



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It is with a heavy heart that I leave St Pius X today after working with this community for nearly twelve years. We have come a long way and have had a wonderful impact on so many children and their families. I have been so proud of the teachers and support staff who have regularly gone far beyond the expected to help and support the children. I believe I am leaving a school that truly lives out the charism upon which it was founded, so many years ago by the Holy Faith Sisters. We have been so blessed that we still have such a strong bond with the sisters who remain very active in the school, as Board members, teachers and volunteer helpers.



12 years ago

I have had the opportunity to thank many, many people at various Farewell Functions over the last couple of weeks but I really must emphasise the team that have been with me from the beginning. **Debbie Williams** our Associate Principal, who has taught virtually every child in the school over the years, and who will be Acting Principal next term, has been a great support for me. Debbie's curriculum knowledge is huge and her love for the children can not be understated. I wish her all the best for the coming term and the future. **Mrs Ana Tui**, our Director of Religious Studies and I.T. guru, as well as being a key senior leader in the school, is a treasure that this school has been so fortunate to have. Her gift of including all children at all levels in school liturgies is very special and does not always happen in other schools. Her deep faith has been a true model for everybody she comes into contact with. Ana is extremely well respected across the Auckland Catholic DRS network and wider Catholic Community and is often asked to lead workshops for her peers. **Alan Gaffney** has also been a legend in the classroom throughout my time here. He is first at school every day and must hold the record for being the most helpful and courteous member of the team. He is always remembered by our Year 8 graduates as one of their favourite teachers.

Our support staff of **Mafu Faletanoai** and **Shona Hoggins** have kept the office and support programmes running efficiently and effectively for the entire time I have been here. Their dedication and skills have ensured the smooth running of the office. In recent years Shona has run our school library, as well as our uniform shop and Mafu has been the queen of in-class student support and could probably run our New Entrant programme on her own. However, in my time here as principal, the one person who I have worked most closely with is **Mrs Philippa Bell**. She is the face of St Pius X to our parent community and never fails to make visitors feel the 'warmth of our school', in all her interactions with them. She is the most efficient and well organised office manager I have ever worked with. Her financial skills are immense, and our auditors never fail to let us know how well our accounts are presented. Her

genuine love for our children is evident in all her dealings with them and their families. I offer my absolute thanks for all her support and will miss the laughter echoing out of the office as she and her team work their magic everyday.



Of course there are many others who are here now, or have contributed over the years to our wonderful little school. When I started here in 2009, I felt St Pius X School was Auckland's **Best Kept Secret**. I don't think that is the case anymore. We have a wonderful profile and now people across New Zealand know who we are and the role we play as a leading Catholic Primary school. I sincerely wish the whole community all possible blessings as St Pius X moves into the exciting challenges the future may bring.

Oct 2009 . . . hasn't changed much!

Paul Coakley

The board have now advertised for a replacement principal in the New Zealand Education Gazette. This process will take place over the coming weeks with an appointment made early in the new term. I wish them all the best during this process.

Caught Being Good

Congratulations to these students who were selected after **Caught Being Good** during the last 2 weeks and received free **Duffy Books** as a reward.

Nuku	Rm 1	Lucia	Rm 1	Ava	Rm 1	Everley	Rm 8
Solomon	Rm 4	Isotolo	Rm 8	Vili	Rm 4	Cole	Rm 3

Basketball Back Boards Replaced



We have finally had our brand new basketball backboards installed, after being awarded two different grants. The first from **Sport Auckland** covered the actual Boards and the second from **Remuera Lions** paid for the installation. We were able to use the existing poles but had to get new frames made to support the larger boards. Our students are loving the new equipment.

Although **Mr Coakley** had the first shot, he missed, and **Mr Gaffney** will forever hold the record for the first successful goal. Must have been all those years he has taken teams to after- school competitions down at Tamaki College.

3 Way Conferences

Don't forget our 3 Way Conferences are on next Wednesday 7th July. You should have received your interview time by now but if you have not, please phone the school office to find out what time has been allocated to you. Also phone if you still need to make an appointment time. Your child needs to attend with you. School will close at lunchtime so there will be no classes in the afternoon. There will be supervision, if necessary, but it would be helpful if children could be collected at 12.50pm.

June					
28	Week 9	29	30		
July					
				1 <i>Whole School Mass 9.30am Final Assembly for Mr Coakley after lunch 1.00pm.</i>	2 <i>Matariki Mr Coakley's last day.</i>
5	Week 10	6	7 <i>3 Way Conferences School finishes at 12.50pm.</i>	8	9 <i>Last Day of Term</i>

Term 3 starts on Monday 26th July at 8.55am.



Holiday Programme at Youthtown for Years 0-8. Phone the 0800 number to register.

Also please feel free to drop into one (or all) of the free **Play Hubs** that are being run locally at Maybury Reserve over the next few Sundays. All welcome.

From the Eastview LTA Project

Thank you for all the patience shown whilst instalment improvements continue.

We have received really helpful feedback, from which finetuning of the project is being based, so thank you again and we hope you continue to engage with this trial in such a productive way.

Many of the larger boxes will be removed, as the smaller format boxes are found to be almost as effective for directing traffic whilst being better for visibility and having less impact on the aesthetics of the neighbourhood, which we all agree has been affected.

Onsite signage has gone up around the LTP area, these are footpath facing corflute signs, smaller than the previous ones but with bigger font for readability. These help inform those who walk through the area and show them where to find more information about the project.

There were only a few attendee's at the drop-in sessions at Glen Innes Library last week. We hope that means you have enough information and finding sufficient ways to have a say.

Though we are doing all we can to inform the community of the project and how to have a say, we ask that you help share the information around, mention it to your neighbour, local shop keeper, friends and family. Perhaps the printed forms and feedback box located at Glen Innes Library will be most accessible for some?

Are you seeing less instances of speeding on the neighbourhood streets?
Have you adapted to the changes and are they now your new norm?
As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

- **Online forms on the project**
website <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/eastview-low-traffic-area>
- **Printed feedback forms at the Glen Innes Library**
- **On street surveys. There will be roving interviewers on the streets of the Eastview LTA over the next few weeks conducting face-to-face surveys**

If you have any project questions, or concerns do let us know.
Ngā mihi,

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Please have your say. If you love what they are trialling – let the Local Board know, but if you don't like it, please you must also let them know. No response will probably give the impression you love it.