



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Reminders: **Teacher Only Day** this Monday. ALL staff will be off site.

Te Hui Ahurea Catholic festival our senior students will be involved. All welcome (See letter on back of this Newsletter for details)

St Pius X School and Parish Mass Sunday 25th. We want to see as many of our school community at this Mass at 9am. We would also love to see you in your cultural costumes to reflect who we are at St Pius X. Mass will be followed by morning tea. If possible, a small plate of food to share would be appreciated.

Children Arriving Before School: There are an increasing number of children arriving at school very early, in some cases before 7:30am. While we do have staff arriving from that time on, we do not encourage children to be here that early, as the teachers use this time to prepare for class. We understand that for work reasons some students have to be dropped off early, however it would be a courtesy to inform the school. This can be done through the website or our app. Thank you.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford



Friends of the School Dates to Note: *(More details to follow)*

30th August—

Fathers' Day Raffle. Tickets will go home next week. Drawn at the Fathers' Day Assembly

13th September—
Book Day

20th September—
Footsteps Disco



28th September
Last Day—American Hotdogs
Lunchtime—\$2

19th October
Quiz Night

Thursday 15th August 2019, Newsletter #23

Calendar of Events



3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4

August

- 15th August Whole School Mass—Feast of the Assumption
- 19th August Teacher Only Day
- 25th August Parish Mass for St Pius X

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our students have made so much progress and are looking fabulous when they perform our Kapa Haka.

We now have a confirmed time for our performance at the Te Hui Ahurea - our Catholic School Community's Māori and Pasifika Cultural Festival. We have worked hard to get a time that is later in the day to accommodate students who had morning sports commitments.

Date: Saturday 17 August

Times: Students arrive at 1:45
Performance time 3:10
Collection time 3:30 after the performance.

We are asking students to be at the venue at 1:45 for a shared Kai (lunch) - this is provided for our students. At about 2:10, we will be called into the waiting room to prepare.

Families may come earlier and stay on after to watch the other performances; students must be with their families if they wish to be in the audience. It is a **free event** for spectators. There will also be food trucks available for families to purchase food and coffee. You are welcome to buy or bring your own food to eat with us. There is a map attached to this letter with the venue's address, parking options and the student drop off point.

If your child has fixed commitment and so unable to attend, please let us know in writing as soon as possible. We will need to rearrange all the students' performance positions. If you will be later than 1:45 we also ask that you let us know the time your child will be there. All students must be at the venue by 2:30.

If you are unable to organise transport on the day, please contact us as soon as possible. We do not want your child to miss out and have several solutions up our sleeve.

What do students wear for the performance? Please make sure all uniform is clean and tidy. If you need help with mending, please ask. Photos will go up on Seesaw if you are unsure.

Everyone - short-sleeved uniform top (nothing visible underneath)

- bare feet
- Students may wear a single taonga necklace (cross, pounamu or similar), girls studs or small sleepers but no other jewellery, please.
- Long hair tied up in one mid-height ponytail with a black or navy blue hair tie. No plaits.

Boys - grey school shorts

Girls - uniform skirt or tunic with the top tucked in

Thank you for your support. We are all so proud of our students and the hard work that has gone into this.

Nga mihi
Antony Easto
Lisa Hayde

DUFFY FATHER'S Day
Assembly

Friday 30th August at
2.10pm. See you there!

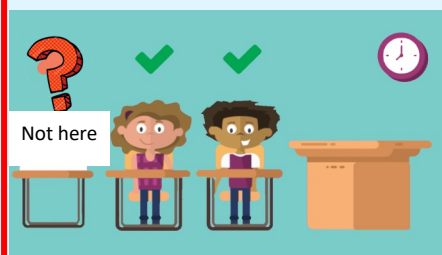


THIS WEEK TO:



A Lot of uniforms have been loaned out to students in the past weeks. To enable us to keep doing this, we need to ensure we have these uniform items returned as soon as possible.

Thank you



ABSENCES.....

we need to know that your child has made it to school safely!

Parents, please remember to report to the school if your child is going to be absent. You can download the skool loop app onto your phone, or you can go onto our website and click on absences, or you can ring the school. If we do not hear from you, and are unable to make contact with you, your child is marked truant.

We Need You!

We're looking to begin restoration work on the gully behind St Pius X School but we can't do it alone, we need your help.

Our planned initial work involves the upper area before the edge of the gully:

- Clearing non-native trees.
- Spraying and clearing weeds.
- Planting replacement native species.

We'd also like to create a seedling raising regime where the students of St Pius can get involved in growing the plants we'll eventually replant the gully with. We're keen to find someone who can help spearhead this.

Our vision is to eventually restore the gully to its former glory, with walking paths so it can be enjoyed by the school community.

Mangakotukutuku Streamcare Group is going to be helping us with this project. You can find out more about them here: www.streamcare.org.nz

How do I find out more?!

I'm glad you asked! ☺ We're holding a meeting after school:

**3pm Wednesday 11th of September
in the St Pius X School Staffroom**

Anyone is welcome to attend. If you're interested in helping in any way, please come along so we can get an idea of how many hands we have available.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents at the school and physically make a difference to our environment. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting! ☺

PS: Bring some gumboots or sturdy shoes as we will likely take a closer look at the edge of the gully so you can get a better idea of the work ahead.

If you'd like to know more, please contact:

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