



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

This is the first time for many years that Easter occurs during the school holidays. The children will be learning about Holy Week at their own level within their learning spaces as always, but this year it will be a week early. We will be having a special Stations of the Cross Ceremony on Friday at 11.00am in Rooms 1 and 2. Parents are always welcome to join us for these celebrations.

As well as this, I do encourage all parents and families to ensure the children attend the Parish Easter celebrations during the coming weeks beginning with Palm Sunday this weekend.

Holy Week at St Pius X Parish

Thursday 11 th April	Parish Confessions	@ 7.00pm
Sunday 14 th April	Palm Sunday Mass	@ 8.30am and 10.00am
Thursday 18 th April	Holy Thursday Mass	@ 7.00pm
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	@ 10.00am
	Led by the Children's Liturgy and Parish Youth.	
Saturday 20 th April	Easter Vigil	@ 7.00pm
Sunday 21 st April	Easter Sunday Mass	@ 9.00am



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

For Being Brave and Taking a Risk:

Christopher K Rm 4, **Vincent K** Rm 3, **Monique S** Rm 5, **Pio T** Rm 1, **Sione Tea L** Rm 7

Growth Mind-set Award for Challenging Myself:

Crystallani V Rm 4, **Jonah M** Rm 3, **Charis A** Rm 7, **Haloti T** Rm 1, **Paula L** Rm 5

Growth Mind-set Award for Trying My Best:

Pauliasi F Rm 4, **Fiapo M** Rm 7, **Aurora L** Rm 5, **Princeton T** Rm 1, **Mele T** Rm 3

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

Lili Rm 7	Sione Tea Rm 5	Vincent Rm 4	Princeton Rm 1
Krystal Rm 5	Valentine Rm 1	Aniseko Rm 4	Toni Rm 1

Soul Friends Mass – Student Leaders Announced

Last week at our special Soul Friend Mass, three more Student Leaders were announced to receive Honours Badges and join with **Aaliyah** to form the **Student Leadership Team** for 2019. They are **Fiapo M**, **Laki P** and **Telesia T** all of whom have shown great leadership potential and are very deserving of this honour. Congratulations.



Fiapo



Aaliyah



Laki



Telesia

School Smart Phone App

For several years now we have talked about developing a **School App** to improve communication between school and home. With the extended Lock Down situation in Christchurch a few weeks ago, this will happen now. We have purchased a new school App through **School Stream**. This is being personalised to our school at present and training is being carried out with the view it will go live early next term. I will send home information about how the app works and how to download it to your smart phone early in Term 2.

Duffy Role Model Assembly

For many years now, St Pius X has been part of the **Duffy Books in Homes Scheme** and over the years our children have received thousands of free books at different times every year. This programme has been sponsored by different organisations and individuals over the years but for quite some time now the **Rotary Club of Parnell** has partly sponsored our school and **Mrs Michele Mann** has personally sponsored the balance. We are so thankful for these very generous donations. The children absolutely love getting their books each term and also enjoying the special **Role Models** that visit regularly, talking about their lives and how they came to love reading so much. Last week we thoroughly enjoyed and were inspired by **Mr Michel Mulipola**, a Samoan comic book artist based in Auckland. He has previously won the award for being New Zealand's best Comic Book Artist. He has also contributed work to the **New Zealand School Journals**, **Pasifika Heroes** series of books, illustrated **Marvel Comics Trading cards** and comic books for the **WWE**. He also told us he loves Professional Wrestling and has been both New Zealand Heavy Weight Champion and New Zealand Tag Team Champion. He is known as the 'Bloody Samoan' and is good friends with such stars as **Samoan Joe** and **King Haku**. **Michel** can be seen speaking to the children with our sponsors **Jane, Peter, Don, Peter** and **Michele** looking on.



Learning Celebration Assembly

On Friday last week we had our Learning Celebration Assembly. Room 3 led the assembly with Rooms 1 and 4 also showcasing some of their best learning. Both Rooms 1 and 4 can be seen dancing up a storm. They were having a great time showing us what they have learnt during their Kiwi Sport sessions this term. Toni and Valentine also showed us some of their best learning.



Rippa Rugby by Monique Sosefo



Last Thursday myself and nine other students from St Pius X went to a Rippa Rugby Tournament. Before we went to the rippa rugby tournament Miss Lachlan said to have fun and to be good losers, if we lose. When we got to the field we played against Sylvia Park, St Thomas, Star of the Sea 1 and last, but not least, St Patrick's. We won 3 and lost 2 games but we were good losers, just what Miss Lachlan said. When we were heading back to school, Miss Nees-Kairua bought us some ice blocks. The day was sunny and I was happy to be out of school for the day. I hope to do the same thing in the future.



The bigger they are . . . Five little ones can always beat one big one! Go Coach !!!

Term 2 2019

School starts again for Term 2 on Monday 29th April and will continue until Friday 5th July.

Don't Forget . . .

*Please be careful when collecting children after school. Use the pedestrian crossing and park legally. Take extreme care when walking up Castledine Crescent especially as you pass the entrance to the new school building site, as there could be trucks and heavy machinery crossing the footpath at any time.

Traumatic Incidences

I will keep publishing the information from the Ministry of Education which was supplied to schools earlier in the term following the Christchurch attacks. Click the link below. The newsletter is available on the school website to access the link.

[Tips for Parents and Educators in Relation to Traumatic Incident.](#)

Lateness to school

Please help your child's progress at school by making sure they are here in plenty of time each morning. The start of school bell, goes at 8.55am but children need to be here in time to put their bags away, go to the bathroom and get ready for their learning. It is very disruptive to all the other children and teachers when students arrive late, particularly during prayer time. They are, understandably reluctant to go into the classrooms, so this does cause a problem for everybody.

Uniforms and Hair Styles

We also ask your help in making sure the children come to school in the proper school uniform. I am happy to let children wear shoes this week if their sandals have broken and parents are reluctant to buy new ones just now. However they need to be black school shoes with St Pius X school socks. Sports shoes are fine for sports or playing outside, but not for formal school occasions or coming to or going home from school.

Alternative or extreme hairstyles are also not appropriate and cause us problems when the boundaries for what is acceptable are challenged. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Reading over the holidays

It is absolutely vital that the children continue to read as much as possible over the holiday break. The Glen Innes Library will be open throughout except for public holidays so please take your child along to replace their library books.

Children's Health

Our Public Health Nurse Celeste, reminds all families to monitor the children's health over the holidays. Any sore throat needs to be checked by a doctor straight away. Please do not wait until school starts again. If there is a Strep Throat it needs treatment immediately and the medicine needs to be continued until it is finished, usually 10 days, even if the child is feeling much better. The whole course of antibiotics **must** be completed or there will be a risk of reinfection.

We wish everybody in our school community a happy and safe holiday.