

It is with great regret and sadness that the St Pius X Board of Trustees has to inform the wider school community that our principal Miss Jane Rutherford has decided to retire. Miss Rutherford has been a much loved and widely appreciated principal of the school since 2009. The school will miss her and has greatly appreciated her thoughtful and wise leadership over the past 14 years. We will look to farewell Miss Rutherford closer to the end of the school year, so keep looking for information regarding these events in the newsletter. In the short term your Board of Trustees needs your input to help us select a new principal. Next week on creative day, there will be opportunities for the school community to have input into the selection process. If you would like to pass on what qualities you think the next principal of St Pius X School should have, we encourage you to come to school and share them. See below for details:

St Pius X School Needs You!

The School Board of Trustees wants your thoughts on what qualities you think our next principal should have. On Creative Day, Friday August 18th, when you come to school to view the children's wonderful creations, why not drop into the staffroom to give us your thoughts. The times are:

Friday August 18th

8:15 am - 8:45 am

11:00 am - 11:30 am

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

If you can't make it on the day there will be an online form provided for you to make your thoughts known. Keep an eye on future newsletters for updates.



St Pius X Catholic School Te Kura O Hato Paea



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MISSION STATEMENT

To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa,

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter I have decided to finish at the end of the year. While I avoid the word retirement, I have not got plans for what is next for me, at this stage there is something exciting about having a blank canvas.

St Pius X is a wonderful school with excellent staff and Board I know that they will work hard to find a principal who will carry on the charism of our school. Please use the opportunities to input your ideas on the qualities you would like in your next principal.

A reminder that we are celebrating St Pius X Feast Day on two occasions next week—the first one is on Friday the 18th and then on Sunday 20th with the Parish at the 9:00am Mass. The Friday is a creative day and notices regarding this were sent home it is also included in this newsletter just in case you did not receive it.

We are responsible for the Sunday Mass and it will be good to see the Church full of St Pius families. If you wish you could wear your cultural dress highlighting the cultural nature of our school. Mass will be followed by a cuppa and piece of cake - Sunday 22nd. Our choir led the singing at the First Communion and were wonderful, a number of people came up to Mrs Garsed complimenting her on how lovely they sang. We are calling on them again for the 22nd to lead the singing again.

Wednesday 15th is the Feast of the Assumption the children will be attending Mass and you are welcome to join us.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Jane Rutherford



Congratulations to thirteen children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, may they always feel the courage and comfort of Jesus in their lives.

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.



It is very important that you keep us up-to-date of phone/address changes.

You can do this via our website by clicking on [THIS LINK](#) or you can call the office on 07 843 6554 or email: info@stpius.school.nz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday from

everyone at St Pius X

10th—Kean—Kiwi

13th—Katelyn—Kakapo

14th—Jaeden—Kiwi

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

TICKETS TO GIVEAWAY TO THE CAT IN THE HAT

Dr. Seuss's
The Cat in the Hat LIVE ON STAGE!



NEW ZEALAND TOUR 2023 ON SALE NOW!

*The Cat in the Hat is coming to Hamilton's Clarence St Theatre in the
September school holidays!*

We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!

We are a nationwide market research recruitment company based in Auckland.
We are looking for New Zealand parents to share their opinions on a range of topics
in online or face-to-face projects.



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Or email Steph: stephanie@primeresearch.co.nz





St Pius X Creative Day

18 August 2023



It's St Pius Day and the whole school will be getting creative in the morning block at school. Please support your child to get their creative juices running. There are three categories: It is **compulsory** for everyone to **choose either number one or two to complete** but number three is optional.

1. Floral/nature arrangement

Use flowers, shrubbery, leaves, sticks (things in your outdoor environment) to create a scene or an arrangement for display. The arrangement can be done in a jar, vase, ice-cream container, clean meat tray, container lid or baking tray depending on what you have available at home.

The arrangement must be seen by the classroom teacher to be made at school independently in the morning by your child. Children will need to collect and bring to school the things they need to carry out their arrangement.



2. Vegetable/fruit creation

Look in your garden/fruit or veggie bin and find a vegetable that you can use to create an animal, person or object with. Ask an adult to help you cut up your pieces so that you can bag it and construct your creation at school. If you have an extra vegetable/fruit to share, please bring them along to school. Creation bits can be stuck together using toothpicks.

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3. Edible decoration

This is a decorating competition that can be done on a biscuit, muffin or cake. Get out your icing, sprinkles and edible bits and pieces and get creative. **This is the only category that can be made at home and brought to school completed.**



We look forward to seeing everyone's creations!