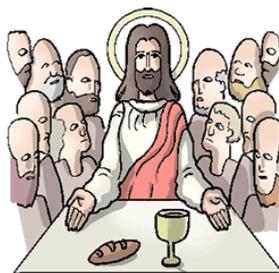




Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula Vinaka, Kia orana, Warmest Greetings to you all.



**Holy Thursday**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

### Easter Celebrations

We are now halfway through the most important week in our liturgical year, Holy Week. This started with the blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper followed by his crucifixion on Good Friday. The highlight happens on Easter Sunday with Jesus rising from the dead. Throughout the week all the children have been learning about this at their own level so they can understand what we are celebrating. We will have a special Easter – Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Thursday at 9.15am at school in Te Wairua Pakiki Learning Space (upstairs). As always, parents and family are welcome and encouraged to join with us for this wonderful sharing time. I have asked the children to spend some time talking with their parents about what they are learning and I also ask you to find the time to talk to the children about what they know.

Please make a special effort to attend the Parish Easter celebrations across the weekend.

#### St Pius X Parish celebrations

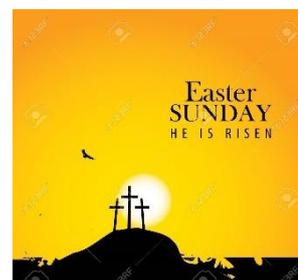
**Holy Thursday - 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday - 10.00am Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday - 3.00pm Commemoration of Jesus' Passion and Death**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday - 9.00am Mass**



### Caught Being Good

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

David	Rm 8	Aniseko	Rm 8	Achilles	Rm 4	Nasili	Rm 6
Krystal	Rm 8	Annabelle	Rm 8	Sulio	Rm 8	Estella	Rm 8
		Lose	Rm 8	Andrew	Rm 8		



## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Event at St Pius X School



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

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

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



**Kī o Rahi** is based on the Purakau (legend) of Rahitutakahina and the rescue of his wife Tiarakurapakewai. The Tākaro is a reflection of Tupuna storytelling at its best, as well as provides an insight into the way in which they explain and design Tākaro to reflect their unique 'world view'. The Papa Tākaro (field) layout of Kī o Rahi and the way the Tākaro is played is a perfect example of this. The senior

St Pius students have become very skilled at playing the game. Unfortunately our cluster tournament was cancelled but our two teams were still able to have their own competitive game after school, one day last week. Older siblings and family members were invited to join our teams.



## The Flag Tournament

On Friday 26th of March TWP 4 & 6 went to the flag tournament at Dunkirk Rugby field. There were three St Pius teams called St Pius A, St Pius B, and then the St Pius Girls team. There were 4 schools there: ACG Parnell, Sylvia Park, Panmure District, and our school of course.

The first round was against St Pius A and St Pius B. Everyone played well but one team had to win and the other team had to lose. St Pius A won and that means that St Pius B failed to win.

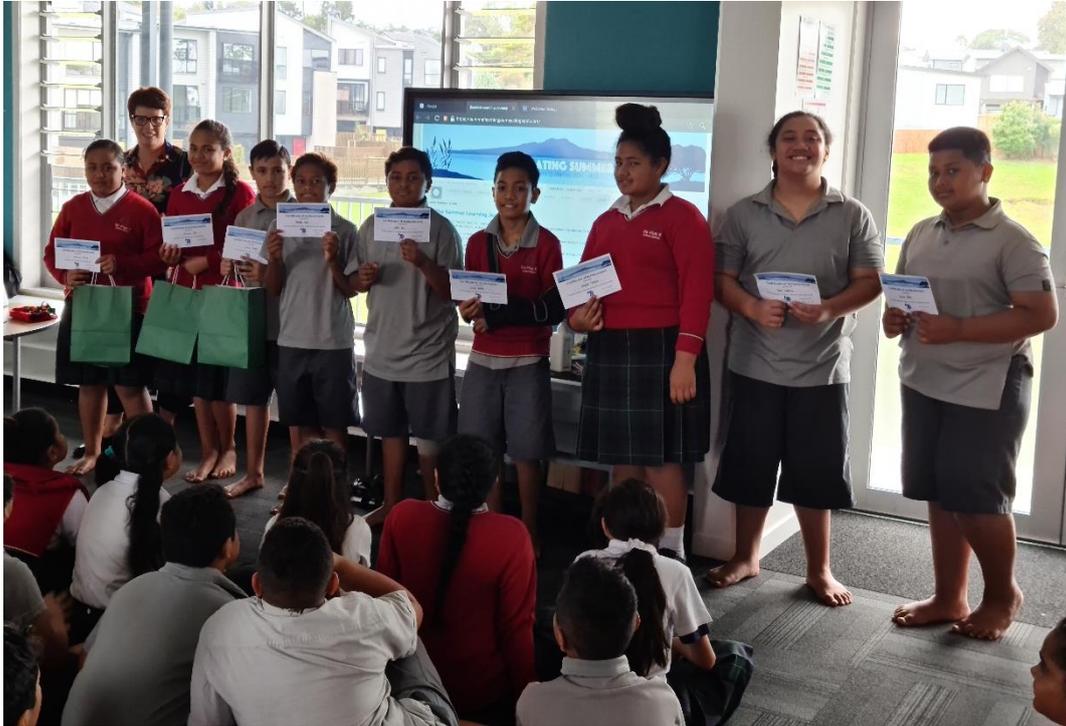
Next round was Sylvia Park up against St Pius A. Sylvia Park were challenging because they have skill but St Pius A managed to score a few tries. In the final hooter, Sylvia Park ended up just winning. The other two schools weren't that challenging but St Pius B lost to ACG Parnell and also Sylvia Park narrowly.

In the end we all had great fun. Special thanks to Miss Nees-Kairua and Mr Gaffney for coaching us on the day.

Solomone Rm 6

## Summer Learning Journey

Once again over the summer holidays, many St Pius X students took part in our Manaikalani Summer Learning Programme. This week Mrs Grant visited our school to present participation certificates for those who finished all the activities and also prizes for our top bloggers.



Our winners were **Xavier (1<sup>st</sup>)**



**Audrey (2<sup>nd</sup>)** and



**Moala (3<sup>rd</sup>)**.

## Reading Support

Each day we have a small group of wonderful friends of our school who spend about an hour working with individual students to help them with their reading mileage. Some of these helpers have been coming for many, many years and absolutely love chatting with our very grateful learners. We are so thankful for this ongoing and generous support. If anybody would like to join this lovely group, please contact our school office for more information.



## End of Term Events

Teacher Only Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term for children is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

March				
29 <i>Week 9</i> BOT Meeting 7pm	30 Photo-life Class Photos	31		
April				
			1 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Stations of the Cross 9.15am	2 <i>Good Friday</i> Holiday
5 <i>Week 10</i> <i>Easter Monday</i> Holiday	6 <i>Easter Tuesday</i> Holiday	7	8	9
12 <i>Week 11</i>	13	14	15 Last Day of Term	16 <i>Teacher Only</i> 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/>



Stay home  
if you are sick