



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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



What a wonderful Parish/school mass last weekend. We are so fortunate to be such a close community. The children and staff looked fantastic in their cultural attire to celebrate the start of Samoan Language week. After a very moving call of welcome from **Ana-Lei, Father Felise** introduced the Samoan custom of **'Ifoga'** during the Penitential Rite. In this part of the ceremony, the head of our village (the principal) knelt under a fine mat while the community sang a beautiful Samoan song. Following this, Father then lifted the fine mat and offered a prayer of forgiveness.

During the mass, Father was assisted by the Room Four children acting out the Gospel story. They were outstanding and extremely talented. Special thanks to Mrs Tui, Mrs Pulotu and the other staff for teaching the children so well. Also thank you to Tepora and Julianna for helping train the children and for Ipu and Andrew for providing the music.



Board of Trustee's Bishop's Representatives

Last week Bishop Pat announced that he has selected the following members of our community to be his representatives on the school Board of Trustees.

Bishops Reps	Father Felise Lima Ofa Taimani	Sonny Haiosi Nimo Patelesio
Parent Reps	Silia Vakauta Katera Pita Julianna Laga'aia	Alyson Makatesa Naite Naden
Staff Rep	Debbie Williams	

Congratulations to all our new Board members. We look forward to a very positive next three years.

KidsCan Shoes



Most children should have received their free **KidsCan** funded black shoes by now. I know some of the sizing is a little off but I am sure we can cope. Remember these shoes are provided just for our children and so parents are asked to respect that. If your child already has a perfectly good pair of shoes, please keep either pair for when they are needed. Please help your child name the shoes as they now all look exactly the same. The free socks are not for school use. Please purchase school socks when required.

3 - Way Goal Setting Conferences Change of date.

We have had to move our scheduled 3-way Goal Setting Conferences to earlier in the last week of the term. They will now be on **Tuesday 5th July** rather than Thursday 7th. This is to ensure all our teachers are available. Interviews will start at 1.30pm and will go through until the evening. This will mean there will be no classes in the afternoon on this day. You will be sent home appointment sheets next week. Please just return one sheet per family. That way we will be able to schedule appointments close together for different children. Last year we had nearly 93 percent of families represented. This year we need 100 percent.

National Young Leaders Day 2016

Last week four of our senior leaders were chosen to attend this awesome day held at the **Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau**. There were over 2400 young people from all over the North Island attending what was an exceptional day of inspirational speakers and offering the chance for our students to mix with children from many different schools. **Stanley, Joshua, Samuela** and **Faleaka** are sitting patiently for the next speaker. Mrs Williams who accompanied our leaders has convinced me to ensure more of our students can attend next year. Special thanks to Mrs Kelway for helping organise our children to attend through our **Te Rangatira Group**.





Reflections from Room 7

I was really nervous because it was my first time reading in the Catholic church. I had to read part of the Responsorial Psalm.

I had a sickening feeling after I read because I did not read loudly. I wish that I can do it again.

The singing in the church was great because everyone was concentrating and we all sang beautifully.

It was a wonderful day!

We had a whole school photo.

By Anthony

I had the privilege to be the 'taupou' in the mass. This is a Samoan lady who acts as a royal. Her role is to dance in front during the offertory procession. She is representing the people in offering the gift which is the bread and wine. I wore a special costume. My mum applied a lot of baby oil on me as part of my costume. I was shiny like the sun on still water.

It was time for the offertory. I was ready. I had mixed feelings. My whole body was shaking, however, excited. I wanted to run outside but I knew there was no turning back. The music began and I knew I have to move. I could hear my heartbeat as I started to move to the beat. I put on a brave look and pushed back my fear and began to move gracefully down the aisle. I could hear Manu and Sueati making low cheering noise from the side. They were the 'la'iuli' (the male dancers to cheer for the taupou).

By Alecia

Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference

Last week I had the privilege of attending this very special conference in Auckland. I have attended conferences before and as always this was a very inspirational experience for me but it also gave me a chance to reflect on the wonderful work we are doing at St Pius X, and the worldwide exposure our Manaiakalani Cluster of schools has. Our Auckland Catholic Principals hosted the Ecumenical Service at St Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop Pat which was a wonderful and spiritual time. It certainly did reflect the conference theme of 'Knowledge is in our hands'.

Netball

Our team continues to play well and get better all the time. Over the last two weeks they have had one huge victory and a very close defeat against a very good club side. The teamwork and ball skills are starting to pay/off well. As the girls learn the tactics the results will even get better. Well done to all the team and especially to all the parents and supporters each week.

Soccer

Kiwisport Soccer has now started and will continue for the rest of the term. The coach told me he was very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of all our students. Great news to hear.

Term 2 2016

June 2016				
6 Queen's Birthday Holiday	Week 6 7 RE Focus Church Strand Kiwisport - Soccer	8	9 Learning Celebration Assembly 2.00pm	10 Whole School Stations of the Cross 12.30pm
13 Photolife – Class and Team photos Parent Meeting RE Community Housing 6.00pm	Week 7 14 Whole School Marae visit	15 Manaiakalani Visitors TBC	16 Tamaki Boards' Forum	17
20 RE Focus BOT Meeting 7.00pm	Week 8 21	22	23 Year 8 Retreat at Friary	24 Year 8 Retreat at Friary 1Mass 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 3 Way Goal Setting Conferences Starting at 1.30pm – 8.00pm	6	7	8 End of Term Mass Last Day of Term