



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing holiday for everybody. By now you will be aware that I have tendered my resignation from St Pius X to take up the position of Principal at St Mary's School, Northcote at the end of this term. This was a hard decision after being here for so long, and together with our staff and Board, have built such a beautiful and successful school. I also believe it is the right time, both personally to take on the challenges of leading a much larger school, but also to pass on the reins, as St Pius X grows in the future. The Board have started the process of finding a replacement principal and you will be kept informed about this during the term.



Caught Being Good Mum

Each year at this time, we have a special **Mothers' Day Mass** where different children and their mothers lead different parts of the mass. Our **Duffy Books in Homes** sponsor supplies us with a special book to present to a '**Caught Being Good Mum**'. This is always a difficult decision as all our mothers help their children in so many ways. However, this year we have chosen **Mrs Salote Vaka'uta**, mother of **Patricia** and **Sione**, for this award.

Caught Being Good

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

Athena x 2	Rm 1	Dereon x 2	Rm 6	Sofia x 2	Rm 3	Patricia	Rm 3
Taniela	Rm 4	Aniseko	Rm 4	Moala	Rm 4	Ofa	Rm 4
Jabez x 3	Rm 6	Lose	Rm 8	Isotolo	Rm 8	Maximus	Rm 8
Fonofa	Rm 1	Zenith	Rm 6	Layla	Rm 8	Preston	Rm 8
Ariah	Rm 1	Seta	Rm 1	Laurence	Rm 6	Nuku	Rm 1
Lisiate	Rm 4	Jonah	Rm 4	Jaden	Rm 8		

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday: Senior Netball Team Grading game (Time TBC)**
- **Wednesday: TWP 4 and 6 Parent Evening at 6pm**
- **Thursday: Year 5 and 6 Volvo Sailing**
- **Thursday: Junior Netball Team Grading game (Time TBC)**



I was so proud to have the opportunity to see one of our favourite old boys on the big stage last week at the **Bruce Mason Theatre** in Takapuna, alongside some of New Zealand's most talented classical performers. **Mr Ipu Laga'aia** has been working as a Teacher Aide at St Pius X this year but is well known as a future star of opera. It was lovely that **Ipu's** first music teacher at St Pius X, **Mrs Frances Carter**, was able to be at the performance which is part of a 16 show National Tour.



It was also wonderful to see another 'quite successful' old boy, **Sir Dave Dobbyn** formally made a **Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit** in a ceremony at Government House by **Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy** recently. **Sir Dave** has written and recorded decades worth of classic New Zealand songs and was formally recognised for his service to music.

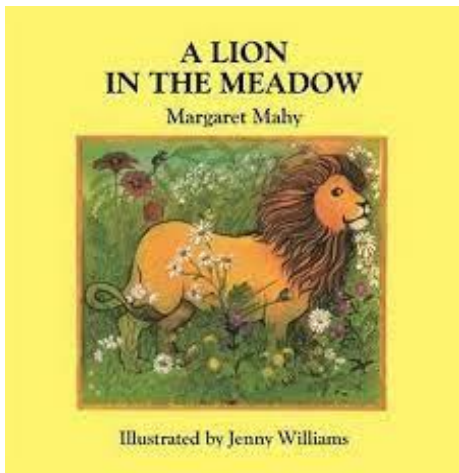
Halberg Games 2021



Future star, **Haloti (R8)** represented Auckland at the recent **Halberg Games** held at King's College during the holidays. **Haloti** tried many different sports but was awarded **MVP for Wheelchair Rugby**.



A Lion in the Meadow



Last week, our two junior classes had a trip to Te Oro, to see this wonderful live performance of the **Lion in the Meadow**. This classic children's book by famous New Zealand author, **Margaret Mahy**, had the children and teachers 'roaring' with laughter.



Science study at Tāhuna Tōrea with Glen Innes School Senior Classes



TWP 4 and 6

This term has many exciting learning opportunities for our children. The focus for Literacy and Science is : **Amazing Plants**. We will explore - What is a plant/Plant cell/Type and Use of Plants/Basic Structure of a Plant/ NZ Native Plants/Plants in the Pacific and How Plants Grow.

We are very fortunate to have Dr Jannie Van Hees and Thierry from Auckland University to work with us on this project. We also work very closely with the Year 7 & 8 from Glen Innes Primary School. In week 10 of the term our two schools will have a shared assembly to present our learning. Please visit your child's blog to see the weekly learning.

Important Parent meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 6.00pm. Please try to attend.

May					
10	Week 2 TWP 4 and 8 trip to Tahuna Torea	11 Netball begins	12 TWP 4 and 6 Parent meeting 6pm	13 Year 5 and 6 Sailing	14
17	Week 3 Life Education Caravan Bully Free Week begins. BOT Meeting 7.00pm	18 Life Education Caravan	19 Life Education Caravan	20 Life Education Caravan	21 Life Education Caravan
24	Week 4 Samoan Language Week	25 Swimming	26 Swimming Young Leaders' Day	27 Swimming	28 Swimming
31	Week 5				
June					
		1 Swimming	2 Swimming	3 Swimming	4 Swimming
7	Queen's Birthday Holiday	8	Week 6 Support Staff Week	9	10
					11 LOCKDOWN Drill
14	Week 7	15 Hearing and Vision testing	16	17	18
21	Week 8 BOT Meeting 7.00pm	22	23	24	25
28	Week 9	29	30		
July					
				1	2 Matariki Whole School Mass 9.00am
5	Week 10	6	7	8	9 Last Day of Term