



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Welcome back to school and to an exciting 2014 school year. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Sharon Middleton to our staff this year in a part-time capacity working in Rooms 6 and 7. Mrs Margaret Deeney moves from being part-time here last year to full time and teaching in Room 5. Unfortunately the Housing Project in our community is finally having a negative impact on our school roll numbers. We have lost several families who have moved out of the area and only had a few new students enrol. If you have four year olds at home please let us know when they will be starting school so we can plan ahead. At this stage we will be only having six classrooms until the numbers go up during the year.

School Motto Advance in Faith and Hope and Love

This motto is based on the spiritual principles that the Holy Faith Sisters lived by.

Faith – They were a congregation founded on faith and faith development was the main focus.

Hope – Strong association with humility as expressed through acknowledging our limitations – our strengths and weaknesses. Out of this realisation comes the virtue of humility (of being ourselves)

Love – Charity in caring for one another.



The cross on the school logo is the Holy Faith symbol.



In the week before school started our school staff spent a day at the beautiful Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay reflecting on our school charism and what the school motto means to us and the children. The day was facilitated by Sister Anne Warren, who is a Holy Faith Sister, a former Principal of our school and still living and working in the St Pius X Parish. Then on Monday evening this week, Sister Anne spent time with our Board of Trustees giving a similar presentation. Tremendous thanks from the staff and Board for such a wonderful opportunity. It was so pleasing to see that we still live by those values Margaret Aylward taught and which the Holy Faith Sisters brought to Glen Innes when they founded our school. We are truly blessed that we live and work in such a faith based community.

Sick or Absent Children

Please let the school know as early as possible if a child is going to be away from school when sick. This saves our office staff a huge amount of time as we are required to make contact with families when children don't show up.

Netbook Contract Concerns

Anita Sarich from the Manaiakalani Trust will be at school here each week on Wednesday mornings to meet with parents to discuss any payment or contract issues. She may be emailed at anita.sarich@manaiakalani.org or visited at Tamaki College. If you are unsure, please call Mrs Bell in the school office for details or call me to discuss any other issues.

Safety at the School Gate



I have spoken many times about the dangers we face each day at the end of the school day. Obviously with the houses across the road nearing completion there are many, many contractors vehicles parked, often illegally creating huge problems as our children are leaving. I have spoken to the contractors, police, council as well as the families and we still get scenes like what is pictured on the left each day.

I know it can be difficult, especially if you have younger children, but if you are able to park further up the road and then walk to meet your children at school, it may save some of the congestion we are presently having. It is so important we keep the children safe.

This term our school is once again participating in Auckland Transport's **'Safety at the School Gate'** programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be **no warnings** issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines or in the bus stop, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

Patrol Training

Yesterday **Constable Rob** came to school to train our senior students who have offered to join our roster as Patrol Leaders. He told me he was very impressed with their attitude and how quickly they learned all the calls and what was required. He explained that along with Policemen, official school patrols are the only group of people who can legally stop traffic. They have also been asked to report any cars that break the road rules around crossings. Please also support them by following their instructions as they work to keep everybody safe.

'Please use the school crossing and model safe behaviour'



School Bell Times

The school bell goes at 8.55am each morning. Children need to be here by 8.45am at the latest to allow them to get ready for their lessons. Many children are coming after the bell and this causes problems for the rest of the class when they disturb the class coming in late. We are only having the outside 'line-up' on Mondays and Fridays this year so please make every effort to get the children here on time. We are also having a slightly later lunch break at 12.50pm. This is to allow for a more concentrated period for the key learning time in the mornings.

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF LIST - 2014

Principal	Paul Coakley	
Teacher & Director of Religious Studies (DRS)	Ana Tui	Room 7, Year 7 & 8
Teacher	Eric Slade	Room 6, Years 6 & 7
Teacher	Margaret Deeney	Room 5, Years 5 & 6
Teacher	Marja Pole	Room 4, Year 2 & 3
Teacher	Alan Gaffney	Room 3, Year 3 & 4
Teacher & Associate Principal (AP)	Debra Williams	Room 1, Year 1
Reading Recovery Teacher	Sue Kelway	Mornings
Music Teacher	Frances Carter	Thurs - full day
Teacher Release (Room 6 and 7)	Sharon Middleton	Two days each week
Teacher Release (Mrs Williams)	Viv Logan	Two days each week
School Secretary	Philippa Bell	
Teacher Aide	Mafu Faletanoai	
Teacher Aide	Shona Hoggins	
Teacher Aide	Mat Kanuta	
Teacher Aide	Ana Manuel	
Teacher Aide	William Tui	
Teacher Aide	Ella Ringwood	
Pastoral Care Worker	Halamehi Anae	
Caretaker	Sepulona Tai	
Cleaner	Kakala Mafi	

SWiS – Social Worker in Schools. This year we once again have Mrs **Siueli** Vatikani available to support children and families. We share her with Glen Innes Primary. If you need to talk to her she can be contacted on [0277023450](tel:0277023450) or phone Mrs Bell to leave a message for her.

Our **School Nurses** have started back again checking on children who may have a sore throat and/or skin issues. They will contact parents before any treatment is administered.

Breakfast Club

Through the generosity of the Kids Can Trust and several other benefactors we are able to provide breakfasts on Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.15 in the hall. Thanks to the group of volunteers who help on the days. We hope to increase this to every day later in the term.

Coming Events

Opening School Mass

Tomorrow, Friday 14th, we have our Opening Mass which is always a highlight of Term 1. All Parents, Families and Caregivers are invited to join us for this special liturgy. We will be commissioning our new Senior Leaders and blessing the new members of our school community. Mass starts at 9.00am.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Next Thursday, 20th February, we will be having an informal 'Meet the Teacher' picnic dinner under the trees behind the hall. Last year's evening was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend and it was a great way to get to know other families in a relaxing situation. I will send home a reminder next week but please make every effort to attend.

For the Diary

The Sacred Heart College Open Day will be held on Wednesday 19th March so if you are thinking of sending your son there next year, please make arrangements to take him. We will remind you again before the date along with the information from all the other secondary schools.

School Uniform

Please help your child to make sure their uniform is clearly named so it is easy for us to return if lost. All children need to wear a hat when playing outside during Terms 1 and 4. School hats are available through our school office and every child will need their own school hat. Alternative hats will **not** be accepted this year.

Marist Rugby Club registrations open on February 14th for the coming season at the club at 50 Dunkirk Road, Panmure or call Hamish Fraser who is their Rugby Development Officer on 0210316665.

Kiwisport Basketball

This term all our classes will be receiving specialist coaching in the skills of Basketball. This is the second time we have had basketball so the children can now build on the skills they learned last time. Many have also written about the experience and posted on their class or personal blogs.



Any Worries . . .

Please remember we want to hear from you if you have any concerns about your child or their learning. Please contact the school office on 5287257 to leave a message for your child's teacher or email us at office@saintpiusx.school.nz

If you have more serious concerns please drop in to see me or give me a call to discuss the issue. It is always far better to sort things out early than to have to deal with things afterwards when sometimes they have escalated more than necessary. I will certainly call parents in if I have issues with student behaviour.