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### ***Mission Statement: Excellence in Education: Working together as a Catholic Community***

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

#### **Feast of St Pius X**

All parents and caregivers are invited to celebrate the Feast of St Pius X with us at Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 9.00am in the church. The children will be studying our school charism with a focus on St Pius X in the coming week so please discuss this with them. Following Mass we will share a special cake before spending time with our Soul Friend classes. We will be holding our school Cross Country during the afternoon starting at 1.00pm. The children have been training hard so please come and support them. The cross country is run as a House Activity so we ask students to wear a coloured shirt matching their house colours.

**The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.**

<b>Catherine F</b>	<b>- Commitment</b>	<b>Joshua U</b>	<b>- Commitment</b>
<b>Thomas M</b>	<b>- Enthusiasm</b>	<b>Virginia K</b>	<b>- Helpfulness</b>
<b>Anna Lisa T</b>	<b>- Patience</b>	<b>Maris Stella S</b>	<b>- Helpfulness</b>
<b>Chanel M</b>	<b>- Caring</b>	<b>Helena U</b>	<b>- Service</b>
<b>Folauhola F</b>	<b>- Self-Management</b>	<b>Sione-Toa M</b>	<b>- Leadership</b>
<b>Raphael M</b>	<b>- Commitment</b>	<b>Teanoano M</b>	<b>- Friendliness</b>

#### **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.**

***Virginia Rm 1, Solomone Rm 1, Savior Rm 1, Thomas Rm 1, Joshua Rm 6, Seine Rm 1, Ma'ata Rm 6, Pepe Rm 6.***

#### **Student Behaviour**

I have noticed over the last few weeks more and more children being sent to me after becoming angry and showing behaviour that is not acceptable. When investigated it is usually over a minor matter that did not need that level of reaction. I need to make it clear to Parents, as I have done to the children, that we will not tolerate any violence at school, whether it is verbal or physical and whether it is aimed at property or other people. We are all responsible for our actions, no matter how much we may feel we are provoked. I will contact parents if children lose their cool at school and will pass on the cost of any damage that may result. As adults we must continue to model the behaviour we expect for the children and teach them what is acceptable and appropriate no matter what the circumstances. I continue to thank all parents for their support in this matter.

# Matariki Sculpture



## Matariki Festival Sculpture

In my last newsletter I wrote about the wonderful sculpture our Room 6 students, with the help of some older students from other local secondary schools, created for the Glen Innes Matakiki Festival of Light. Last week the sculpture was brought back to school and erected next to the entrance to the hall. We had a special blessing ceremony which the whole school attended. Father Iosevo opened the ceremony with a special blessing and we then had speakers from Selwyn College, Tamaki College and Howick College as well as St Pius X, and organiser and old boy Petelo Esekielu. We also had a wonderful speech by Mrs Alice Smith, who helped the students with the sculpture.

Please drop by and have a look.



I'm watching you, Tokilupe!

Osca, the sheep whisperer!



### Ambury Farm Visit

Last week all the children had wonderful visits to **Ambury Park** as part of their major study for the last two terms. The junior classes went on Tuesday and had focus on milk. Most had not been on a farm before. On Friday I was fortunate to be able to go with the senior classes. The children had the chance to see cows being milked, they made butter, watched sheep being crotched and had a chance to feed lots of different breeds of goat, sheep and chickens. I think the highlight for many was giving bottled milk to the 23 orphaned lambs. Special thanks to all the parents who were able to come and help supervise on both trips and to Mrs Williams and her team for all the planning.



# Term 3 2014

August 2014					
18/8 BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Wk 5	19/8	20/8	21/8 Feast of St Pius X Mass at 9.00am SPX Cross Country in afternoon.	22/8 Manaiakalani Annual Hui
25/8 R.E. Sacrament Strand	Wk 6	26/8	27/8 Newsletter	28/8	29/8  Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug School Mass
September 2014					
1/9	Wk 7	2/9	3/9	4/9 Kids 4 Kids show - Rehearsal in morning. Main show in evening	5/9
8/9	Wk 8	9/9	10/9 Newsletter Cluster Rugby	11/9	12/9
15/9 R.E. Cluster meetings Hearing + Vision	Wk 9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9
22/9	Wk 10	23/9	24/9 Newsletter Cluster Cross Country	25/9	26/9 Last Day of Term

## Te Rangitira Danish Rounders Sportsmanship Awards:

Our **Te Rangitira Group** has been teaching the school about the ancient game of Danish Rounders. They then organised and ran a tournament so that everybody had a chance to compete. They planned the draws, refereed all the games and ensured everybody had a great time. They then awarded a selection of students with Sportsmanship Certificates. It was a great chance to see our students in these leadership roles within the school. Well done to their teachers as well.

**Malia F**

**Kalolaine T**

**Saveu U**

**Laki P**

**Latanoa S**

**Falakiko S**

**Opeti S**

**Mele S**

**Iverson T**

**Mei V**

## Board Reminders

Next Board Meeting : Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 – 9.00pm. Parents and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

