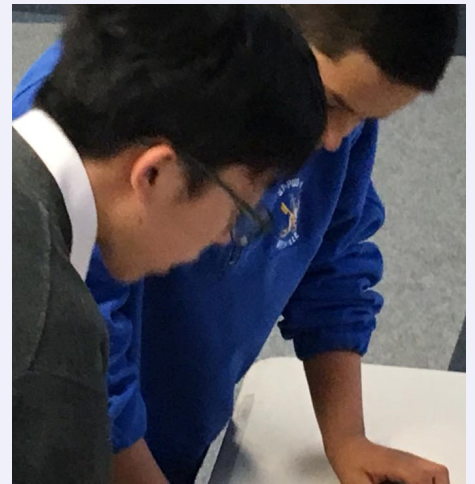
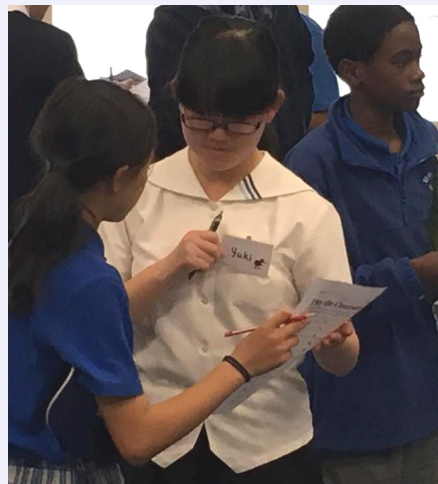




*Our Students Are Interacting Well With Our  
Japanese Visitors.*



**Thursday 9 March 2017, Newsletter #6**



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou  
It's hard to believe we are half way through the term already. I have just the one message this week and it is to remind you of the meeting scheduled for Tuesday to look at setting up a committee to help fund the upgrade of our

school playgrounds.

As you would have noticed they are in dire need of up-grading as well as needing to comply with the new health and safety standards. The meeting is **Tuesday 14th March at 7.00pm**. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute ideas please email me [principal@stpius.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpius.school.nz)

God Bless  
Jane Rutherford

We welcome Aaron Joby Illickal to our school community and wish him success in his school journey.



*'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted'.*

*Our values for this fortnight*

*are:*

*Dignity*

*&*

*Compassion*

### **Money Matters**

***Thank you to those who have paid already.***

The Invoice for School Payments was sent home to you the first week of Term.

Please pay this as soon as possible.

If you need another copy of the invoice please ask at the office. Phone 843 6554.

#### **Preferred methods of payment are:**

- Eftpos at the school office
- Online ASB123152-0175049-01. Reference your child's name and classroom number.
- You may still pay by cheque or cash at the school office.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **March**

- |                |   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Tuesday 14th   | ➤ | Friends of the School meeting 7.00pm                                   |
| Wednesday 15th | ➤ | Mass Rooms 1,2,3   |
| Wednesday 22nd | ➤ | Mass Rooms 6 & 7   |
| Wednesday 29th | ➤ | Mass Rooms 4 & 5   |
| Thursday 30th  | ➤ | Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm                                       |
|                | ➤ | Parent Interviews from 1.00pm<br>(Forms included with this Newsletter) |

#### **April**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Wednesday 1st  | ➤ | School Mass                                      |
| <b>10—13 Holy Week School Easter Liturgies, 11.00am each day</b> |   |  |
| Monday 10th  |   | Palm Sunday Rooms 1 & 2                          |
| Tuesday 11th   |   | Holy Thursday Rooms 7 & 8                        |
| Wednesday 12th   |   | Good Friday Rooms 3 & 4                          |
| Thursday 13th  |   | Easter Sunday Rooms 4,5 & 6 - Last Day of Term 1 |



**Calling all hockey players**

It looks like we have enough players for a team of Years 5 & 6 students.

However, we don't have a coach as yet. PLEASE come forward and support your kids.

Experience is not mandatory.

We currently have just one junior player interested in trying hockey out.

If there are anymore Years 2 and 3 students wanting to play, please fill out the form below and bring it to the school office. A coach for this team would also be required.

Teams have to be registered by Friday 17 March 2017, so please let us know if you're interested in coaching. Phone 843.6554 or fill out the form below.

**Netball**

Currently we have no netball players. However, if anyone is interested please let us know by filling in the return slip or you can talk to Mrs Vanxay. She will help you to find a team to play in at one of our local primary schools.

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**Interest in Coaching Hockey Return Slip - Please return this to the office**

*Please print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

✂.....

**Interest in Playing Netball Return Slip - Please return this to the office**

*Please print*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name and Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

✂.....

**Interest in Playing Hockey Return Slip - Please return this to the office**

*Please print*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name and Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE!

### Sacramental Programme 2017 begins 19th March.

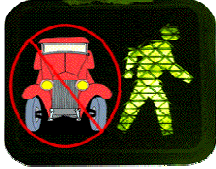
*I apologise for the incorrect date in last week's newsletter.*

The programme begins Sunday, 19 March 2017, commencing with preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation).

You can register your children at the school office.

They need to be 8 years old or older by 18 June A.D. 2017

Enquiries: Rebecca Weerasinghe 843 9656 / 021 0277 2650.



**WALK DON'T DRIVE!**

### Driveway Safety

**For the safety of our children and staff -  
Please DO NOT drive down the school driveway  
before and after school.**

***Park in the church carpark and walk down the driveway.  
Make sure your children have wet weather gear for rainy days.***



### School Banking

First Credit Union banking at St Pius X School is each Thursday.

Starter Packs are available from the school office.

It is good to encourage our children to save a little each week



### Melville Junior Rugby Players Weigh-in

Every Wednesday night during March, 4.30pm - 6.00pm. at the Melville Rugby Club, Collins Road.

All welcome, let your friends and whanau know. For more information check our facebook page [Melville Junior Rugby](#).



### Marist Junior Rugby Weigh-in

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (1.00pm - 4.00pm)**

Marist Rugby Clubrooms, Old Farm Road, Hamilton

**New Players – A Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport required to confirm age  
(Please ensure it is a copy we can keep!)**

***Coaches & Managers also required for teams***

**Subscriptions:** \$50 per player, \$80 for two siblings, \$105 for 3 or more siblings

For more information: **Phone:** Mike Borrie on 027 2212042 or Steve Burgess on 027 335 8866

### **Rimbrook Study Centre introduces: *STAND UP!***

A speech and drama programme designed to help girls in years 5-7 to grow in confidence, form lasting friendships, and discover their unique talents.

#### ***Avanti!***

A leadership transition programme which includes a series of leadership workshops and activities giving an opportunity for girls in years 8-9 to grow in character and leadership.

For more information and to register online go to: <http://www.rimbrook.org/registration>

**COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER**

# DIET OR ZERO DRINKS

Diet or zero drinks don't contain any sugar, although some will still contain caffeine.

Caffeine can affect sleep and isn't recommended for children.

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