



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

This Sunday, 29th May we will be having our combined **School/Parish Mass at 10.00am**. We expect all our children (and families if possible) to attend for this special liturgy. This is the chance to celebrate together as a school and Parish family. There will be a special invitation coming home separate to this newsletter with details. Please make every effort to support the children on this special occasion. We would like all the children to arrive early so we can get them settled before mass begins. Many of the children have special parts so please ask them if they have and help them practise at home if necessary.

Next week is **Samoan Language Week**. 'Talofa lava' Ask your child about what they are doing at school to celebrate this.

St Pius X Catholic School Board of Trustee Elections

At the close of nominations at noon Friday 20th May 2016, the following nominations were received for the five (5) parent vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

**Julianna Laga'aia
Alyson Makatesa
Naite Naden
Ketera Pita
Silia Vakauta**



I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Julianna Laga'aia
Alyson Makatesa
Naite Naden
Ketera Pita
Silia Vakauta**

These results will be published in the newspapers selected by your school.

**Wayne Jamison
Returning Officer
Canterbury Education Services**

The staff have elected **Mrs Debbie Williams** as the Staff Representative onto the Board.

Our four (4) **Bishop's Representatives** on our Board will be confirmed by **Bishop Pat** next week with our first meeting for the new **Board on Monday 20th June at 7.00pm**.

Extra special thanks to our retiring Board of Trustee members who have done a fantastic service to our school, some for many, many years. Mrs Akata Siale, Mrs Catherine Ringwood and Mrs Epi Timu have all made great contributions to our success and we wish to offer our tremendous thanks and gratitude for your years of dedicated service.

Spark Headquarters by Paul Room 7

Yesterday, Sunday 22 May, some of the Room 7 and Room 5 students went to the Spark Headquarters. We went by bus. It felt funny going on a school trip on a Sunday but we were excited to go.

We participated in different activities. My favourite activity was 3D printer. This was my favourite activity because we got to design what we wanted to create with the 3D printer. Sadly, my creations were not going to be printed because it will just take too long. I created a car using a program called Tinkcad. I was very creative with my online construction. I was disappointed that I did not have the opportunity to print, however, I now know how to access this program. I realised how some toys are made, like the little toys at McDonalds. I might look for a job like that in the future.
Paul.

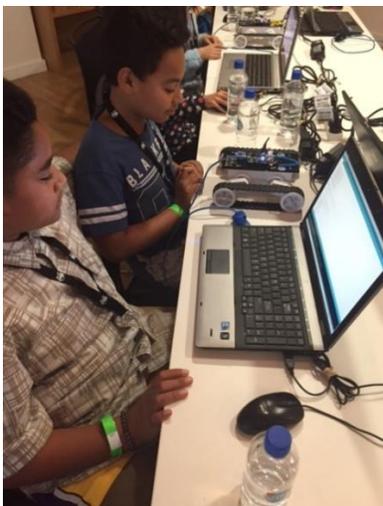
Exploring Spark by Von Room 7

Okay we are taking off now - I was full of excitement. We are off to the Spark Head Office. I did not care what we were going to do there but I was excited about going on a school trip on a Sunday. I woke up and got ready to go to school. An unusual day to go to school. I normally go to church on Sundays.

We have arrived at Spark Head Office in town! It took us about 30 minutes on the bus. Wow! There were children everywhere. Children from many different schools around Auckland. I wondered what we were going to do at this massive place. I was amazed how big the Spark Head Office was.

We were greeted by a lady from Spark and were told to get into 5 groups. We were given different wristband colours. We were mixed with students from other schools. I was in the yellow group. We were sent to the Sciences for our first workshop. It was amazing to see what happens when we mix milk, paint and dish detergent liquid together. It was like a miracle. The liquid turned white. I wonder where the colours went!

I had to do robotics, unmaking, scratch programming and 3D printing. It was an amazing experience. I knew scratch as I was doing some work on it at school but I still learnt some great things when I was at Spark office. My favourite activity was the robotics. I enjoyed setting the program on the computer and it linked to my robot to make it move. I feel I can do this at school if I have the robot and the program. I would like to learn more about it.



Fonuamotu, Samuel, Jerome and Manu are on their way to taking over the world !!!

Revolution Tour Show at St Pius X on 11 May 2016 By Aaliyah Rm 5

Today at school we were pulled out of class to watch a group called **Revolution** talk to us about anti-bullying. We were high fived at the entrance of the hall by the **Revolution Group** with our favourite music playing as we danced into the hall. We all joined in dancing to hip hop music we all knew and could sing along to. I thought that **Benji** would sing but he told us he wouldn't do that to our ears, because he would sound like a dying cow.

Near the end of the day the **Revolution** group threw out a challenge to the whole school and asked if anyone was brave enough to do 'the running man' challenge with them. Nobody put their hand up but the new girl, **Lusia**.

Lusia walked up looking shy and quiet but as soon as the music came on she blew our minds, dancing like **Beyonce!** When it was all over we started clapping and cheering like excited kids in a candy store.

As we were about to leave, **Mrs Middleton** took a picture of Room 5 **dabbing**. While some of us looked like Hip Hop dancers, some of us looked like apes trying to smell their armpits. **Revolution were the bomb!**



Lusia owning the 'Running Man Challenge'



Room 5 'dabbing' with Revolution.

Netball

Our Year 6/7 netball team have continued their winning way with a good victory over St Cuthbert's on Tuesday evening 10-6. It was great to see the wonderful sportsmanship shown by our team by loaning them some players to even up the numbers as they were short a player. The skills are really starting to show as the teamwork and practices pay off. Keep up the excellent work, girls.

Soccer

Unfortunately, our Year 5/6 soccer team had their field day cancelled this week because of weather after being postponed for the same reason last week. They still enjoyed the practices though.



Parking After School



Please remember to park on the road after school and not come up the drive. I know it is tempting if it is wet and if the cones have not been put out yet, but it is so important we keep the children safe. We have quite a few brand new children who sometimes struggle to be aware about what is going on around them and may not see a car in their excitement of going home to tell their parents about all the cool things they learned at school.

A Family Get Together (by Aaliyah T Room 5)

Today was Sunday which meant it was Mother's Day. My mum and I went to church, I was altar serving, so I couldn't sit next to my mum. Father Felise made my mum's day because he was always telling jokes and making the mass more special for her.



After church my mum, my nephew and I went to Remuera for a family feed. While my mum was driving I pulled out chocolates that I hid under the seat. I then gave them all a block of chocolate, but my nephew took three.

When we got there we were greeted by my aunties, uncles and cousins. My nephew, Princeton saw their dog, Charlie and ran to it. He hugged it so tight that I heard the dog yelp for help.

My cousins invited me to play pool while my aunties took my mum to go shopping at the mall. I didn't know what happened there, but I do know that they are going to spend a lot of money. While they were at the mall my cousins and I played pool, hockey, ping pong and foosball. I was really tired of losing to my cousins at foosball.

After an hour my mum and aunties came back with KFC, drinks and cakes. When it was time to eat, Princeton was the first in line because he was really tired of running with Charlie. We all got two crispy drumsticks, a thigh, a bowl of gravy and chips.

At the end we had to go home because it was getting late. My mum told me this was the best Mother's Day that she could ever wish for.

Mother's Day . . . through my mum's eyes (Written by Aaliyah T Room 5)

Today was my special day because it was Mother's Day. When I woke up I didn't get anything special, not even a hug because my family were all fast asleep. I had to wake my daughter, Aaliyah up for altar serving. You should have seen her - she was drooling on the pillow like a bulldog chewing a bone!

When it was time to go to church, Aaliyah took a long time to do her hair. Sometimes I just want to shave her hair off! At church I was sitting all by myself like an abandoned puppy, but Father Felise brightened up my day up with all his silly stories and jokes.

After the mass my daughter Aaliyah ran up to me and hugged me as tight as a belt. While I was driving, she pulled out a whole block of chocolate. At first I thought that she stole my money so I growled at her. She exclaimed to me that she found some money under her brother's bed and brought some chocolate for Mother's Day. I told her to make sure that next time she asked before taking the money, but gave her a big hug for the kind thought.

Afterwards we got out of the car. I carried the plate of food that I made. I feel like the maid in the family, sometimes. Inside the house I was greeted by all my sisters, brothers and cousins. I saw Aaliyah run off with her cousins to play pool and all those other games that young people play.

Later that day I bought some KFC for dinner with drinks and cake. When it was time to eat I saw Aaliyah run up to eat first. She eats like a dog! I bet a lion could eat less food than my daughter!

At the end of the day it was time to go home so I hugged all my sisters, brothers and cousins. To my surprise my daughter came back with a bag of chocolates. She told me she got them by winning four games in a row playing pool. I think she is more like her brother than me. When we got home we both went to bed. Just as I was falling asleep I felt something wet on my arm..... it was my little bulldog, Aaliyah drooling on me again!