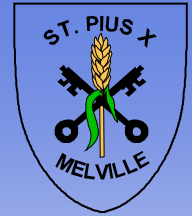


St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura O Hato Paea



Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

Thursday 9th February 2023

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MISSION STATEMENT

To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa, Welcome to 2023

The children seem to have settled well in their classes, we are very fortunate to have all our staff return for this year.

We have a large number of new entrants who have started (photo below) and we wish them every blessing as they start on their school journey. A photo of our other new students will go in next week's newsletter.

Meet the Teacher Wednesday 15th Feb

Times:

3pm Kiwi Mrs Vanxay, Miss Bruns

3pm Kea Mrs Williams

3.20 Kākāpō/Kārearea Mr deVega & Mr Fernandes

3.40 Tara Iti Mrs Overmayer

4.00 Tūi/Hoiho Mr Easto & Mrs Hayde

This is a good opportunity to hear about the class programmes, routines and expectations in your child's class and will possibly answer some questions you may have. An opportunity to talk about your child will be given later in the term at parent interviews.

Calendar: I have put some dates in the calendar for you to note, details about some will go out closer to the day, eg the stopwork meeting on the 1st which is an afternoon meeting. Other dates are likely to be added so please keep checking.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Jane Rutherford

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb	10th	Opening Mass 9am
	15th	Meet the Teacher
	20th	Swimming Begins (Notice to come)
	22nd	Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
	27th	Swimming
Mar	1st	Teachers Stop Work Meeting
	22nd	Parent Interviews Goal Setting
	23rd	School Mass
Apr	3-7th	Easter Liturgies
	7th	Holy Thursday Last Day Term 1
	24th	Term 2 Begins



St Pius X Melville
Friends of the School



Friends of the School (FOTS) is a welcoming collaborative team of parents/caregivers. We organise fun 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 School.

We always value any support from parents/caregivers whether it be in the form of time, skills, ideas or useful contacts.

FOTS meetings happen twice per term. All are welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20 February @ 7:30pm - School Staffroom

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams.
 Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
 Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do.
 Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.

— Pope John XXIII



Today's Menu

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

If your child wishes to have their lunch purchased from Tommo's Bakery on a Friday, please choose from the menu below and make sure they have the correct money (we don't hold any change in the office). They are to come and see Mrs Maree in the office before the end of playtime (11.00am)

Mince & Cheese Pie	\$3.50
Apple Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Naan Wrap	\$3.50
Ham Naan Wrap	\$3.50
Chicken Bagel	\$3.50
Chicken Roll	\$3.50
Ham Roll	\$3.50
Ham Bagel	\$3.50
Savoury	\$2.00
Choc Chip Muffin	\$2.00
Blueberry Muffin	\$2.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Happy Birthday from
 everyone at St Pius X

10th—Tyler—Tui
 12th—Jeffrey—Tui
 13th—Emery—Karearea
 15th—Miggy—Tui



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 it is important that if your child is going to be late or away from school, please contact the school first thing in the morning. You can leave an absence through our website or on the Skool Loop app or on the answerphone, we also require a reason for their absence. The roll is taken at 8:50 each morning. Late children will be recorded as unexplained absences and will be entered into the system as such. So it is important to inform the school before 8:50am.

Driveway Safety. For the safety of our students and staff please **DO NOT** drive down the driveway before school and at home time. Please use the dedicated parking spaces when dropping your child off in the morning. The yellow lines are to remind people not to stop there, they are also the walking spaces for your children. I urge you to take care when dropping off and picking your child up.

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, nor are ankle bracelets. Bangles and other jewellery are not encouraged for safety reasons, particularly on playground equipment. If there is a reason that your child must wear jewellery, please discuss this with either myself or the class teacher.

School Lunch time. The bell will ring at 12:45pm then again at 1:15pm to mark the end of play and students will return to their classes to eat lunch in their dedicated spaces.

Stationery We realise there may be some delays in getting stationery online due to recent events in Auckland, thus slowing down delivery times. If there is difficulty in getting this please contact the office and we can arrange something.

Our Board of Trustees opted to take up the Government offer of paying \$150 dollars per student to cover costs associated with implementing the curriculum again this year. What this means is that things like swimming, footsteps, athletics, seesaw and other costs charged in the past at the start of the year, will not have to be paid by you the parents. If you want to find out more about this scheme, please look up the Ministry of Education website.

Cell phones and toys. Children are asked not to bring cell phones and toys to school. However, I do realise that some children have cell phones at school for emergencies. There is a box in the office where they are to put them at the start of the day. The rule is that if a child is seen using their phone without permission, it will be confiscated.

A reminder - NO lollies, chewing gum or fizzy drinks are to be brought to or consumed at school.

Lunches . Fridays only from Tommo's Bakery. The menu is available at the office. .

Newsletter. We will continue to send our newsletter on-line. It can be accessed through our website, Seesaw, Skool Loop and emails if we have them. Hard copies are available from the office on request . Our newsletters will continue to be sent out on Thursdays.

God Bless Jane Rutherford