

St Pius X Catholic School

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To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Our teacher only day was very useful for us as learners. We got good ideas about how to use google in our classrooms and have worked on a plan to make digital literacy part of our teaching practice.

St Pius X Feast Day, Sunday 20th August: We will be celebrating this as we did last year, as a school and parish. We will be needing readers for the Readings and Prayers of the Faithful. We will also need volunteers for the Offertory and music. We would like to have as many families as possible at this Mass, so if you are definitely coming and your child is able to help out in any of the activities please contact the office or Mrs Garsed.

We will be having morning tea after Mass at the back of the church I would be very grateful for some volunteers to help out with the morning tea. If you are able to help please contact me.

Thank you.

Driveway Protocol: A reminder that parents are NOT to drive down the drive before and after school even when it is raining. **The reason:** Safety for all children. Our driveway is not designed to have cars driving in and out particularly when children are walking down the drive. I have had to put this message in the newsletter a number of times and yet there are some who still persist in driving down the drive. Respect is a value we encourage the children to practise in the school. I am asking you as parents to also practise this value by respecting the safety of all children in our school.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

Reminder to Parents

If your child is going to be late or is not coming to school **PLEASE** let the school office know.

Phone us, 843.6554, and leave a message or

Email us, info@stpius.school.nz or

Send a message on the school App - **see details below.**

Always give us a reason for the lateness or absence, i.e. Doctor's appointment, illness etc..

School App

Parents, you are able to download our school app onto your Android or Apple device to access these wonderful features.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.appswiz.stpius&hl=en>



<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/st-pius-x-melville/id1110641071?mt=8>



Punctuality Matters

There are a number of children who are habitually late each day.

Parents, please get your children to school in time for them to hang up their bags and greet their friends earlier than the first bell, which is at 8.45am.

Calendar of Events



August

- Tuesday 15th ➤ School Mass - Feast of the Assumption
- Thursday 17th ➤ Duffy School Leader Assembly
- Friday 18th ➤ Life Education Bus at school until the 23rd August
- Sunday 20th ➤ Parish and school Mass - see the Principal's message on the front page for details.

September

- Friday 1st ➤ Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly

Art Intensive 2017

Request for parent or grandparent help.

For 4 consecutive weeks the children will be put into small groups and will be working on an art or a craft project. If you are able to take a group or help with a group please let me know by email laura.dikmans@stpius.school.nz or phone the school, 843.6554.

Time: 11.00am to 12.30pm on the Mondays of:

Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th September 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, Laura Dikmans



Duffy School Leader Assembly

Thursday 17 August at 2:15pm in the school hall.

St John's College and Sacred Heart Girls' College senior students will be speaking to our children

Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly

Friday 1 September at 2:10pm in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing lots of dads at their special assembly.



Money Matters

The Invoice for School Payments was sent home to you in the first week of Term 1.

Quite a number of parents have yet to pay, *so please pay this as soon as possible.*

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

Thank you to those who have paid already.

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.

2018 Term Dates for St Pius X Catholic School

Term 1	Thursday 1 February	Holy Thursday 29 March
Easter Break	Good Friday 30 March	Tuesday 3 April
Term 1 continues	Wednesday 4 April	Friday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
Term 3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October	Monday 17 December