



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

What an incredible start to the year. We had hoped that after a challenging 2020 it would be more settled this year. Unfortunately, we have now survived two Level 3 Lockdowns. I would like to thank all our families for supporting their children during this Distance Learning time. We are quite good at it by now, but we just don't want it to happen again. Fingers crossed the vaccine roll-out will be completed before there are any more Covid cases in the community. Unfortunately, the world news is not great and there are spikes in numbers of cases happening overseas, especially in Europe. We continue to keep the children safe while at school with extra cleaning and hygiene practices.



Stay home
if you are sick

New Board of Trustees Chairperson



As the newly elected Chairman of the board, I just want to say a big 'hi' to all the school children, parents, extended family and friends, board members, staff and teachers of St Pius X. As we all know, the latest lockdown has been disruptive for us all and has shown the need for our school to have a focus on student wellbeing but without losing the importance of academic & sporting achievements for the students. Getting this balance will be key and the board along with the teachers will continue to work together to ensure the best for your children. This year we also have many exciting events and projects that the board is supporting so I am excited to see those roll out this year. So keep smiling and look forward to seeing you all around the school.

Regards Josh Loughnan

Special thanks to **Sonny Haiosi**, who has been a very successful Board Chairperson for the last several years. Sonny decided to step back from the Chairperson role at the end of last year but is happy to stay on the Board for the rest of the present term.

Please remember in your prayers **Mr Talilotu Tui**, husband of **Mrs Ana Tui**, who passed away recently, after a short illness.

Congratulations Emirates Team New Zealand on ensuring the America's Cup **remains** New Zealand's Cup.



Caught Being Good

Congratulations to these students who were selected after **Caught Being Good** over the **last few weeks** and received free **Duffy Books** as a reward.

Pio Rm 3	Princeton Rm 3	Ivoni Rm 1	Max Rm 8
Madison Rm 1	Solomone Rm 6	Haloti Rm 8	Christina Rm 8
Maraia Rm 4	Mikayla Rm 8	Achilles Rm 4	Sani Rm 4
Lucia Rm 1	Madison Rm 1	Laurence Rm 4	Ariah Rm 1
Athena Rm 1	Cole Rm 1	Patricia Rm 4	Robin Rm 3
Isitolo Rm 8	Taniela Rm 4	Monique Rm 6	Moala Rm 4
Seta Rm 1	Athena Rm 1	Alfonsus Rm 4	Lucia Rm 1
Winfred Rm 8	Dre-Boy Rm 3	Nasili Rm 6	Isitolo Rm 8



Wednesday 17th March was **St Patrick's Day**, which has special meaning for our school. When the Holy Faith Sisters started our school over 60 years ago, they had all come from Ireland where St Patrick is the patron saint. Many years ago **Sr Anne** introduced the concept of Soul Friends and it has become a tradition ever since. Every year at this time, each of our students and staff choose a **Soul Friend** who will watch over

and support them throughout the year. We are very fortunate that we are able to join with our parish community to celebrate this special feast day. During the mass **Fr Felise** gave each our our Soul Friends a



special blessing. During the year we will find time for the younger students to connect with their older mentors, in not only a social but also spiritual way. After mass , there was a shared morning tea where the children did get the chance to get to know their new Soul Friends.



In Term 4 last year we had the **Footsteps Dance Company** run sessions for all our classes. This year we have had them back but this time with a focus on performance **Drama**. They have been excellent with all the children having a great time.



Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board Event at St Pius X School

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Community Event

Our Local Board invite you to a **free bike skills workshop** and community event to learn more about the Innovating Streets Project in our neighbourhood.

Where: Saint Pius X School - 103 Castledine Crescent



When: Sunday, 21 March 2021

1 pm to 4pm

What: **BigFoot Adventures & Ecomatters BikeHub** experts will support tamariki to learn safe bicycle riding techniques. During the event there will be a supply of bicycles, helmets, and on-site experts for whanau. There'll also be a chance to have a sneak preview of the plans for the Eastview Low Traffic Area being installed later this month.



March					
15	Week 7	16 <i>Ki-o-Rahi training after school</i>	17 <i>St Patrick's Day/Soul Friends Mass Rugby League coaching at school</i>	18 <i>Ki-o-Rahi at Pt England</i>	19
22	Week 8	23	24	25	26
29	Week 9 <i>BOT Meeting 7pm</i>	30 <i>Photo-life Class Photos</i>	31		
April					
				1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday Holiday
5	Week 10 Easter Monday Holiday	6 Easter Tuesday Holiday	7	8	9
12	Week 11	13	14	15 <i>Last Day of Term</i>	16 Teacher Only Day

**Important Notice from the Auckland Diocese Office re Attendance Dues
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>