



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

As I write this newsletter it is great to reflect on all the wonderful activities in our school and the opportunities to grow and learn that the children get. Obviously our academic achievement levels are very important and helping each individual child make the most progress in their learning is our core business. However schools are so much more and provide a huge range of experiences that the children may not ordinarily have. In this newsletter alone, you will read about the success our netball and rugby teams have had competing against other children from across Auckland and within our Tamaki Cluster. Year 8 student Zheyina won the Tamaki Cluster Year 8 Speech Competition. On Thursday evening our Room 5 students travelled to Manukau to perform at the Kids4Kids Choir Festival and our Year 2 and 3 students are training hard for the Cluster Ripper Rugby Tournament to be held later in the term. Many of the children were fully involved during both our recent liturgies for the Feast of St Pius X and our combined Parish/school mass, and our senior students are fundraising for their camp to Piha next term. In the last week of last term, our intermediate class joined with other local schools at a 3 day sports camp at St Kentigen College. All our children went on a farm visit to Ambury Farm, our Room 6 students created a beautiful sculpture for the Matariki Festival, all the students are learning Tae Kwon Do each week and the list goes on. Most classes and some individuals are presently making movies for the Manaiakalani Film Festival and while all these fantastic activities are going on, we have also hosted visiting principals and teachers from around the country who came to observe our twenty-first century learning and how we are using digital technology in the school.

These 'other' activities are so important for the total development of our students. They help them grow in the key competencies that make them fully rounded as they get older and more confident in their learning. I must take the time to thank the staff who work so hard and to all the other parents and volunteers who help at school in so many ways.

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.

Gabriel E	- Understanding	Christopher P	- Confidence
Rosalina K	- Responsibility	Alecia H	- Helpfulness
Folauhola F	- Helpfulness	Sonya H	- Commitment
Sulieti S	- Enthusiasm	Solomone L	- Love
Viane F	- Self-Management	Beni H	- Self-Management
Petra-Rose T	- Commitment	Marcus I	- Courtesy

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

Ierei Rm 6, Aaliyah Rm 3, Beni Rm 3 (x3), Ilaisaane Rm 6, Anthony Rm 5, Falakiko Rm 3, Patrick Rm 6, Samiuela Rm 5, Marcus Rm 5,

Netball

Congratulations to our two netball sides that compete at the **Auckland Netball Centre** each Tuesday evening. They have had an incredible season by winning every game they played except for one narrow loss by our Year 8 side. Both were announced winners of their different grades at the Prize giving Ceremony on Tuesday this week. Both teams have made tremendous progress and have had a wonderful season.

Rugby Champions

Congratulations also to our two rugby sides for wonderful results at the **Tamaki Cluster Rugby Field Day** held at the Mt Wellington Reserve this week. Our Year 7/8 team went through the day undefeated to be crowned champions for 2014. They had a great balance of size and speed and worked together very well to dominate the other sides. Our Year 5/6 team also had great results winning all their pool games, their semi-final and then just losing the final by a single try in the last minute. Outstanding play by this inexperienced team. We are certainly looking good for the future.

Special thanks to Mr Slade for training the teams and to Mr Sonny Haiosi for managing the Year 5/6 team on the day and all the parents who came to support the teams. An excellent day all round. Well done.



Cluster Speech Competitions

This year was the first time our Tamaki Cluster of schools has held an inter-school speech competition for many years. It was decided to change from the traditional 3 minute speech that is very formal and give our students the chance to use their skills to present in a far more modern way. The candidates were allowed to prepare audio visual aids to support their presentations. The finals were held at Bailey Road School on Monday evening and our entrant, Zheyina from Room 7 was crowned Cluster Champion for the Year 7/8 section. Zheyina gave a wonderful presentation about how to deal with

bullies. The judges were very impressed with her presentation style and said that she spoke clearly and engaged the audience very well. Special thanks to Mrs Tui and all her classmates who went to support her. The rest of our senior school are preparing their speeches at the present time, for our class finals in Week 9.

Revolution Theatre Bully Show



We were very fortunate to have this touring group come and perform for us this week to teach the children how to respond to other children when challenged. They put on a very lively show and had the whole school totally engaged. The group has been touring for about nine years and are sponsored by World Vision which meant there was no charge for the children to attend.

Feast of St Pius X



On the 21st August we celebrated the Feast of St Pius X with a beautiful liturgy. After Mass the whole school shared a lovely 'Feast Day' cake and spent time with their Soul Friends.

Cross Country Report 21 August 1:00pm

On Thursday afternoon the whole school had Cross Country. Everyone was excited for the event. At morning tea everyone changed into their running clothes.

The junior school were first to run. The juniors had to run around the hall, the church and the courts because the field was far too muddy.

The year fours had to run around the block once but the seniors had to run twice around the block.

At the end of the race everyone was puffed out and tired. Mrs Williams was counting the points. Everybody was hot thirsty and hungry. All the kids gathered in the courts and waited for the last runners to finish. Then we all went back to class.

by Katelyn and Aaliyah Room 3

Cross Country Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old Girls	Kalisi	Sulieti	Monique
5 year old Boys	Alfred	Savior	Iverson
6 year old Girls	Virginia	Lili	Malia
6 year old Boys	Diego	Christopher	Thomas
7 year old Girls	Makalita	Helena	Akesa
7 year old Boys	George	Laki	Jerome
8 year old Girls	Vanessa	Olidah	Makaela
8 year old Boys	Macky	Samasoni	Beni
9 year old Girls	Malia	Anna-Lei	Lenleigh
9 year old Boys	Marcus	Alex	Viane
10 year old Girls	Alecia	Rosalina	Von
10 year old Boys	Patrick	Fanoali'i	Joshua
11 year old Girls	Monique	Kilisitina	Tokilupe
11 year old Boys	Justin-Tyler	Albert	Frank
12 year old Girls	Latanoa	Jane	Rachel
12 year old Boys	Ezra	Misiotei	Justin
13 year old Girls	1 st = Deja / Szaskia		
13 year old Boys	Jay	Viliami	Leki

Camp Fund Raiser

Our Senior Camp will be happening towards the end of Term 4 and the students are presently fundraising to cover the costs. They have put together a raffle which they would like the rest of the school community to support. Tickets are \$2.00 each and there are 5 prizes.



- 1st Brand New Bike and Helmet
- 2nd \$100.00 Shopping Voucher
- 3rd \$ 50.00 Shopping Voucher
- 4th \$ 30.00 Shopping Voucher
- 5th Double Pass to Sylvia Park Movies

Tickets are available from the school office or any Year 7 or 8 student.
Drawn 28th October.

Term 3 2014

September 2014					
1/9	Wk 7	2/9 Netball Prize giving	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	Wk 9	16/9	17/9 Duffy Book Assembly	18/9	19/9 Room 1 Assembly Grand Parents Mass Ear Van at School
22/9	Wk 10	23/9	24/9 Newsletter Cluster Cross Country	25/9	26/9 Last Day of Term