



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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



Malo e lelei



Welcome to Tongan Language Week



Jireh looks splendid in her Tongan clothes at the Glen Innes Library as part of a performance by the Room 4 children this week. The class was invited by the Auckland City Library staff to help celebrate Tongan Language Week. They performed a beautiful dance and sang a wonderful song which they had been practising. Francis also gave a very impressive speech in Tongan which impressed everybody who was there. Thanks to Mrs Pulotu and Sr Caroline for organising the trip. Well done!

Cake for St Pius X



St Pius X Feast Day.

The Room 4 children led the Mass beautifully. Thanks to Mrs Pulotu and her students for preparing so well and making the ceremony especially holy. Everybody then shared the cake.

Manu and Lyka cut the special cake to celebrate St Pius X Feast Day.

St Pius X First Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremony

Last weekend **Bishop Pat Dunn** came to St Pius X to celebrate 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation for many of our children. They had all completed a preparation programme over the preceding months and were very excited to finally be welcomed to full participation in Parish life by completing the **Sacraments of Initiation**.





Bishop Pat can be seen confirming our candidates during mass.

Congratulations to the following:

Albert Finau

Fiapo Manuhaapai

Fonuamotu Manuhaapai

Eusepio Finau

Joshua Uhia

Charis Aitiope

Zahara Ekeroma

Samuel Uhia

Patience Makatesa

Helena Uhia

Rugby Representative

Albert was once again selected for the full Auckland Representative Under 14 Team for this year after starring in the Auckland East side last holidays. He can be seen last weekend playing against Northland in a game which they won convincingly. This weekend his team travels to Tauranga to play Bay of Plenty and the following weekend fly to Wellington.

Albert, along with his cousin, **Asipeli** also had huge success this year with their u13 **Pakuranga Kingz Rugby League Team** which won the Auckland final last weekend. They were the first team in their club's history to win the Championship.



Paid Union Meetings – Tuesday 13th September

The New Zealand Primary Teachers' Union (**NZEI**) have combined with the Secondary PPTA to call stop work meetings next week to discuss the governments proposed Global Funding Programme that has been suggested for the future. The meetings are legal as part of the Teachers' Collective Contract. The meetings also include School Support Staff who are also members of the union. This means we will not be able to run normal classes on Tuesday afternoon next week. We ask parents to collect the children at lunchtime, 12.50pm and take them home. If your child presently attends SKIDs after school care then they will be picked up at this time and looked after until your normal collection time. If you are unable to take the children home early SKIDs are happy to enrol them for this one off occasion for \$10.00 until normal school finish time of 2.45pm. You will need to contact Anjum Malik, the SKIDs Supervisor on 0210686892 to make arrangements. If you are unsure please contact our school office and Mrs Bell can answer any questions.

Manaiakalani Hui

Last week Mrs Williams and I spent the day at the Manaiakalani Hui with school leaders from our Cluster as well as Principals from around New Zealand who came to learn about our teaching in this Cluster. At the Hui, each school had one representative who gave a speech about their learning. **Joshua** spoke very well and impressed everyone present. He made his family and school very proud. He was then invited to give his speech again at the **Google Education Summit** at the **Aotea Centre** in Central Auckland.



We are Growing

This year we have had more New Entrants starting than we have had for many years. This has put major pressure on the class sizes in the Junior area of the school. This term several children have already been moved up classes to make way for the new children. This is often the case in small schools. However, our Board of Trustees has agreed that we can open a new classroom at the start of Term 4 to make sure our class sizes stay reasonable. This will mean a few more children will be asked to move rooms in the coming weeks. We know this is not ideal but it is the best solution to help the children's learning. I will write personally to each parent before these moves are actioned.

Please make sure you complete the enrolment process as soon as possible for any children due to start before the end of this year.

Term 3 2016

September 2016				
5 Week 7 Tongan Language Week 4 th – 10 th	6	7 Duffy Role Model Assembly	8 Tamaki Boards' Forum 6.00pm	9 Room 1 Class Mass AP/DP Conference
12 Week 8 Social Justice Week 11 th – 17 th	13 Paid Union Meetings 1.30pm No afternoon classes Cluster RE Meeting	14	15	16 Learning Celebration Assembly
19 Week 9 BOT Meeting 7.00pm	20	21	22 Duffy Theatre Show – 1.30pm	23 Last Day of Term

Please note:

I will be away from school for the rest of this week attending the New Zealand Catholic Principals' Executive Meeting in Wellington. Please contact the school office if you require anything or contact Mrs Williams who will be Acting Principal.

Paul Coakley
Principal