



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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



Soane Patita Paini Mafi, bishop of Tonga, is elevated to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Francis during a consistory, on February 14, 2015 at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican.

Archbishop John Dew from Wellington was also elevated to the same rank and is now Cardinal for New Zealand. Cardinal Mafi is the youngest church leader appointed to the role at the age of 53. At 66 years of age, Cardinal Dew, along with Cardinal Mafi will both likely be involved in voting for the next Pope, an honour only bestowed on Members of the College of Cardinals who are under the age of 80.

On hearing the news of the announcement, Archbishop John said:

"This news is recognition of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the contribution it makes to the global Catholic family. I'm delighted to hear that Bishop Soane Mafi of Tonga has also been named in the list, together it is not only great news for New Zealand and Tonga but for the Oceania region."

We were so excited that Room 4, teacher Mrs Kuilei Pulotu was able to join a large group from New Zealand and Tonga to support Cardinal Mafi on a pilgrimage to Rome to witness this special event. We will certainly remember both men in our prayers as they begin this new journey in their spiritual lives.

Catholic Diocese Education Dedication Mass.

At the recent mass celebrated by Bishop Pat, attended by most teachers from Catholic schools in Auckland Mrs Williams, Mrs Tui and myself were awarded Certificates for attaining Leadership Level Accreditation with Endorsement as Religious Education teachers. All our teachers are working towards Accreditation at varying levels depending on their experience.

Lenten Celebration

On Ash Wednesday we had a very special mass celebrated with the St Pius X Parish Community and our families to signify the beginning of the Lenten Season. The children will be spending time learning about this season at their own levels as we move on to Easter at the end of the Term. We will be having a special Easter Liturgy on Holy Thursday which is the last day of the term.

Stepping Out Programme

Constable Gordon from the New Zealand Police has been working with our Year 1 and 2 children running the Stepping Out Programme focussing on road safety. The children were shown how to cross the road safely as well as what to look out for when walking down the footpath. He also talked about safely riding in cars and making sure seat belts were used and booster seats if required.



Assessment week

Most of our formal testing was completed last week. This was the first time the senior children have done most of their tests online. Special thanks to Mrs Tui and the teachers for making sure all the technical issues were sorted with very little disruption. Once the marking is completed we will have a better idea how the children are performing compared to all the other children in our Cluster and across New Zealand.

Netbook Contract Concerns

Anita Sarich from the Manaia Kalani 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@manaiaikalani.org or phoned on 021838947 or visited at Tamaki College.

Prayer time is always special in Room 1.



Some of these children have only been at school for a few weeks. They very quickly learn all the important skills to do well at school. They are learning to manage themselves, to be organised and ready to share their learning. Sometimes I think that Mrs Williams, Mrs Logan and Ms Mafu have more fun than the children.

Kiwisport – First Tee

This term all our classes are learning golf from a professional golf coach. They are following the 'First Tee' Programme which not only deals with the practical skills of golf but emphasises virtues of respect, patience, discipline and manners. All the children are really enjoying the experience.



Child Safety Day at Pt England Reserve



Officer Manu enjoying the safety day at Pt England Reserve last week.

We were very pleased last week also that **Constable Gordon** was able to come to our Parent Evening to talk about child safety especially concerning car booster seats. All children under 7 years of age must be riding in a suitable booster seat whenever travelling in a car. He told all the parents that in the previous week he had checked our parents dropping children off at school and found only about a quarter of families were completely legal. He gave out quite a few warnings but said there would be fines if parents continued to break the law and put the children at risk.

The silverbeet is growing well.



Breakfast Club

As you will be aware for the last year or so we have run a Breakfast Club each morning before school. All children are welcome to attend if they need to. We have had a great group of helpers but now need a few more to share the load.

Breakfast Club Helpers needed. One hour per week to help set-up distributing breakfast supplied by the Kids Can Charity, and Kickstart Breakfast Programme. Please contact our school office if you are able to help.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Term 1 2015

March 2015					
2 RE Focus Lent/Jesus Strand/ Holy Week	Week 5	3	4	5	6
9 'Getwise Programme' All classes	Week 6	10	11	12	13 Room 6 Assembly
16 RE Focus Jesus Strand	Week 7	17 St Patrick's Day Soul Friends' Mass	18	19	20
23 RE Focus Jesus Strand	Week 8	24	25 Feast of Annunciation	26	27 Room 5 Assembly 29 th Palm Sunday
30 RE Focus Jesus Strand	Week 9	31 Year 7/8 Immunisations			
April 2015					
		1	2 Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday Holiday	

Don't Forget . . .

Help us spend Kiwisport money in your community!

Sport Auckland are currently engaging in a community consultation to set the priorities for Kiwisport funding. We have distributed over \$2 million into our local community over the past 3 years. To ensure we are providing the right sporting opportunities that meet the needs of your community can you and your son/daughter please take 2 minutes to fill in the survey applicable to you:

Parents – www.surveymonkey.com/s/KSparents

Primary School Aged Students - www.surveymonkey.com/s/KSPrimary

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. The survey will remain open until Wednesday 11th March.

If you are interested in having further input please see attached the details for the Tamaki-Maungakiekie Local Board Forum at 3.30pm-5.30pm on Tuesday 24th March or go to www.sportauckland.co.nz for details on other local forums where you will have this opportunity.