



Dear Parents and Caregivers - Ngā mātua aroha, me te Kaitiaki

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

This week is Maori Language Week **Tenei wiki, ko te Wiki o te Reo Maori**



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori /Māori Language Week takes place this year between Monday 27 July and Sunday 2 August. This special week provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language.

Our teachers and children have been trying their best to use te reo as much as possible in their daily lives this week. Please take the time to talk to them about what they have been doing and even try some of the words or simple sentences that you already know.

Eg:

Welcome

How are you?

I am fine.

What's your name?

Have a nice day.

Haere mai

Kei te pēhea koe?

Kei te pai ahau.

Ko wai tōu ingoa?

Kia pai tō rā.

So, welcome back to Term 3 after what was a long term and short holiday. The children (and staff) were all tired and needed the break to recharge the batteries and get ready for the second half of the year. This is the busy term so please make sure children are at school on time each day.

As you will already know, we have a whole school trip planned for Thursday 20th August to support our Water Topic. Information sheets have gone home with details and costings. We are subsidising the price to keep it as low as possible and also covering the buses.



The normal child entry charge to this fantastic experience is \$22.00 each. We have been able to get this down to \$10.00 per child which also includes the bus costs and having each class spend time with the specialist teachers.

We need the permission forms and money sent to school before the trip. We know that for some larger families this is still very expensive so please let us know if you need any help paying. You are welcome to send smaller amounts each week if that helps. Mrs Bell will issue a receipt each time if required.

The children have been really enjoying this topic and their language growth has been very noticeable.



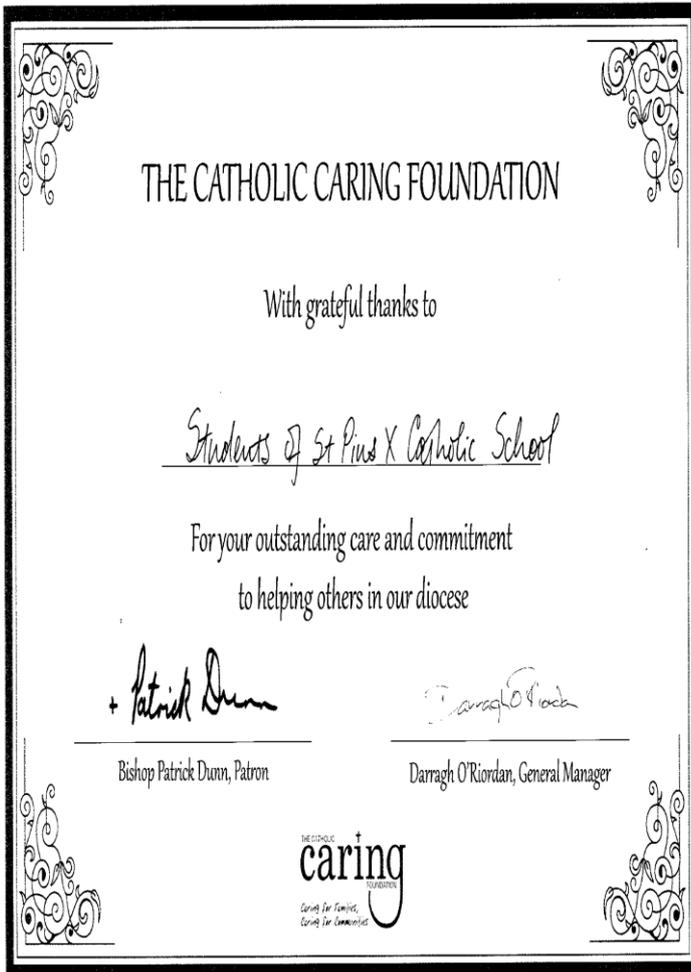
The Catholic Caring Foundation Celebration Mass

On Wednesday the 22nd July St Pius X children were invited to St Patrick's Cathedral to join with many other schools in a special celebration Mass to acknowledge the wonderful charity and service given by so many to support the needy in our diocese.

Four of our senior students represented St Pius X and had the opportunity to meet Bishop Pat and members of the Caring Foundation Committee and to be personally thanked for the generous work we do to help others.

Our school has been the recipient of grants from the Caring Foundation for many years so it was nice to be able to give something back and show thanks.

Pictured above are Folauhola, Seuati and Patrick with Auckland Bishop Pat Dunn. Alecia also attended the event but was the camera operator and so isn't in the photo. I was extremely proud at how these students represented our school.



Swimming Pool Pack-up

After a fantastic term's swimming we finally had to get all hands on deck last week to dismantle and pack away this great resource. This was the third time we have hosted the pool and once again it proved very popular. As mentioned in previous newsletters we were very fortunate that all our children received ten free lessons from professional swimming coaches, who were very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children. I need to say a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents, staff and students who spent last Thursday morning working extremely hard packing up. The coordinator said that although we were not the fastest we were able to check everything and give it a good clean before it travels to the next school.



Technology

Year 7 and 8 students travel each week to Selwyn College for their Technology. Presently the Year 7's are doing materials and Year 8's Food.



Rugby Representative Excels

Congratulations to Albert from Room 7 and his team representing the Auckland East Bill McLaren Open side at the Auckland Championship during the holidays. The team played very well and went through undefeated and won the competition. Unfortunately Justin, who was also selected for the team was injured and was unable to take part in the tournament.

Term 3 2015

July				
27 Week 2 R.E. Church Strand Hearing and Vision Testing Maori Language Week	28 Junior Kiwisport starts – 'Ready set go'	29 'Warriors' visit	30 Room 7 Parent Meeting 6.00pm	31
August				
3 Week 3 Cook Island Language Week	4 Senior Kiwisport starts - hockey	5	6 Home School Partnership Meeting 6.00pm 'Writing'	7
10 Week 4	11	12	13	14 Assumption of Mary Mass
17 Week 5 BOT meeting 6.30	18	19	20 Trip to Kelly Tarlton's Whole School	21 St Pius X Feast Day Mass 9.00am Show in afternoon.
24 Week 6 R.E. Sacrament Strand	25	26	27 SPX Cross Country	28
31 Week 7 Tongan Language Week				
September				
	1	2	3	4
7 Week 8 Catholic Cross Country Senior Oral Presentations	8	9	10	11
14 Week 9	15	16	17 Duffy Theatre 1.40pm	18 Grand Parents Mass 9.00am
21 Week 10	22	23 Cluster Cross Country	24	25 Last Day of Term 3

Home School Partnership Meeting Next Week

All parents are invited to this important session next Thursday evening starting at 6.00pm to discuss what we are teaching in relation to writing and more importantly, what you can do as parents to support your child's learning. The focus will be on **Writing** which is what many of our students are struggling with. This is common across all our Cluster schools, as well as around the rest of New Zealand.

Please make every effort to attend. The children do not need to attend but if it would mean you not coming then bring them with you. This meeting is too important not to be there.

What: Home School Partnership Meeting
When: Thursday 6th August
Starting: 6.00pm

