



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Term Two has started successfully with several new enrolments and the children and staff happy to be back at school, after some excellent weather during the break. Long may it continue. I told the children on our first day that this must be the 'work' term. There is no excuse for anybody not trying their hardest to make the most progress they can. Teachers will be completing individual assessments for all children over the next few weeks ready for our formal reporting at the end of the term. Our 3-Way, Goal Setting Conferences are planned for the last week of term when all parents from Years 4-8 are expected to attend with their children. Last year we had over 95 percent. We need 100 percent this year. Parents of children in their first three years of school will be invited for interviews on the anniversary of their starting school.

Mothers' Day Mass

Last Friday **Fr Felise** celebrated a beautiful mass for Mothers' Day. During the service he gave a special blessing for all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and caregivers who act as mothers to all our families. He even wrote and sang a special song which everybody enjoyed very much. We had a very large number of mums there so it was a very special time. We also presented our '**Caught Being Good Mum**' at the mass. We have so many very special mothers and although it was really hard to single one out for the prize we chose **Salote Pese** who received a neat, adult colouring book and pencils provided by **Duffy Books in Homes**.

St Pius X Catholic School BOT Elections (2016 Triennial Trustee Election)

This is a chance for our parents/caregivers to give some thought to standing for election at this important event. The School Trustee elections are one of the most significant democratic processes in New Zealand.



Every 3 years' school communities around the country select a group of people to govern their schools. NZSTA, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, supports boards and returning officers through the election process.

2016 Triennial Trustee Election

The election date is **Friday 3 June 2016**. Below are **important dates**:

Call for nominations opens Friday 6 May 2016

Call for nominations closes Friday 20 May 2016

Voting closes on 3 June 2016

Board takes office on 10 June 2016

If you are interested in becoming involved in your local Board of Trustees, please visit <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

To find out more information please speak to me or to one of our current Board Members.

Gladiators of Change Event – Glenbrae School putting families first.

Enquiries: Telephone 09 276 3729 1 June 2016 – 6pm-8pm Free Sausage Sizzle
5.30pm Glenbrae School, Leybourne Circle, Glen Innes.

A Free Parenting Event hosted by Pio Terei FREE EVENT In conjunction with: • **Panmure Bridge School • Orakei School • Pt England School • Bailey Rd School • Glen Innes School • Sylvia Park School • St Pius X School • Riverina School • Ruapotaka School • Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Puau Te Moananui-A-Kiwa**

With special guests including... **EMELINE AFEAKI-MAFILE'O ALFRED NGARO**

Netball 2016

The season started last night with the first grading game for this year's team. With our lower numbers we have only been able to enter one team in the Tuesday night competition. The girls all played particularly well, as for some, this was their first game. The final result was a narrow loss 9-12. Great organisation by Alecia and thanks to the many parents and staff who supported the girls.

Athletics Sports

On the last day of last term, we had a very enjoyable Athletics sports afternoon. All the children took part and we were blessed with great weather. Special thanks to Mrs Pulotu, Mr Gaffney and the staff for all the organisation and to all the many parents who also helped on the day. Congratulations to the **Geckos** who took out the house competition by winning the most points. The school athletics team will be selected from these results to go to the Cluster Championships in Term 4.



Results

Geckos 1st 510 points

Tuis and Kiwis 2nd= 395 points

Keas 4th 325 points

Bike Day with Room 5



At the end of last term Room 5 were very fortunate to have a visit by the Cycle Safety Team and learned all about keeping safe on the roads, as well as care for their bicycles.

Calendar of Events

Please check the Calendar of Events on the back of this newsletter and diary the main dates such as parent evenings and special school functions where you are invited to attend. We need to work together to give our children the best opportunities for success that we can.

Sick or Absent Children



Please let the school know as early as possible if a child is going to be away from school when sick. This saves our office staff a huge amount of time as we are required to make contact with families when children don't show up. Also please let us know any changes to telephone numbers or emergency contacts.



Netbook Contract Concerns

Anita Sarich from the Manaiakalani Trust is based at Sommerville Special School but is happy to meet parents at St Pius X if necessary to discuss any payment or contract issues. She may be emailed at anita.sarich@manaiakalani.org or phoned on 021838947 or visited at Sommerville School.

Parking at the School Gate



The Auckland City Council have spoken to me about their concerns around schools in general especially when parents are dropping off or picking up in the afternoon

This term our school is participating in Auckland Transport's '**Safety at the School Gate**' programme once again. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be **no warnings** issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

Any Worries . . .

Please remember we want to hear from you if you have any concerns about your child or their learning. Please contact the school office on 5287257 to leave a message for your child's teacher or email us at office@saintpiusx.school.nz

If you have more serious concerns, please drop in to see me or give me a call to discuss the issue. It is always far better to sort things out early than to have to deal with things afterwards when sometimes they have escalated more than necessary. I will certainly call parents in, if I have issues with student behaviour.



VENUE: Sommerville Special School (Old Tamaki Intermediate) Tripoli Rd. (Opposite Shops), Glen Innes

TIME: 9.30am. —11.30am. DATES: 2016: 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, 5 Sept, 12 Sept, 19 Sept, 10 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov, 21 Nov.

The Incredible Years parenting programme acknowledges that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do. The programme aims to encourage positive family relationships.

We provide:

- Practical step-by-step suggestions for parents of 3 to 8 year olds, to help handle everyday family situations.
- An encouraging and supportive learning environment.
- Strategies to help parents manage challenging behaviors.
- Book, folder and weekly programme tips.
- Crèche.

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAMME which runs for 14 weeks—each session is for 2 hours.

Nga Manu Awhina Cluster 8 Is to facilitate Incredible Years Parenting Programme

If you have any Queries including transport, please contact: Sue Cameron: Ph 021 733 265 Email: suec@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz

GI.ANTZ Homework Club at Glen Innes Library starts again this term, 3.30 – 4.30 Monday to Thursday. Enrolment forms at School or the library. Free.

Term 2 2016

May 2016				
9 Re Focus Ascension- Holy Spirit Strand Testing Continues Gloss/PM Benchmark	Week 2 10 Kiwisport starts Netball begins	11 Revolution Tour Show 1.40pm	12 Mrs Tui at DRS Conference	13 Mrs Tui at DRS Conference
16 Catholic Schools' Day Liturgy BOT Meeting 7.00pm 'Bully Free Week'	17	18	19	20
23 Week 4	24	25	26 Leadership Day	27 Room 3 Learning Celebration Rooms 1,3, 4 attend Mass NB School/Parish Mass Sunday 29 th at 10.00am
30 RE Focus Lent/Jesus Strand/ Holy Week	31 Rooms 5 and 7 at Science Road Show Tamaki College			
June 2016				
		1 Mr Coakley at NZPPF Conference	2 Mr Coakley at NZPPF Conference	3 Mr Coakley at NZPPF Conference Rooms 5 and 7 attend Mass BOT Election Day – Poll closes Feast of Sacred Heart – Whole School Mass
6 Week 6 Queen's Birthday Holiday	7 RE Focus Church Strand Photolife – Class and Team photos	8	9	10 Whole School Stations of the Cross 12.30pm
13 Week 7 Last week Tennis	14 Whole School Marae visit	15 Manaiakalani Visitors TBC	16 Tamaki Boards' Forum	17
20 Week 8 RE Focus BOT Meeting 7.00pm	21	22	23 Year 8 Retreat at Friary	24 Mass Rooms 3 & 5
27 Week 9	28	29	30	
July 2016				
				1 Whole school trip to mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Leave 11.00am
4 Week 10	5	6	7	8 End of Term Mass Last Day of Term