

St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura o Hato

Newsletter #7



To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Thursday 19th March 2020

Week 7 Term 1



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

My word we are facing interesting times, as we watch the developments of this global pandemic on our country. There is no word about the school situation and we are carrying on as normal, with the exception of having the children wash their hands more frequently and teaching them how to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or elbows and disposing of the tissues in the bin. We have also stopped assemblies following the advice from the Ministry of Education. We will still have our Easter liturgies in the last week of term, we will be live streaming them. Thank you to the number of parents who have filled in the google survey. This information is for the Ministry of Education and for us as we have been talking about what we would do if schools were to close. We are very pleased we have Seesaw, as this has been a valuable tool for communication and may prove to be even more so. If you are not connected to the internet, then please contact the school, it will help with alternative plans if necessary.

The latest from the Ministry is a decision on school closures will be made on a case by case basis.

All this talk about Covid 19 has made some children anxious The Ministry of Education has given good information to help parents speak to their child about Covid 19

Talking to children and young people about COVID-19

Given the rise in the number of reported cases, there may be children or young people in your life who experience distress. As a trusted adult, you can help reassure and educate them about COVID-19 – it can be good to talk to them now, so they can understand the illness and be reassured.

We have developed specific guidance for parents to assist them when talking to their children about coronavirus. *You will appreciate the importance of giving children factual, age-appropriate information about COVID-19 so that they can feel informed and in control. The guidance will support parents to have those conversations – [Talking to children about coronavirus](#).*

You may also have seen two very useful videos you could share with your parent community to help both parents and children better understand the virus:

- *Nanogirl video clip with a great explanation for kids about coronavirus.*

[YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

- *Watch the Prime Minister talk about coronavirus with Dr Michelle Dickinson and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard.*

[Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)

[Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

For further information about COVID-19 please visit the Ministry of Health Website - www.health.govt.nz. It appears the site is regularly updated which is good as things can change very quickly.

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lease note the teacher only day planned for Friday 27th has been cancelled. We will have school as normal.

Easter Raffle



We are asking you to contribute to our Easter raffle by bringing in just one Easter egg per family. Raffle tickets were sent home on Monday, one per family to sell to family and friends. The raffle will be drawn on the 3rd of April, a week before we close for Easter and the term holidays.



School Banking

First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that due to the evolving COVID-19 situation School Banking will be suspended for the remainder of Term 1.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch.




Is your child running late to school?

Please make sure they come to the office to sign in late.

If they are not in class when the roll is taken and they haven't signed in at the office, we try to contact home, if we are unable to contact you, they will be marked as truant!! Most times, the children are actually in class!

Don't forget PIZZA TUESDAY

You can order slices of pizza for \$2.00 a slice. Order reminders will be posted on Seesaw every Monday and if you would like to order pizza, please return your child's order and money to their classroom teacher. All proceeds will go towards the end of year camps.

BREAKFAST IDEAS

BREAKFAST SWAPS

To lower our sugar intake and/or increase the fibre in our breakfast try these easy swaps.....

1. Nutrigrain to PORRIDGE
2. Coco Pops to WEETBIX
3. Spaghetti to BAKED BEANS
4. White bread to WHOLEGRAIN BREAD

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This Weeks' Birthdays

March

20th—Owen (Room 6)

21st Johan (Room 2)

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Pius X



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BANANA PANCAKES

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt

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