



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings

It is always so sad when we lose people we love, especially when they are so young. It is also wonderful to see the way communities like ours pull together to support each other during these really difficult times. We are so lucky we have our faith to keep us strong and the love of friends and families to help us through. I know the whole Fisiioi family appreciates the prayers and support provided to Sefesi, Savelio, Viane and Malia for the loss of their mother Melefusi, last week. We will continue to wrap our Holy Faith arms around them into the future. We also ask for prayers for Mr Tupou, Valensia's father, who is very ill.

Last week we celebrated Ash Wednesday with the St Pius X Parish community. All the children received the ashes on their foreheads as a reminder about what the season of Lent means. Traditionally we taught children to give up something for Lent but in recent years we now focus more on what they can do to help others. We, as a school support the Caritas Programme, which this year is working in the Solomon Islands. Children are encouraged to bring mission money to go towards this worthwhile charity.



Children are Taonga

Every child is the result of a thought of God. Through prayer for children, God's grace flows.

Please pray every day for the children of the world:

Lord Jesus

We know you love children. You gathered them, embraced and blessed them.

We pray that all children feel your comforting love. We pray for all parents in loving, supporting and protecting their children. Grant us more compassionate hearts that we become vividly aware of the needs of all your children, born and unborn, who suffer abuse, disease and poverty.

May we show them your love and hope.

Amen

Some wonderful writing by Room 6 students Alecia and Patrick.

"Wow what a beautiful day for kayaking and fishing!" said Kate as she woke up and opened the curtains.

Once upon a time there was a woman named, trip to Hawaii. What a great place to be. She for two days and it was awesome!! So far she swim at the beach, had a fancy dinner and a with scented candles all around her. She was having the time of her life. So when decided to go kayaking. She went for a nice her clothes and rented a kayak. This was time kayaking and she was very excited.



Kate. She was on a had been in Hawaii went for a wonderful soothing bubble bath she woke up she quick shower, put on going to be her first

On her way to the beach she bought a fishing rod and some bait and then headed off to the beach. When she got there she saw a man waiting. It looked like he was waiting for her. He had a name tag on his shirt. His name was 'Mitch.' She walked up to him and said, "Hello, my name is Kate. Are you waiting for me?" Then he replied, "Actually I am waiting for you. Hello, my name is Mitch. I came here with your kayak you rented for one day. I will be teaching you how to use the kayak." After he had taught her how to use it, she headed off for her Adventure.

She left the shore and kayaked and kayaked and kayaked, until she came to a stop and said to herself, "Well this looks like a good place to fish." She waited and waited and waited until she felt something tug towards her. She got so excited that she started to pull. She didn't know that the fish that she caught was a Great White Shark's Lunch!! Uh-oh she is in big trouble!!! When the Great White Shark saw the fish run away he got really angry and chased after it. As the fish got closer and closer she could see this blue and black shadow chase right behind it. When she looked closer she saw the beady eyes and she realised that it was the Great White Shark!!!

She reeled the fish in as quickly as she could and sped off kayaking like lightning. She knew that she had to give the shark's fish back so she stopped kayaking and she threw the fish back into the water. The Shark stopped and he glared at Kate. He then swam away.

Well it was nearly time for sunset and Mitch had said to bring the Kayak back before sunset. She was unhappy that she didn't get to catch any fish but realised she had had a great adventure!!! She kayaked back to shore where she found Mitch waiting for her. She gave the Kayak back to Mitch and she headed home. When she got into her very comfortable bed, she wondered what her next adventure was going to be!!!

Alecia Room 6

The Auckland Nines 2014 has now come to an end with the Warriors missing out on playing in the nines final, losing to the Cowboys in the second semi-final. The Warriors were scoreless in both halves. The Cowboys played against the Broncos and take out the NRL Dick Smith was finished they handed awards to participated in the Nines. Warriors the NRL Dick Smith Auckland Nines put into the Nines. The Broncos also out of the overall tournament. Last awarded the NRL Dick Smith Cowboys, Gavin Cooper was the rest of the team. There you go, the done and dusted for 2014.



in the Nines Final and went on to win Auckland Nines, 2014. After the final some of those great players who halfback, Shaun Johnson was awarded MVP for all that great work that he had received an award for coming second but not least, the Cowboys were Auckland Nines Trophy. Captain of The awarded the trophy and celebrated with NRL Dick Smith Auckland Nines is now

Patrick Room 6

Board of Trustees

Board Talk

Welcome to our first Board Talk for 2014.

Each few months, through the Board Talk, the board will update the community on Board Matters.

The Board would also like to join Mr. Coakley in expressing their condolences to the Fisihoi Family. Melefusi supported us in our Reading Together Programme and would always help at any school event. We will miss her tremendously.

1. ERO

Just a reminder that ERO (Education Review Office) will be coming to review our school in Week 1 of Term 2.

2. Teacher Resignation

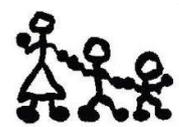
It was with much regret, that the board accepted the letter of resignation from our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Carter. Mrs Carter has been teaching music at our school for 9 years. We will miss her very much when she leaves at the end of Term 1. The school is currently looking for a teacher so music can continue at our school.

3. Pastoral Care review

In January, the Board received a letter from the Catholic Schools' Office, thanking us for our 2013 Proprietor Representatives' Report. They mentioned the warmth of welcome from both our students and our teachers and the close ties between the school and the Parish. Thank you to everyone who made such a positive review possible.

Next Board Meeting : Monday 17th March at 6.30 – 9.00pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come.

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Incredible
Years**



Parent, Teacher and Children Training Series

This Ministry of Education sponsored programme is available to all our parents and caregivers starting next term at no cost and facilitated by trained group leaders. It gives practical step-by-step suggestions for parents of 3 to 8 year olds, to help handle everyday family situations. They provide an encouraging and supportive learning environment and gives parents strategies to manage challenging behaviours. Meetings happen once per week for 2 ½ hours for 14 weeks. There is a crèche available. The programme will be held at St Mary's Cooperating Church at 132 Taniwha Street, Glen Innes. Email suec@rtlcluster8.ac.nz or contact Mr Coakley at school for details. The programme does mean you need to be committed to attend all the sessions but the results have been proven to be well worth it.

Reading Together

This Programme continues this week with a very enthusiastic group of parents involved. Watch out for information about the next programme start dates, later in the year.

The Glen Innes Music and Arts Centre is finally underway.

Over the last couple of years our senior students have been part of the consultation for the development of this fantastic new initiative for our community. Next Saturday, 22nd March, we have been invited to the 'Ground Breaking' Ceremony and concert afterwards. We have a group of our talented musicians going to perform on the main stage at 11.00am. All are welcome to come and support the children as well as all the other performers.

Line Road Carpark (next to the Library) Glen Innes 10.00am - 2.30pm

High School Enrolments for 2015 - Attention Year 8 students and their Parents

The following Catholic Secondary schools have let us know about their Open Days and Enrolment Information and deadlines. If you are planning on sending your sons or daughters to one of these schools please check the following information carefully. Generally they do not accept late enrolments



St Paul's College, Ponsonby.
Talent and Diversity Scholarships available
Contact St Paul's or see Mr Coakley for details



Sacred Heart College, Glen Innes
Open Day
Wednesday 19th March
Tours starting at 12.30pm and 1.15pm
Enrolments close – 28th March

Term 1 2014

March 2014				
10/3 Caritas Lent Unit	11/3 Year 7/8 Technology	12/3 Newsletter	13/3 Mobile Ear Clinic at school	14/3 Room 4 attend Mass
17/3 Caritas Lent Unit Life Education Staff Meeting BOT Meeting 6.30pm	18/3 Year 7/8 Technology	19/3	20/3	21/3 Whole School Mass Soul Friends
24/3 Jesus Strand	25/3 Year 7/8 Technology	26/3 Newsletter	27/3	28/3 Room 3 attend Mass Room 6 Assembly
30/3 Holy Spirit Strand				
April 2014				
	1/4 Year 7/8 Technology	2/4	3/4	4/4 Rooms 1 and 5 attend Mass
7/4	8/4 Year 7/8 Technology	9/4 Newsletter	10/4	11/4 Room 7 attend Mass
14/4 Holy Week	15/4 Year 7/8 Technology	16/4	17/4 Easter Liturgy Last Day of Term 1	Good Friday

Invitation: Please come along to our Soul Friends Mass on Friday 21st March, in the church.