



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Last week we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Fr Felise's ordination to the priesthood. He has spent many years working in different parishes in Auckland before arriving in Glen Innes about four years ago. At his special mass, he spoke about growing up in Samoa and then spending 2 years in Singapore and then another three years studying in Rome. At the end of mass, the parish youth, most of whom are past pupils of our school, presented a short movie showing off many of the good times they have experienced under Fr Felise's guidance over the years.

After mass, everybody joined in a celebratory morning tea with more speeches and feasting. This was very much enjoyed by all those present.



We are so happy to have Fr Felise working so closely with our school and wish him many, many years of continued and blessed service to our school community.



This Friday will be the last day for our SWiS Social Worker **Junior Tui** as he takes up a new position with Housing New Zealand. Junior says he was made an offer he couldn't refuse, but he will miss St Pius X and our students and families very much. He has thoroughly enjoyed working here. We certainly thank him and wish him all the best for the future.



### 3 Way Conferences

Thank you to everybody who was able to return their appointment sheets for our 3 way conferences for Week One of next term – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. We will send home your confirmed appointment time this week and then remind you again when we come back to school. As always we expect to have 100 percent of conferences completed. If you do not receive an appointment time we will be in contact to arrange one next term.



Sione and Christopher are especially enjoying our Volleyball sessions with Kiwisport coach, Elena.

### Netball

We received the great news that **Netball** will start again in Week 2 of Term 3. The Year 5/6 team will play on Thursday evenings and the Year 7/8 team will play on Tuesdays for 9 consecutive weeks.



# LOCKDOWN drill

All schools are required by law to have regular evacuation and Lockdown drills. Last week we had our first formal Lockdown drill in our new school. Our Emergency Procedures were put to the test after first completing some training for staff and then students. All the children (and staff) did very well although we needed to teach the children that **Lockdown** at school is slightly different from a **Lockdown** at home. At school during an emergency, you can't just go for a walk with your bubble. Everybody needs to be inside with doors and windows locked and everybody lying on the floor and not moving.



**Sateki, TWP 4 Reporter** wrote about his experience during Lockdown.

*Their instructor, Julia, was very satisfied with the children listening and being able to answer her questions during our training session. She gave us specific instructions that were easy to follow.*



*After the training and around 9:45am the Lockdown Bell rang out loud : long – short – long – short and the children immediately went to their lockdown positions. Every child and staff member had to lie down on the floor on their stomachs, in the middle of the room and be still.*

*It was very pleasing to see the self-management that the younger kids had while they were in lockdown. A few of the seniors even fell asleep from the amount of time they spent lying on their tummies.*

*What seemed like half an hour later, Mr Coakley came to give us the 'All Clear' sign. "FINALLY!!!" the kids moaned . . . as it was time to eat.*

## Mass for the Sacred Heart



Last week we joined with the parish to celebrate the **Feast of the Sacred Heart**. This was the first time our choir used the upstairs loft. The singing was beautiful and at the end of mass the congregation burst into spontaneous applause.



**Alternative ways to solve problems . . .**



Some parents may be aware that we have been having problems with birds messing on the exposed beams outside the library. While we are waiting for the architects and contractors to come up with a solution, which they will in due course, we decided to use a different technique to solve the problem. It is working so far !!!



<i>June</i>				
<i>Week 12</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		
<i>July</i>				
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
				<i>Last Day of Term Final Mass at 9.00am</i>

We have had a very unusual term and thankfully, we have come through tired but mostly OK. We mastered **Distance Learning** and got through the term with nobody in our community getting Covid 19. We are very aware that some families will be hurting at this stage and want to remind everybody there are support services available for anybody who may need them. Please just let us know so we can help find any support required.

It is now time to have a rest and recharge ready for the busy term ahead. Please remind all children that they need to read as much as possible throughout the next couple of weeks. The Glen Innes library will be open and love it, when our families visit.

**Social Media**

I have spoken to our senior students again this past week about our rules regarding social media. I reiterate that Facebook and Instagram and other platforms are not bad. However most have age restrictions and it is illegal for our students to create accounts. Our school rule is that no student may use a school domain name or email address, for any social media account. Parents still need to be aware of the activity their children have online and have appropriate filtering and supervision at home to keep them safe. We constantly remind them about being cybersmart and their digital footprint.

**Reading Club**

We have a new Reading Club that started on Monday of this week and will meet every Friday to talk about and change our books.

We will meet at school next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10am to change our library books and will also meet on the last Friday of the holidays, 17<sup>th</sup> July, at Panmure Library to get some more books. Please contact Mrs Tui for more information about this programme. [anat@saintpiusx.school.nz](mailto:anat@saintpiusx.school.nz)