident and conscious of their own dignity, and to achieve well in their studies.

She would be delighted that you are so inserted into the life of your parish and she would be so grateful that the parents of the school were so supportive of the Sisters as their numbers dwindled. It is lovely for us to know that our Holy Faith emblem is on your entrance door and that your school motto "Advance in Faith, Hope and Love Together" is lived out in the lives of all connected with the school.

Be assured that on Sunday September 16th, the Holy Faith Sisters and especially those who lived and worked in Glen Innes, will be with you in spirit, thinking of you, praying for you and wishing you well. Every blessing on your celebration and we hope that you all have a wonderfully happy day.

Every good wish,

Sr. Rosaleen Cunniffe
Congregational Leader



Telesia's welcome



Fr Felise and Special Ministers of Communion



Sani



Mrs Pulotu



Kamaea



Just some of the wonderful memories from this very special occasion. 60 years young and still going strong. We especially enjoyed **Sister Claudia** leading the combined liturgical dance.



Preston



Marist



Amihuti



Fiapo looking beautiful



Go Fiji





Old boy Ipu



Final Words



Oldest and youngest

Teachers' and Principals' Contract Negotiations

- Both primary teachers and primary principals have overwhelmingly voted to reject the latest Ministry offer to settle our respective collective agreements.
- The Ministry has again failed to address the critical shortage of teachers in this country.
- Teachers and principals are seeking improvements to student/teacher ratios to enable reduced class sizes and for more time to be spent with each child. The other key claim is to have the teaching profession recognised with appropriate rates of pay which will enable the sector to attract and retain high quality teachers and principals
- Early in Term 4, the union will be conducting another ballot of members to determine what steps will happen next to ensure the Ministry and the Government understand just how urgent and immediate the crisis in teaching supply is and to start talking about realistic remedies. As soon as the result of that ballot is known, I will update you if there is to be further industrial action. While I realise this can be disruptive, we are dealing with issues which require immediate attention.
- Your support to date has been greatly appreciated by myself and our teaching staff. We are all in this profession to do the best we can to provide your children with high-quality education. Unfortunately, under-resourcing of the education sector is impacting on our ability to provide that.
- On a positive note, in response to the issues the union has been raising about the significant extra resources needed to support students with additional learning and behaviour management issues, the Government has announced an intention to seek funding in next year's Budget for a nation-wide service of SENCOs (Special Education Needs Coordinators).



Have a safe and restful holiday. Please support your child to read as much as possible over the next two weeks. Assessments start during Week 4 of next term.

Please also continue to check on your child's health. Any sore throat needs to be treated straight away. I have included a letter from our nurses about where to get treatment during the holidays in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our students who are making their **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** at the St Pius X Parish Sacramental Ceremony this Sunday at 10.00am