



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

This Sunday, 31st May is Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost and is to honour the Holy Trinity – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It reminds us how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.



This Sunday we will be celebrating this Feast Day with the St Pius X Parish. Father Iosevo has asked the school to plan the liturgy and prepare the children for the mass. All families are asked to attend the 10.00am mass this weekend as a school and Parish community. The children need to be at the church by 9.45am at the latest and will process in together with their teachers at the beginning of mass. Please make every effort to support our school at the mass.

School Mass this Sunday 10.00am at St Pius X Church. Children to arrive by 9.45am.

Year 8 Leadership Retreat

Last week our Year 8 leaders attended their special overnight Leadership Retreat at the Franciscan Friary in Hillsborough. **Br Philip** once again presented a wonderful programme supported by Josephine his assistant. I attended my first retreat at the same place over forty years ago. It was really special to see the great work started by St Francis still carrying on and supporting our children of today at such a beautiful place. Everybody had a fantastic time and want to thank all those members of our community who helped with our fundraising.



Special thanks to **Fr Iosevo** who came across to Hillsborough to celebrate mass on Friday.

Sick Children

In recent weeks we have had several instances of children becoming sick at school and needing to go home. A couple of times contact details had changed and we were unable to call parents or emergency contacts. If your details have changed please let Philippa in our office know straight away so we can up-date our files. Likewise, if your child is sick please keep them at home. Remember the nurses are here every week checking for sore throats and on skin health. They regularly identify illness or issues. They will make contact with you directly if any treatment is necessary. Medication will be supplied to you free but they are not allowed just give it to the children. They must meet with you.



National Young Leaders' Day

National Young Leaders Days are the largest and longest running leadership event for primary, intermediate and secondary school students. These large scale annual events aim to develop student leadership. Since 2001 over 110,000 students have been empowered to fulfil their dreams and become great leaders at a National Young Leaders Day in New Zealand. NYLD events are also held in Australia and Singapore.

The objectives of NYLD are

Inspiration Connection Student empowerment Education
Promoting positivity Motivation

Three of our Year 7 students attended the day last week. Joshua and Patrick have written their thoughts about the day. Special thanks to Mrs Kelway and Mrs Ringwood.



This is the only thing I want to all the young leaders out there "Every one of us can be a leader - whether that be at school, at work, in our personal life, in sports, in the community, or as a leader of ideas. We can all be someone that other people look up to. I encourage you to aim high, reach for your dreams and give it everything you've got. I firmly believe if you set your mind to it, you can achieve anything"
Joshua (Room 6)

National Young Leaders Day was a great experience for me because I want to become a Leader and be a role model. NYLD has been going for around 14 years since 2001, this was the first time St Pius X Catholic School Glen Innes attended this conference. The Guest Speakers were all people who never gave up on their dreams and believed in themselves and that they could do it.

The Guest Speaker I most admired was a man who suffered from brain damage because of concussion in his early years of rugby, but he didn't give up on his dream which was to be an All Black. After his road to recovery his was picked for the All Blacks 23 man squad by the Coach Sir Graham Henry.

NYLD was an amazing day. I really enjoyed it.

Patrick (Room 7)

Roots Programme – Water Sensitive Glen Innes

Students from Rooms 5 and 6 have been taking part in the **Water Sensitive G.I. Programme** provided by the Roots Project in relation to water conservation and sustainable living. The programme runs for 4 weeks this term and follows on from previous programmes such as the **Matariki Sculpture Project** and the **'Message in a Bottle' Project** from previous years.



In these pictures **Alice** is working with Room 6 students showing how water can be filtered through different mediums.

As part of this programme we will be having several installations happening later this term including a 2000litre water tank to collect roof water and then water our garden



Netball continues each Tuesday evening with both teams competing well in their Grading Round games. Our Year 6 team had a great 10-1 victory and our Year 7/8 side also won convincingly 13-1 during terrible conditions. It was bitterly cold and wet and all team members played well and stuck to the game plan. Thanks to coaches, staff and parents who braved the cold to train, manage and support the teams.

Swimming Lessons continue. Please support the children by ensuring they are ready each day for their lessons. They need to take part in a minimum number of lessons to ensure they receive their certificates. Remember swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum and unless they are unwell, all children are expected to swim. Please also name the children's clothing. We have had a large number of items left behind so far and the children often are unable to remember their own property.



Term 2 2015

May				
25 Week 6 RE Focus God Strand	26	27	28 Sailor the Puffer Fish Show 2.00pm	29
June				
1 Week 7 Queen's Birthday Holiday	2	3 Rugby League Field Day	4	5 Rooms 4 & 5 Mass
8 Week 8 Photo Life Class/Team photos	9	10 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention	11 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention BOT Boards' Forum 6.30 Panmure Bridge School	12 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention
15 Week 9	16	17	18	19
22 Week 10	23	24 Cluster Orienteering	25 3 Way Goal-setting conferences. All families need to attend. 1.00-7.30pm Interview times will be allocated.	26 Rooms 1, 3, 4 attend Mass
29 Week 11	30			
July				
		1	2	3 Rooms 5,6, 7 attend Mass Last Day of Term 2



Thank you for all your support!

Don't Forget – Queen's Birthday this Monday – No School