

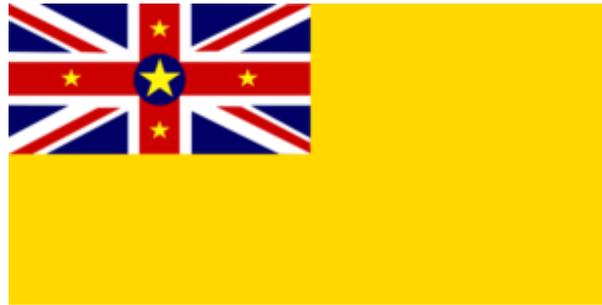


Dear Parents and Caregivers

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



## Fakaalofa lahi atu



This week we celebrate Niuean Language Week and although we only have a few Niuean children at St Pius X we do acknowledge the importance of all our different cultures.

I am glad the weather finally seems to have settled down after a particularly wet holiday period.

The children and staff all are happy to be back at school preparing for our formal Assessment Week, which starts after the Labour Day holiday next week. Please make sure all the children are at school on time each day, as most assessment happens first thing in the morning. It does create an issue if children arrive late and disturb others who have already started their test.

Our **R.E Focus** to start the term was on our **Charism**. We start each term reflecting and learning about our two special Charisms. Firstly, that of St Pius X whom our school is named after and then the Holy Faith Sisters who founded our school and chose St Pius X as a patron. Last week we held a special liturgy to recognise **Margaret Alywood** who founded the **Holy Faith Sisters**. We combined this with the first of our whole school Rosary in the church to coincide with October being the month of Mary. This week the RE focus has been on **Traditional Prayer**.

This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October is **World Mission Sunday** which is celebrated on the second to last Sunday in October each year and this year, it is the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration since 1926. This tradition was established by **Pope Pius XI**. It is a time to reflect on all the wonderful work done by so many generous people helping others to find God. It is important to remember that not so very long ago, New Zealand was a mission station.

### New Entrants

Over the last several months we have welcomed many new students to our school. As you will be aware because of this we have had to start a new class this term, which is being taught by Mrs Deeney. Because of this, I ask that parents are very careful when collecting children after school. You will know we try to keep cars out of the driveway at the end of the day, but many parents are getting here early and up the drive before the cones go out. Please help us keep all the children safe, but in particular these little ones, who don't always understand how to look out for their own safety. Please park your car and walk up and chat to any teachers on duty. We love talking to you.

Welcome to **Alfonsus, Pauline, Lyka, Daniel, Vernon, Solomon and Vince** who have started since the middle of the year in Room 1 and special welcome to **Sean** who comes to us from Freeman's Bay School into Room 2.

## Duffy Theatre Comes to St Pius X

In the last week of last term we had our annual visit by the **Duffy Theatre Group**. Once again they put on a show that highlighted the importance of always reading as much as you can, and was enjoyed by everybody present. I am always impressed with the quality of questions our students ask after the show and the actors always say the response from the St Pius X children is as good as anywhere in the country.



The **Room 1 Learners** have been practising their cooperation skills with **Mrs Pole** when she was relieving in their class a couple of weeks ago. They are having fun trying to keep the ball on top of the giant parachute. They needed to work together to keep it up. **Mafu** is always on hand to help.



## Guitar lessons

Thanks to a very generous donation of several new guitars from the **Rotary Club of St Johns**, we have started a small guitar group to prepare students (and a few parents) to play at school masses and liturgies. Hopefully we will get a chance to see them perform at our school prizegiving.

## Summer Uniform means Hats and Sandals

After next week all children must wear a school hat while outside at break times. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named so we can return it if found.

## Representative Honours Once Again

Albert was selected for the full Auckland Under 13 Representative team once again this year after a successful debut last year. During the holidays the team travelled to Wellington for their annual clash, after victories against Northland and Bay of Plenty. Albert was named Vice Captain and had a very successful season, although unfortunately Wellington were too strong on this occasion. Albert can be seen demonstrating a near perfect fend, on his way to scoring one of his team's tries.



## Sports Camp

In Week 9 of last term, 4 of our students travelled with students from Glen Innes and Glen Taylor Schools to take part in the annual Sports Camp held at Matamata. They had been training twice each week in preparation and had a fantastic time joining with over 150 other Intermediate aged students from around the country. They competed in a wide range of sports including, touch, tennis, basketball, bowls, soccer, chess, table tennis, volleyball, dance and wall ball, amongst others. Special thanks to SKIDs who helped sponsor the team to attend. Team members were Alecia, Anthony, Von and Malia, all from Room 7.



Malia - Alecia, Von and Anthony looking tired - Mr Hendricks supervises the bowls

# Term 4 2016

October 2016					
17 <i>Traditional Prayer Niue Island Language Week 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> BOT Meeting 7.00pm</i>	<b>Week 2</b>	18	19 <i>Senior Leadership Day</i>	20	21 <i>DRS Day at Pompallier Centre</i>
24 <b>Labour Day Holiday</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	25 <i>RE: Communion of Saints Testing Week Dental Van arrives</i>	26	27 <i>Music today</i>	28
31	<b>Week 4</b>				
November 2016					
		1	2	3	4 <i>Dental van leaves</i>
7 <i>RE: Advent Writing Moderation Glenbrae School</i>	<b>Week 5</b>	8	9 <i>Manaiakalani Film Festival – Sylvia Park</i>	10	11
14	<b>Week 6</b>	15 <i>Kids4Kids Show Kiwisport SNAG Golf</i>	16	17 <i>Parent Evening Health Consultation 6.30pm</i>	18 <i>Room 3 Class Mass</i>
21	<b>Week 7</b>	22	23 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha</i>	24 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha Tamaki Boards' Forum</i>	25 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha</i>
28 <i>BOT Meeting 7.00pm</i>	<b>Week 8</b>	29	30		
December 2016					
				1 <i>Selwyn College Testing</i>	2 <i>Helpers Morning Tea  Uke Festival Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</i>
5 <i>RE: Christmas</i>	<b>Week 9</b>	6 <i>Year 8 Graduation Dinner</i>	7 <i>Year 5/6 Sailing</i>	8 <i>Room 1 Xmas Outing</i>	9 <i>Graduation Mass</i>
12	<b>Week 10</b>	13 <i>Prizegiving followed by school/family BBQ picnic</i>	14 <i>Last Day School finishes at 12.30pm</i>	<i>Christmas Holidays School starts Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017</i>	