



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the term, especially when we think about what we need to get done before the end of the year. We have now completed our formal assessment and teachers are now moderating our results with teachers from across our cluster and will next be writing End of Year Reports. Most junior children will have already received either an Anniversary Report or an Interim Report, if they are within their first 3 years at school.

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Our final Prizegiving will now happen on Friday 15th December at 12.00pm. I had announced that this would be on our last day, Monday 18th December but we have had to change the day so it will now follow our Graduation Mass which will happen at 9.30am on that same Friday morning. This will allow any parents who need to take time off work to attend both events on the same day. We are very sorry if this causes any problems.

Film Festival

This year we entered 5 movies into the Festival which was held on **Wednesday 8th November**. We took the whole school to the 1pm session at **Hoyts Sylvia Park**. There were over 120 movies in total from all our Cluster schools. Our SPX Nu'u movie, '**A Decade of Movie Making**' was selected as the opening movie for the main evening session which was fantastic.



Click on the following link where you can view all the St Pius X Movies as well as the other nearly 120 movies produced by our Manaiakalani Cluster friends. [Manaiakalani Movies](#)
Please make comments on the St Pius X movies at the very least, but it would be great to acknowledge all the hard work and talent displayed by our other local student film makers.

From our Wonderful Nurses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ST PIUS X FAMILIES

We are changing the way the health clinics at your school are run for this term. We will be seeing children by referral from the teacher rather than coming around to the classrooms.

Please encourage your child to let their teacher know if they have a sore throat or any skin problems.

The school health clinic will still be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am – 1pm but your child will need to tell the teacher if they have a sore throat or skin concern and ask to see the nurse. We will also be available to see your child for other concerns with your consent. You are welcome to make contact with us directly.

If your child has a sore throat or another health issue whilst under your care at home please take them to your family doctor.

If you have any queries please contact your nurse, Kirsty Jackson on 021 938 554 or 09 639 0200 extension 29314

From Garden to Table

Over the last couple of terms Room 1 have been learning all about how to plan for and make a garden. We have seen many photos of such key moments as students going with Mr Tai to Mitre 10 to buy materials, the clearing of the ground in our special grotto, to moving the soil into the garden and planting the seeds. Then waiting patiently, while remembering to weed and water the growing vegetables.

The time for harvest finally came last week and the children's (and teachers') excitement had grown as much as the carrots and silver beet.



Then the fun began. Let's make silver beet quiche !!!



Washing and mixing and grating and cooking and eating and sharing. WOW !!! Little Red Hen!



Senior **Kiwisport** this term has been Cricket. We can see Room 3's **Future Black Caps** practising. **Coach Sahil from Auckland Cricket** could not believe the skill level and the absolute natural talent that so many of our senior students have. In particular, he mentioned **Malia T from SPX Nu'u** and was sure she must already be playing club cricket.



We also had our annual **Duffy Theatre** visit to school last week. Once again it was a great show enjoyed by all the children and teachers. As always, the message was about being a great reader and encouraging the children to read as much as possible.



Run Jump Throw – Get Set Go

Room 1 athletes practising their skills.



Stonefields Athletics Club

6 Week Programme starting 8th November – 13th December

Pt England Reserve 6pm – 7 pm Cost \$26.00 (includes T-Shirt)

Register online enquiry@stonefieldssports.co.nz or see the poster on the school office window.

St Pius X Parish Gala

The parish gala will be held on **Saturday 2nd December**. As part of our school contribution we will be helping with the cake stall. We would like each family to bring a cake for sale, or a plate of cookies. We will send home more details closer to the date, but please keep the date free so we can support our parish in this major fundraiser for the year.

Term 4 2017

November					
6 R.E. Focus BOT Meeting 7pm	Week 4	7	8 Manaiakalani Film Festival 1pm	9	10 Duffy Theatre Show 11am
13 Dental Van until 24/11/17	Week 5	14	15 Kids4Kids Show Room 5	16	17 Year 4-8 Mass
20	Week 6	21	22	23	24
27 Year 8 Leadership Retreat Friary	Week 7	28 Year 8 Leadership Retreat Friary Cluster Athletics	29	30	
December					
					1 Year 4-8 Mass Sat 2nd Dec St Pius X Parish Gala
4 R.E. Focus Advent BOT Meeting 7pm Year 7/8 Careers Week	Week 8	5	6	7	8 Sat 9th Dec St Pius X Parish Social
11 Whole school Christmas Nativity Show 6pm	Week 9	12	13 Year 7/8 Tiritiri Matangi trip	14	15 Year 8 Graduation Mass School Prizegiving BBQ from BOT
18 School finishes at 12.30pm Last Day of Term	Week 10		School starts again on Thursday 1 st February 2018		

Please note the change to the day for our final prizegiving. We will now have this on Friday 15th December following our Graduation Mass. This will allow people who get time off work to come to both. Our final day is still Monday 18th finishing at 12.30pm.

On this last day every family will receive a special Xmas Food Hamper generously supplied by the St Ignatius Parish Community. These will be given out at our final Certificate Assembly at 11.45pm. All the children will also receive a Christmas present gifted by the Sacred Heart College Community.