

St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

To Learn Love

To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Thursday 6th December, Newsletter #36

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

It has been an awful week weather wise for our campers and the junior outdoor education week, however resilience rules and the junior school adapted and still managed to have a good time. As for our campers, you only have to look at the front cover of this newsletter or go on facebook to see what a wonderful time they are having.



Last Sunday was the First Sunday of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas. Four weeks where we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. This message is often lost in the busyness of the year. This week and next week I will put in four simple prayers just to remind us to take time and reflect on what Christmas is for us as Christians.

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Two reminders from the calendar— our final Mass is on Wednesday at 9am and our prizegiving will be on Thursday at 1:30pm in the school hall where we will give out our Excellence and Diligence awards. You are welcome to join us for these occasions.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

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Calendar of Events

December

- 12th *Final School Mass 9am*
Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 13th *Prizegiving assembly 1:30 School Hall All welcome*
- 17th *Whole School Liturgy and Farewell to Year 8's 6pm.*
- 18th *Last day—school finishes 12noon.*

Click [here](#) to see our School Calendar which is regularly updated with key events.



Accounts will be going home with your children on Friday. Please don't hesitate to contact Maree if you have any question/queries with regards to your account. *Thank you*



2019 Stationery

There will be a letter going home next week with regards to Stationery for years 2—8 and how to order it online.

Year 1 can purchase their stationery from the school in the New Year. It is a closed pack and will cost \$19.50.

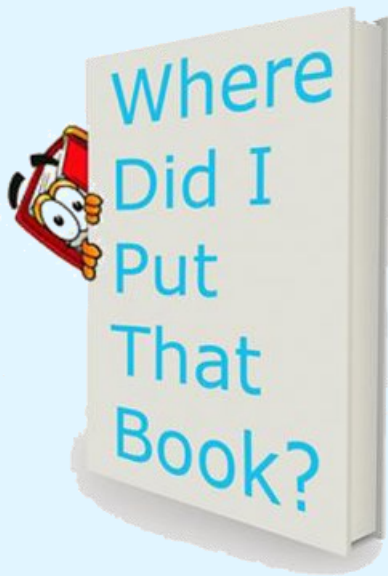
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BOOK AMNESTY

Please check around your house for Junior Readers (they cost \$9 per book to replace). Look

Under the bed

In the cupboards

In school bags ETC.

Can you please return to the classroom teacher so they can be shelved for next year!!

Thank you

Summer holidays!



There are summer holiday programmes available. Please click [here](#) for more information.



The Warehouse Zoofari will soon be starting their fundraising campaign for next year.

Funds raised for this initiative allows us to bring thousands of students from low decile schools for an education visit to the zoo at no cost.

Since the start of the campaign we have received so much great feedback from schools who have visited about how beneficial it is to their students who often don't get the opportunity to go on this kind of field trip.

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