

# St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

To Learn Love

To Learn Wisdom  
The Way We Are

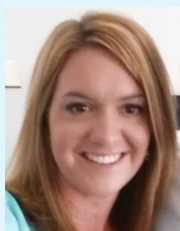


## St Pius X Catholic School Welcome to the 2019 school year

*Introducing our staff*



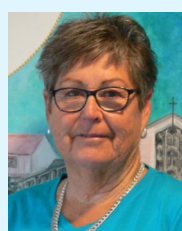
*Jane Rutherford*  
Principal



*Tracey Vanxay*  
Totara 1A  
New Entrants  
Reading Recovery



*Urai Vanxay*  
Totara 1A  
New Entrants  
Deputy Principal



*Pam Horsman*  
Totara 1B  
Year 1 Teacher



*Rosemary Garsed*  
Rimu Rm 2  
Year 2 Part-Time  
Director of RE



*Laura Dikmans*  
Rimu Rm 2  
Year 2 Part-time



*Emma Millar*  
Kahikatea Rm 3  
Year 3



*Natalie Overmayer*  
Pohutukawa Rm4  
Year 4



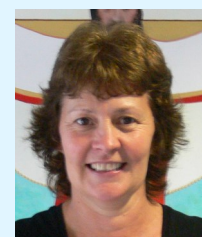
*John de Vega*  
Nikau Rm 5  
Year 5



*Lisa Hayde*  
Kowhai Rm 6  
Years 6, 7, 8



*Antony Easto*  
Matai Rm 7  
Years 6, 7, 8



*Whaea Paula*  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs



*Ann Banker-Perry*  
Teacher Aide  
ESOL



*Virginia Sarroca*  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs



*Nathan Mollet*  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs  
Groundsperson



*Claire Cameron*  
Special Needs  
Teacher



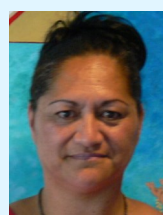
*Monique Meadow*  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs



*Juliet Mason*  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs



*Maree Rutherford*  
Secretary



*Whaea Dana Tumai*  
Te Reo Tutor

## Thursday 7th February, Newsletter #1

## **Message from our Principal**

Greetings and Blessings for 2019. We have a number of new children and we will put their photos in the newsletter next week.

Exciting news, our building programme for the junior school and the entrance to the admin block both start in the next couple of weeks. The junior school have moved into the hall and have turned it into an exciting learning environment. We hope the building work will be completed by the end of term 2.

**Communication:** As you know our teachers are willing to chat to you about your child, formally and informally. In the last couple of years, we have 'meet the teacher' sessions, these have not been well attended, so this year each class will send a letter home covering the class programme as well as other activities. Interviews will happen later in the term. Also later in the term the Friends of the School will host an evening where we can meet as a community and celebrate the cultures in our school. More information regarding this will be outlined in coming newsletters. If you are interested in joining this group, the first meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb all welcome.

**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. More information about the school uniform is available from the school office.

**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's facebook. 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, therefore 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 at [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 may note that we have not put the Footsteps cost in this account and this is because of the building project. We have moved Footsteps to Term 3. The cost of this will go into the Term 3 account.

**Driveway Safety.** For the safety of our students and staff please **DO NOT** drive down the driveway before school and at home time.

**Lunches.** Fridays only from Tommo's Bakery. We will get an up to date order form for your information and send it home next week. 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 1,2,6 & 7 starts on the 24th of February for the week. Rooms 3,4 & 5 starts on the 4th March, also for the week. A notice will be sent home soon with more detail.

**Catholic Review:** Every 3 years' Catholic schools are reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Catholic Character. This includes the RE teaching programme, policies and procedures, Charism and Stewardship. The team wants to get the voice of all involved in the school so attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire. Please fill it in and return it by the end of Feb. The review takes place during the first week of March. More information next week.

God Bless Jane Rutherford

## Payments for St Pius X—2019

Preferred methods of payment are:

- **Eftpos or cash at the School Office**



- **Online - ASB 12-3152-0175049-01.** For the Reference please use your unique customer number which can be found in the top left hand corner of your invoice under your family name, for example, Customer No. 123 (you may also include your child's name in the reference).

### ANNUAL FEES

#### Year 1 - \$71.50

Swimming	\$15.00
RE Levies	\$7.00
Photocopy Levy	\$25.00
Seesaw	\$5.00
Stationery Pack	\$19.50
	<b><u>\$71.50</u></b>

#### Year 2 - \$52.00

Swimming	\$15.00
RE Levies	\$7.00
Photocopy Levy	\$25.00
Seesaw	\$5.00
	<b><u>\$52.00</u></b>

#### Years 3, 4, 5, 6 - \$73.00

Swimming	\$15.00
RE Levies	\$7.00
Photocopy Levy	\$25.00
Seesaw	\$5.00
Mathletics	\$6.00
Spelling Books	\$15.00
	<b><u>\$73.00</u></b>

#### Years 7, 8 - \$139.00

Swimming	\$15.00
RE Levies	\$7.00
Photocopy Levy	\$25.00
Seesaw	\$5.00
Spelling Books	\$15.00
Mathletics	\$6.00
Manual Fees	\$66.00
	<b><u>\$139.00</u></b>



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ello from St Pius X Friends of the School!

Friends of the School (FOTS) is a welcoming collaborative team of parents/caregivers. We organise social activities within our school community and fundraising to support and improve school resources.

All families are automatically members of FOTS when their child joins St Pius X and we value any offer of support whether it be in the form of time, skills, ideas or useful contacts.

We meet up through the year to discuss ideas and plan events. The first meeting for 2019 is Tuesday 19th February—7pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome!



