



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It really is great to be back at school after what I hope has been a happy and restful holiday. We are so fortunate to be where we are although we will continue to be very vigilant in relation to our hygiene practices at school. Children are still sanitizing regularly, and we will be very strict following the government's advice about staying home if anybody is sick. We will send children with any symptoms of cold or flu home, so I thank you for your cooperation for this. Please also scan the NZ Covid Tracer App whenever you come onto the school property to collect children or visit a teacher or the office.



Stay home  
if you are sick

**We also welcome several new students:**

**Robin and Sulio from Rongamai School, Sione from Glen Taylor School, Patricia from St Patrick's School, Mikayla from Ruapotaka School, Estella from Remuera Primary and New Entrants Ivoni, Aria and Athena.**

### **Classroom Name changes**

Takiritia 1	Discovery	Mrs Debbie Williams (AP/Senco)	Year 0/1
Takiritia 3	Discovery	Mrs Mohini Prasad	Year 2/3
Te Wairua Pakiki 4	Curiosity	Miss Monique Nees-Kairua	Year 5/6
Te Wairua Pakiki 6	Curiosity	Mrs Ana Tui	Year 7/8
Te Auaha 8	Innovation	Mr Alan Gaffney	Year 4/5

Teachers' email follows the rule :-

***first name and initial of surname @saintpiusx.school.nz***

eg [alang@saintpiusx.school.nz](mailto:alang@saintpiusx.school.nz) or phone school office to make an appointment to see a teacher, whenever necessary.

### **School Stream App**

We now have about 40 people who have downloaded the new school app. We will start using this for communication shortly so if you have not done so yet please download the **School Stream app** from the Google Play Store or Apple's App Store. Search for St Pius X School and install.

We are very happy to welcome our 3 new staff members Sally Atwell, Ipu Laga'aia and Rosana Moala.

Francis, from TWP6 interviewed each of them and filed these bio's.

Our new Reading Recovery Teacher this year is **Mrs Sally Atwell**. She has a lot of experience of Reading Recovery and has taught at lots of schools during her teaching career. When asked how her first two weeks have been she replied "Well I've only just started meeting the children today since I spent my first week settling in and sorting out my teaching room". "I've been doing Reading Recovery for the last 14 years." "I am looking forward to getting to know the children that are finding Reading & Writing difficult, so my Job is to help them become really good at Reading & Writing".



"It is a great opportunity for me, **Ipu Laga'aia** to be a teacher aid at St Pius X, especially as I am an Old Boy of this school. It is nice to now experience the 'otherside'. It is very special to be able to give something back to the present students." "It does feel a little strange calling the other staff by their first names."

"I am currently studying at the University of Auckland. I am a classical singer, I sing opera. I have been studying that for the past 5 years. I have been regularly singing around Auckland and I hope that I can one day take my singing overseas".

Our new Lunch Assistant is also a past student of our school and mum to a couple of our present students.

**Rosana Moala** is actually employed by SPOTLESS Catering but will work here each day coordinating all the school lunches. Affectionately becoming known as '**the free lunch lady of St Pius X**'. Rosana says she enjoys helping all the children and is pleased everybody will now have a nice, healthy lunch each day.



**Lunches** – After a false start on Tuesday this week, we now have the organisation for the lunches sorted. I apologise for my letter/form last week which was a little confusing in relation to what a vegetarian meal consisted of. Rest assured all meals are healthy and the children will get what they are supposed to. If you have any concerns please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



**David, Solomone, Monique and Lose** enjoying playing with our new Out-Door Connect 4 Game. Our Board is presently in the planning stages of a major playground redevelopment including outdoor learning opportunities for all the children. More information on this will be shared shortly. Anyone for Chess?



## Caught Being Good

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded 'Caught Being Good' at our recent assembly.

**Zenith, Mele, Josaia, Lose, Ilaisaane and Moala (x2)**

**Coming Up:**

All parents are invited to join us at our Opening School Mass for 2021 this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, in the church at 9.00am.

Jelly Beans Music starts next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue each Monday for Term 1 while Mrs Carter is on leave.

## High School Open Days

**BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING** will be held on Thursday 4 March, 2021 at 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2022** are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 19 March, 2021. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 19 March, 2021.

**St Paul's College**, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour

Enrolments for Year 9

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February				
8 <b>Week 2</b> <i>Waitangi Day Holiday</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Opening Mass 9.00am in Church</i>
15 <b>Week 3</b> <i>Jellybeans Music starts</i>	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19
22 <b>Week 4</b> <i>BOT Meeting 7pm</i>	23	24	25	26
March				
1 <b>Week 5</b> <i>Testing Week</i>	2	3	4	5
8 <b>Week 6</b>	9	10	11	12
15 <b>Week 7</b>	16	17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18	19
22 <b>Week 8</b>	23	24	25	26
29 <b>Week 9</b> <i>BOT Meeting 7pm</i>	30 <i>Photo-life Class Photos</i>	31		
April				
			1 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	2 <i>Good Friday Holiday</i>
5 <b>Week 10</b> <i>Easter Monday Holiday</i>	6 <i>Easter Tuesday Holiday</i>	7	8	9
12 <b>Week 11</b>	13	14	15 <i>Last Day of Term</i>	16 <i>Cluster Teacher Only Day</i>

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