

St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

To Learn Love

To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



We Welcome

New Entrants -



Katalina Tamupolu in Room 1. Sarah Park in Room 2, Enrique Valdez in Room 4, Juliana Valdez in Room 6 and Ysabela Valdez in Room 7. May their time at St Pius X be filled with many blessings.

Father Gerard's Farewell



9.00am Mass this Sunday, 29 July will be Father Gerard's last Mass as Parish Priest of St Pius X, Melville. Mass will be followed by a Potluck Brunch in the School Hall where Father will be thanked for his time with us. The Brunch starts at 10.45am. Parents and children of St Pius X School are invited to join the Parish for Mass and the Potluck Brunch. We would love to see you there. Please remember if you are coming to Brunch, to bring a plate of food. *Thank you*



Thursday 26th July 2018, Newsletter #20

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Calendar of Events

July 30th - Monday 7pm Meeting for Parents Room 1,2,3

August

8th - Wednesday Parent interviews Rooms 4-7

17th- Playhouse Theatre Cost \$4.50



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

Welcome back to Term 3.

As you can see from the calendar there is a meeting for parents of children in Rooms 1-3. We have a few changes in class arrangements happening in August and I thought it would be easier to talk to you about them as well as giving you the opportunity to ask questions.

We are about to embark on a building project in the school. Basically we are replacing the junior buildings with a new building. I have the preliminary building plans and will share them with you at the meeting.

Parent Interviews: we are having interviews for students in Room 4 (Year 4 only) to Room 7. An interview form will go home with your child today, please fill in and return to school by Monday.

Early Notification: Primary teachers and principals are in negotiations regarding work conditions and pay. To date this is not going as planned and there will be industrial action scheduled on the 15th of August. Whether it will be a half or full day has not been determined but I wanted to give early notice that school may not be open on the 15th.

Thank you: As you would have noticed we are saying farewell to Fr Gerard this week. I want to take this opportunity to thank Fr Gerard for his support over the past years. We will miss him calling in at morning tea and his support for school activities. In particular, we will be losing our quiz master for both the student and parent quizzes.

We wish him every blessing as he embarks on a well earned break and then as Parish Priest in Whakatane.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

To Report an Absence

Go on to our website (click [here](#)) or go to <http://www.stpius.school.nz/>

The screenshot shows a web page titled 'Absences' with a navigation menu on the left. The menu includes: Welcome to St Pius, Latest News, Newsletters, Absences (highlighted), Hamilton Cricket Association, International Students, Board of Trustees, Calendar, Contact Us, Staff Vacancies, Staff Profiles, Learning tools, and Complaints Procedure. The main content area is titled 'Absences' and includes the following fields:

- Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)
- * Your Name:
- * Child's Name:
- * Reason for Absence: For example - sickness, holidays, appointment etc.
- * Start date: 26 July 2018
- * End date: 26 July 2018
- Child's Year e.g. year 1, 2

.....you can also ring the school (07) 843 6554 to report your child's absence.

Saturday morning music classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Three 2018 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 28th July. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$39 to \$95 per term (9 lessons in Term 3) depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes.

A music appreciation/readiness programme (*Music Makers*) is available from age 3. *Young Voices* children's choir caters for those ages 9+. New this term are lessons in traditional Chinese Erhu. We offer Exam Stream options for students wishing to prepare for examinations (and obtain NCEA credits in the process) for certain instruments.

Class times are between 8am and 1:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611

SKATE PARTY
theme is your favourite
HOLLYWOOD STAR
Saturday 28th July 2018
7pm - 9pm
\$5 ENTRY INCLUDING SKATE HIRE
\$3 AMERICAN HOTDOGS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
CASH ONLY - NO EFT-POS
HAMILTON ROLLER SKATING CLUB
Speed DIVISION
FUNRAISING FOR OUR SKATERS TO ATTEND NATIONALS IN JANUARY 2019
LOCATION: MELVILLE SKATE RINK
BADER ST, HAMILTON
CONTACT US THRU FACEBOOK FOR ANY ENQUIRIES



School Banking

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at St Pius X School.

Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office.

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- New Immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.