



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.

Auckland weather certainly is changeable and the old saying about 'four seasons in one day' was very true for yesterday. Sunny morning, showers during the day, a little wind and then huge thunder and lightening as well as heavy hail which looked very much like snow to me, in the evening. The temperature has also been very cold the last couple of days. We still have some children coming to school without jerseys even though there are about ten sitting in the lost property bin (none named). Quite a few children also need appropriate black school shoes.



### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us on Friday morning as we celebrate this wonderful feast day. It recognises when Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, after her death. The feast day is recognised on 15<sup>th</sup> August each year. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has transferred the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Saturday 15 August to Sunday 16 August to ensure the greatest number of Catholics possible may celebrate New Zealand's patronal Feast. However, as a school we will go to mass on Friday.

### Home School Partnership Meeting



Thank you to those parents and caregivers who were able to join us last week for this **Home/School Partnership** meeting to look at **Writing**. Although the numbers were not as high as previous meetings, those who came really



enjoyed learning about how they can help their children at home with their writing. Mrs Williams and the teachers presented a range of simple activities and each family took home a pack of 'goodies' to support writing. Each of the teachers ran a short workshop on a particular area and the parents moved from one table to another to experience what the children do at school.

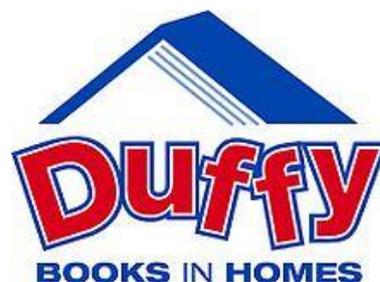
### Caught Being Good

The following students received 'Caught Being Good' awards this week and will receive Duffy Books as a reward.

Salote Room 7  
Diego Room 3  
Etuale Room 3  
Alecia Room 7

Patience Room 3  
Courtney Room 6  
Valensia Room 7  
Misiotei Room 7

Fiapo Room 3  
Opeti Room 3  
Helena Room 3  
Sonya Room 7

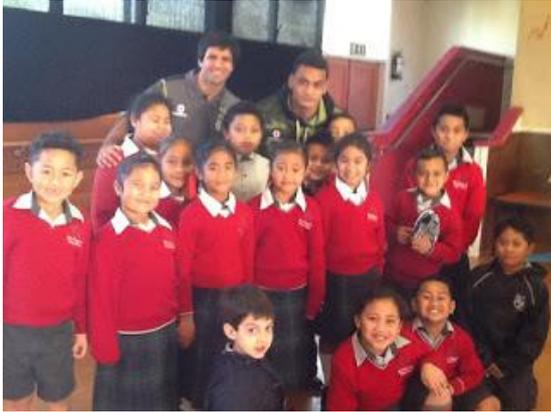




### Warriors Come to St Pius X

Last week we finally had our visit from the New Zealand Warriors. This came about after our students won a writing competition at the end of last year with the winners receiving the visit. It has taken a while to organise the visit. We were lucky to have current First Team players **Ken Maumalo** and **David Bhana** speak at our assembly. They knew we were a Kids Can school and that the Warriors had helped supply all our students with rain coats last year. They also spoke about the importance of eating healthy food including lots of fruit and

vegetables. They also ran some drills with our senior players. Thanks Mr Slade.



**Cross Country** training has now started with all classes spending some time getting fit over the next few weeks in preparation for our school Cross Country coming up later in the term. Children are encouraged to bring suitable sports shoes as school shoes are not designed for running.



It is now less than two weeks until this major trip on the **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Thank you to those parents who have been able to pay the \$10.00 already. We know it is expensive but the school is subsidizing the normal entry price and paying for the buses. Please send the money (or whatever you can afford at this time) to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you are struggling to get the money, please send a note and I am sure we can help.

No child will miss the trip as it is an important part of their learning.



**Albert F.** after the final of the Bill McLaren Intermediate Rugby Tournament held during the holidays. Albert had at least one player of the game award and I am sure he has a very bright future as he gets older.

### Kiwi Sport This Term

The senior classes are doing **Hockey** this term for the next few weeks as part of their Kiwisport Programme and the Juniors are completing the **Ready Set Go** Programme which is a movement orientated activity.

### Netball

We had our two senior sides compete in the **Eastern Zone** interschool competition last week with some great results. We were competing against some of the biggest Intermediate schools in Auckland and the girls can be very proud of their achievements. Special thanks to Mrs Middleton and her team of parents and helpers who supported both teams. The Tuesday Evening Competition continues with the championship rounds so the games are much harder. Both teams are representing our school very well.

## Some of our Year 5 students have been practising their Persuasive Writing

### Cats- Who Needs Them?

Persuasive writing by **Mikaela Room 5**

*I think we should get rid of every single cat in the world and they should not be anybody's pet.*

*To begin with, we should get rid of all the cats because they are very wild, vicious killers. These are some creatures they kill- common sparrows, black robins and many different insects.*

*Secondly, they are fast at killing their prey because some creatures like birds nest on the ground and in low bushes. That's how cats kill so many birds that nest on the ground or in low bushes.*

*Yet I have another reason why we shouldn't have cats. They also kill our native birds around the whole world and we would not have any in the zoos for us to look at.*

*Now you can see why we need to get rid of every cat. It is because they are vicious predators.*

### **VICIOUS CATS!!!**



**THIS**



**Compared  
to**



**THIS**



*Cats, Who Needs them?*

*I think that we should get rid of all the cats in New Zealand. Firstly cats scratch and bite and they can hurt the small children and the furniture. Secondly they kill our native birds and bring dead birds into the house and hide them. Thirdly, cats can kill small animals that live on the ground or kill the common sparrow or an endangered bird.*

*You can see why we should get rid of all the cats in New Zealand.*

**Mei Room 5**

### **Honours Badges**



At our last assembly we were very pleased to award our next group of Honours Badge recipients. Both Christopher and Salote have worked really hard to earn this prestigious award for being excellent role models and living our school values every day. They both have taken on roles of responsibility in both their classroom, as well as the wider life of the school. They are always friendly and positive and are very dedicated to their studies. Well done, Christopher and Salote.

## Cook Island Language Week – Kia orana



Last week was Cook Island Language week which coincided with the 50 years anniversary of independence. Our small but very passionate group have been very involved in learning some of the history and had the chance to join with other Cook Island Community members at the Glen Innes Library on Friday for a morning of talks, and culture. The team had made a presentation and enjoyed meeting some of the older members who showed them some of the decorative artwork. Extra special thanks to Mrs Pera for coordinating the group and setting up the office displays.

## Term 3 2015

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				
<b>September</b>					
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7	Week 8 Catholic Cross Country Senior Oral Presentations	8	9	10	11
14	Week 9	15	16	17 Duffy Theatre 1.40pm	18 Grandparents Mass 9.00am
21	Week 10	22	23 Cluster Cross Country	24	25 Last Day of Term 3