



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

### Hook Line and Sing-A-Long Song Writing Competition.

We received fantastic news this week that our music group from last year, **Tempo Style**, who won the Ukulele Festival song writing contest for their song 'Islands' has now just won this National Competition after last year's St Pius entry finished runner-up. This is a great honour for our school and shows what talented students we have. When supported by a great teaching team they can really 'Shoot for the Stars'.



Maxine, Julia & Meleseini pictured at The 2013 NZ Ukulele Festival before their winning performance of *Islands* in the 2013 APRA Uke Can Do It Songwriting Competition.



We are the first primary school ever to win and we beat all the secondary entrants including the NCEA students of music from around the country. This is a great tribute to the girls, NZ Music Commission and Matt our music mentor. The judges were unanimous in their decision. The lyrics and chords will appear in the 2014 UKE Festival Booklet. The girls now have an official recording session to look forward to and hopefully a professional music video, as well.

### Caught Being Good

The following students have been awarded Duffy Books in the last couple of weeks after being selected at our 'Caught Being Good' draw.

**Samasoni, Makalita, Eusepio, Mei, Moana, Olidah, Misiotei x 2, Deja, Tangi, Dalaney x 2, Viliami, Zheiyana x 2, Siniva, Szaskia and Von.**

### Latecomers

Over the last couple of weeks I have noticed quite a few children coming to school after the bell in the morning. I know families can be very busy but the children do need to be here in plenty of time to get ready for their lessons. Latecomers then cause a distraction to the rest of the class when they do enter. Our morning bell goes at 8.55am so children need to be here at least 10 minutes before that. Thank you for helping with this. Likewise children need to be picked up at 2.45pm at the end of the day. Our teachers often have meetings after school and so are not available to supervise. If you are going to be late because of some unexpected emergency please ring the school office as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to look after the children.



# Festival Of Education

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Last Friday our Ukulele Group was invited to perform as part of the combined Auckland Ukulele Group at the official opening of the **Festival of Education** at the Viaduct Events Centre attended by the Minister of Education. All the children were a real credit to themselves and represented our school with distinction.

Taiwan, Dalaney, Kelly, Aurora, Folauhola, Pepe, Salote, Catherine and Tokilupe.

## Glen Innes Performing Arts Centre

This group, as well as Manu, Petra, Kanesini and Rosalina then represented the school again at the official 'sod turning' ceremony to mark the beginning of the construction of this fantastic community asset. Our students have been part of the planning process so it was very special that they had the opportunity to show their talent at this event. They were the only primary school appearing and gave a wonderful performance.



Folauhola and Tokilupe



Manu



Simon Randall and Len Brown



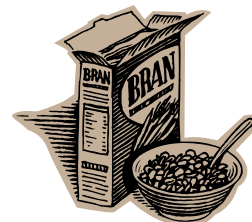
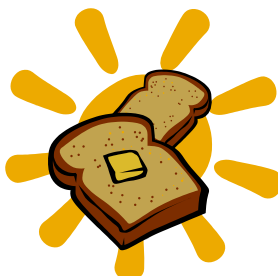
Mrs Carter and the SPX Ukulele Squad



The New G. I. Music and Arts Centre

## Breakfast Club

As parents will already know we have been running a breakfast club at school since late last year. To this point it has operated twice each week. It is organised and supported by some very generous parents and staff, for whom we are very grateful. From this week we have been able to increase this to three days each week so now breakfast will be happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from the start of next term, we will have breakfast everyday. It is open to any child who may have missed breakfast at home. It is so important children start the day well fed so they are ready to learn. If you are able to help out as part of our roster, please leave your name at the school office. We certainly thank all our sponsors for supplying all the food that makes this possible.



## St Mary's Catholic School, Ellerslie.

Centenary Celebrations 30 May – 1 June, 2014. [www.stmarys100.co.nz](http://www.stmarys100.co.nz)

All past pupils, staff and friends of the school are invited to join in the Centenary celebrations.

Please register on the website or contact the school for more information.

## Mums and Dads wanted for a brief positive parenting programme

The Parenting Research Group at the University of Auckland is seeking families with a 5- to 8-year-old child to participate in a research project. Participation will include attendance at parenting groups that teach about positive parenting and discipline strategies to constructively manage their child's behaviour, free of charge.

We are looking for parents to participate in the project who:

- have a child between the ages of 5 and 8 who is showing some difficulties with his or her behaviour
- and are interested in attending a brief discussion group based parenting programme.

Please contact Melanie Palmer on 09 623 8899 ext. 83042 or via email:

[ml.palmer@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ml.palmer@auckland.ac.nz) for more information.

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HUMAN PARTICIPANTS ETHICS COMMITTEE  
(Reference 7431; expiry date 20/07/2017).

## Safety at the School Gate

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Thank you to everyone who has been helping with this. The Auckland City Council Wardens will be coming around checking and will fine people without warning if the rules are broken. Example of fines include:- Parked on the footpath or berm \$40, Parked across or within 1m of a driveway \$40, Parked on a bus stop \$60, double parked \$60, Parked on a broken yellow line \$60. So please take care. We also ask that the children don't play on the footpath while you are waiting for other siblings. Thank you all so much for helping with this.



## After School Programme

Youthtown Panmure After School Programme/April Holiday Programme

143 Tripoli Road, Panmure, [\(09\) 527 2461](tel:095272461)

Youthtown is all about fun and adventure! Our After School Programme caters for children aged 5 to 13 years and operates weekdays during school term from 3 to 6pm. We offer a pickup service from 12 local schools, however parents are most welcome to drop children at the centre.

We offer indoor sports, cooking club, gardening club, arts and crafts activities, homework help, Nintendo wii, a well resourced childrens library and optional afternoon trips every term, all for as low as \$2 a day (if you qualify for an OSCAR Subsidy through WINZ).

The April Holidays are almost upon us, we have In House and Day Trips throughout to keep your kids active and amused. This term we will be visiting Action World, Mt Albert Wave Pool, Botany Hoyts & Sir Barry Curtis Skate Park. Prices from \$26. Registrations open on 2nd April 2014.

Please call in or contact us on [\(09\) 527 2461](tel:095272461) or at [amandag@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:amandag@youthtown.org.nz) to register your child or for further information.

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

Marcellin College Open Evening 26 March starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 8.30pm.  
Enrolment forms available on the night or call the school office to have one posted to you.

## Term 1 2014

| March 2014                                         |                                |                    |                                              |                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 24/3<br>Jesus Strand                               | 25/3<br>Year 7/8<br>Technology | 26/3<br>Newsletter | 27/3                                         | 28/3<br>Room 3 attend<br>Mass<br>Room 6 Assembly |
| 30/3<br>Holy Spirit Strand                         |                                |                    |                                              |                                                  |
| April 2014                                         |                                |                    |                                              |                                                  |
|                                                    | 1/4<br>Year 7/8<br>Technology  | 2/4                | 3/4                                          | 4/4<br>Rooms 1 and 5<br>attend Mass              |
| 7/4<br>Life Education<br>Caravan here all<br>week. | 8/4<br>Year 7/8<br>Technology  | 9/4<br>Newsletter  | 10/4                                         | 11/4<br>Room 7 attend<br>Mass                    |
| 14/4<br>Holy Week<br>BOT Meeting<br>6.30pm         | 15/4<br>Year 7/8<br>Technology | 16/4               | 17/4<br>Easter Liturgy<br>Last Day of Term 1 | Good Friday                                      |

**Life Education Caravan will be at school during Week 10. All children will have several visits with their classes. Years 6-8 will have three 90 minute sessions and Years 5 and 6 will have two 90 minute sessions and Years 1 – 4 will have two 45 minute sessions. The children are looking forward to meeting Harold again. Special thanks to our Board of Trustees who pay for this wonderful learning opportunity.**