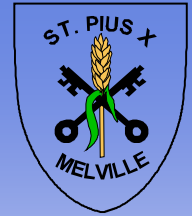


St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura O Hato Paea



Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

Thursday 8th February 2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa, Welcome to 2024

What a warm and joyful welcome I have received for the start of 2024. The powhiri was a lovely reception into the school community and the laughter and joy as people connect and reconnect for the new year is heart warming. What a beautiful community to be a part of. The children seem to have settled well in their classes, with our amazing teaching and learning team. I can't wait to see what 2024 will bring. I look forward to meeting you over the coming year.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new learners and whanau as they begin their school journey here at St Pius X School. Please feel welcomed and at home. To our returning families thank you for your continued care and support for our Kaiako, Tamariki and community.

Meet the Teacher Thursday 15th Feb

Times:

3:15 pm Kiwi and Ruru Ms Vanxay, Mrs Vanxay, Miss Bruns and Miss Burge

3:45 pm Kea Mrs Williams

4.05pm Kākāpō and Tara iti Mr Fernandes and Mrs Overmayer

4.30 pm Tūi and Hoiho Mr Easto & Mrs Hayde

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

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Fzin Clayton

IMPORTANT DATES

February

8th Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass, Cathedral 6pm

14th Ash Wednesday Mass 9am

15th Meet the Teacher afternoon

March

4th Parent Interviews Goal Setting 3.10pm- 7.00pm

5th Parent Interviews and Goal setting 3.10-5.00pm

29th Good Friday (no school)

April

1st and 2nd Easter Monday/Tuesday (no school)

12th Last Day Term 1

Monday 29th April Start of Term 2.

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.

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. The new directive from the ministry explicitly states phones away for the day for all schools. This is in line with the current procedure here at school. Children are asked not to bring cell phones 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, fizzy drinks or toys are to be brought to 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 Erin Clayton



to St Pius X



L to R Back Row: Charlie, Haron, Jiona, Ethel, Pypa, Jerrold

L to R Front Row: Julia, Jasmine, Evelyn, Maxson, Tobit, Manny, Thomas, Miggy, Johan

HERE'S THE NEWS

St Pius X Melville School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Brendon Muir
Presiding member (chair)
St Pius X Melville Board

57 Pine Avenue
Melville
3206

by: (7th March 2024)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Happy Birthday from
everyone at St Pius X*

8th—Elsa—Tara Iti

10th—Tyler—Tui

12th =- Jeffrey—Tui

13th—Emery—Karearea

15th—Atarah



Upcoming

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SOUTH
COMMUNI-TEA**
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**EVERYONE WELCOME
NAU MAI HAERE MAI**

23RD FEBRUARY
**ST. LUKES ANGLICAN
CHURCH, 9 ST. LUKES
PLACE, MELVILLE**
hosted by St. Pius Community

6 PM - 7.30 PM
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT GLENVIEW
COMMUNITY CENTRE 07 843 2600

The first sessions they attend are absolutely FREE for St. Pius X Students to give it a Go and all skates, sticks, helmets are supplied

St. Pius X Cardinals Inline Hockey Club

REDBIRDS

Training Sessions
Friday Nights - TERM 1
6pm - 6:45pm
Starting February 16th
@Hamilton Inline Skating Rink

RETURN

Open to ALL St. Pius X Students

