

# St Pius X Catholic School

## Welcome to the 2018 school year

*Introducing our staff*



Ms Jane Rutherford  
Principal



Mrs Tracey Vanxay  
Reading Recovery &  
Shared Rm 1 Totara  
New Entrants & Year 1



Ms Urai Vanxay  
Deputy Principal  
Shared Rm 1 Totara  
New Entrants & Year 1



Miss Emma Millar  
Rm 2 Kahikatea  
Years 1 & 2



Mrs Pam Horsman  
Shared Rm 3 Rimu  
Years 2 & 3



Mrs Rosemary Garsed  
DRS. Shared Rm 3 Rimu  
Years 2 & 3



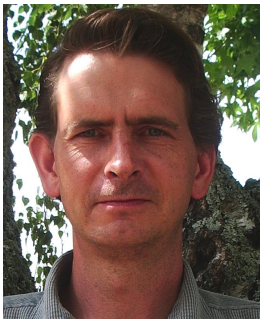
Mrs Natalie Overmayer  
Rm 4 Pohutakawa  
Years 3 & 4



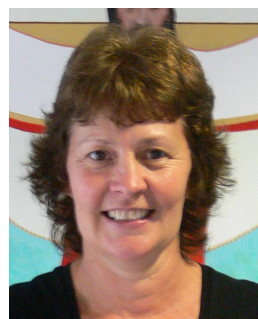
Mr John de Vega  
Rm 5 Nikau  
Years 4 & 5



Mrs Lisa Hayde  
Room 6 Kowhai  
Years 6,7 & 8



Mr Antony Easto  
Associate Principal  
Rm 7 Matai  
Years 6,7 & 8



Whaea Paula Richter  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs,  
Duffy Books Coordinator



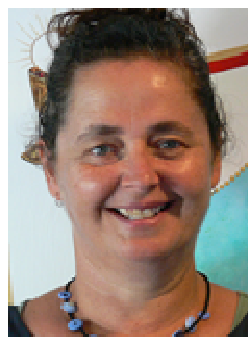
Mrs Ann Bankier-Perry  
Teacher Aide  
ESOL, Co-ordinator for  
International Students



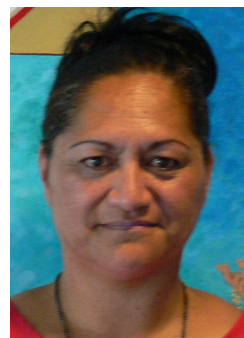
Mrs Virginia Sarroca  
Teacher Aide



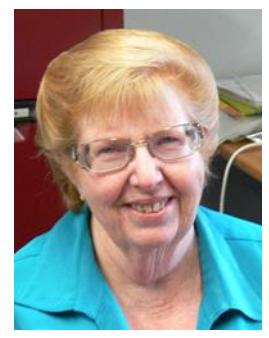
Mr Nathan Mollet  
Teacher Aide &  
Groundsman



Mrs Claire Cameron  
Special Needs Tutor



Whaea Dana Tumai  
Te Reo Tutor



Mrs Margaret Dunford  
Office Administrator

## **Message from our Principal**

Greetings and Blessings for 2018. We welcome our new teachers, families and students to our school community;

We have a number of new children and we will put their photos in the newsletter next week.

- **Communication:** As you know our teachers are willing to chat to you about your child, formally and informally. The formal meetings are Meet the teacher Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, and two lots of interviews throughout the year.  
**Meet the Teacher times: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February.** This is an opportunity to hear about class programmes, routines and expectations. We have found that attending these meetings has answered a lot of questions for parents and are worthwhile.  
Room 1(Totara) Ms Vanxay and Mrs Vanxay **3:00pm**; Room 2 (Kahikatea) Miss Millar **3:00pm**;  
Room 3 (Rimu) Mrs Garsed and Mrs Horsman **3:30pm**; Room 4 (Pohutukawa) Mrs Overmayer **4:00pm**;  
Room 5 (Nikau) Mr de Vega **4:30pm**; Room 6 (Kowhai) Mrs Hayde & Room 7 Mr Easto (Matai) together **4:30pm**.
- **Full summer uniform is compulsory for all students.** That includes the school sunhat. Any student without a hat on during playtime and lunchtime, must stay in the specified shaded areas of the school grounds. Footwear must be flat soled sandals . preferably Roman sandals. They must be black, brown or blue. Hair must be neat and tidy. Long hair is to be tied back with blue or black hair ties. Children with pierced ears must wear plain studs only. Fingernail polish is not part of our school uniform.  
**The Uniform Shop is open from 8am -5pm each day at their shop, 115 Ellis Street, Frankton. Please note they will not be selling uniforms at school.**
- **School begins each day at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.** It is really important for your child to start the day on time, particularly at our school as we start each day with prayer. If, for unavoidable reasons your child is going to be late, they *must* report to the office to sign in.  
**Absent children.** We have electronic roll keeping, so please, it is important that if your child is going to be late or away from school, you need to contact the school first thing in the morning and leave a reason for the absence on the answerphone, **843.6554**. Alternatively, you can record your child's absence using the school app. The roll is taken at 8:50 each morning. Late children will be recorded and unexplained absences will be entered into the system as such. So it is important to inform the school before 8:50am.
- **All children are to have their stationery by the beginning of Week 3.**  
Stationery packs for our school are to be purchased from the OfficeMax Shop situated on the corner of Victoria & Princes Streets, or online [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) all you have to do is give the room number for your child.  
I realise it is an expensive time of the year, so if you cannot pay for these books before the stated time please contact the office if you want assistance . **phone 843.6554** or email me [principal@stpius.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpius.school.nz).  
We do not want your child to miss out.  
**Because stationery has been separated from the school we have attached our other school costs to this newsletter. Again, if there is any difficulty meeting these costs please contact me.**  
You will see an added cost this year, it is for a programme on a wide range of devices called seesaw. This will enable children to post their work on line and you as a parent can access it. Teachers will talk about this on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Later in the month a session will be provided to enable you to log on and become more familiar with Seesaw. The Board of Trustees is subsidising this cost significantly.
- **Driveway Safety.** For the safety of our students and staff please **DO NOT** drive down the driveway before school and at home time. Please check our facebook page regarding safe practice in the church carpark.
- **Cell phones and toys.** Children are asked not to bring cell phones and toys to school. However, I do realise that some children have cell phones at school for emergencies. The rule is that if a child is seen using their phone without permission, it will be confiscated.
- **Lunches .** Fridays only from Tommo's Bakery. The menu is sent with this newsletter. Please follow the instructions for ordering. There is also the option to order on line through [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz) these are available every day of the week.
- **A reminder -** NO lollies, chewing gum or fizzy drinks are to be brought to or consumed at school.
- **Swimming.** Swimming for Rooms 1,2,3 and 7 starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February through to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 are the following week 26<sup>th</sup> Feb . 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Invoice for School Payments 2018

GST No. 55-167-826

### Preferred methods of payment are:

➤ **Eftpos at the school office**

➤ **Online** ASB12-3152-0175049-01. Reference your child's name and classroom number.

➤ You may still pay by cheque or cash at the school office.

**Please pay as soon as possible**

Footsteps	\$10.00	
Swimming	\$15.00	
RE Levies	\$ 7.00	
Photocopy levy	\$25.00	
Seesaw (see above)	5.00	
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Total	\$62.00	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b>

Year 3-8 Mathletics	\$ 6.00	
Spelling Books	\$15.00	
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	\$ 83.00	<b>Years 3 to 6</b>

Year 7& 8 Manual Fees	\$ 66.00	
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	\$149.00	<b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b>