

St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura O Hato Paea



Newsletter Week 3 Term 3
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MISSION STATEMENT

To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Week 3. It was pleasing to see a good turnout of parents at our interviews yesterday. My apologies for not being clear about arrangements for picking up children, I hope this did not cause too much concern for you.

Just a reminder that we have a number of children making their First Communion on Sunday. If your child is in the choir we would be most grateful if they could attend 9:00am Mass this Sunday. Thank you.

On Tuesday evening, the Friend's of the school suggested that we have a Sports Section in our newsletter. We are more than happy to do this, however what we would need is updates each week from our sports teams and from parents if their children have done something in their Saints and/or club teams which need mentioning, such as player of the day etc...

Keep an eye on our *Here's the News* page for activities from the Friends and other groups.

These children are new to Kiwi class. We welcome them to our school and wish them every blessing.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Jane Rutherford



L to R Reion, Catherine, Pia, Nadia, Jaydan

IMPORTANT DATES

August 6th	First Communion
9th	Middle school Mass
15th	Feast of the Assumption Mass
18th	St Pius Feast day Creative Day
Sunday 20th	Parish /School Mass
31st	Senior/Junior Mass
Date to mark in your calendar Sept 15th Teacher Only Day	

Our fruits of the Spirit value is Peace

Prayer of Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."
(John 14:27)

Holy Spirit of Peace,
Settle deep within my heart.
Let my actions today be free from aggression and anger.
Let my words be only ones of compassion and caring.
Let my every breath inhale your wisdom and exhale your grace.
In such a way, might I bear another's burdens, if only in part, so that I become a sacred instrument of your peace.
In Jesus' blessed name, I pray.
Amen.



HERE'S THE NEWS

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER – LATE MORNING



Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check

Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up

In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test)

Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results

Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required. Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

What's happening on your Board of Trustees.

Last week the BOT had their regular monthly meeting. Here is a short summary of the decisions they made on your behalf.

- Received the mid-year Assessment report from the principal.
- Received and accepted the Smoke free policy.
- Received the amended Drugs and Alcohol Policy and accepted it.
- Received and accepted the Curriculum Policy.
- Received and accepted the Classroom Release Time Policy.
- Discussed a proposal from the Mangakotukutuku College regarding technology education in 2024.
- Received and discussed the ERO assurance document.

THANK YOU

Money raised

Last week we had a mufi day to raise money for an ex-student who is very unwell. We raised \$481.40!!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Pius X

5th—Ezekiel & Xander—Kiwi

7th—Marlee-John—Kakapo

9th—Uchenna—Tui,

9th Lucas & Kerriann—Tara Iti