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NEWSLETTER Friday 27 July 2018

Kia ora, ngā whānau, talofa lava, malo, namaste and greetings to you all. I hope you were able to have some time off with your children over the term break and that they were able to rest, relax and recharge their batteries ready for this new term.

Our **topic focus** this term is "**Grand Designs**". We will be learning about planning, measuring, designing and creating a range of things. We are particularly interested in children generating ideas and creating plans for a new playground near the netball court (to replace the old metal one) and potentially creating a mock up mini playground. This will be an interesting and exciting topic that will challenge our thinking. We hope to get community grants for a new playground based on what our children come up with!

For **Religious Education** this term our students will be learning more about imaginative prayer and also about the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

RECENT EVENTS

Welcome

Welcome to Presley Church and Jasmine King who have recently started in Kiwi class.



Pasifika Performance

What a great Pasifika performance we had at the end of last term! Thank you for coming along and supporting our school. I was so proud of our tamariki who looked and sounded amazing! A lot of time and effort went into preparing for this show. I am very grateful to our teachers, support staff and those from Bishop Viard College who came to teach us all about the Pacific. Thank you to Bishop Viard College and Holy Family School for the loan of the costumes!

Pest-Free Presentation

Today we were fortunate to have Dave Sutherland talk about Pest-free Porirua. This is a special project aimed to rid Porirua of its pests like rats. He showed us an amazing rat trap and encouraged us all to become kaitiaki or guardians and look after God's earth. We can do that by looking after our native heritage and eliminating pests like rats. To help us rid Titahi Bay of rats, you can get a rat trap for your place. If you are interested please email PestFreeTbay@gmail.com for more details.

After learning about becoming pest-free, Alicia Rich talked about the importance of composting for our environment. She encouraged us all to gather our food scraps and compost these instead of sending them to the landfill. The school will continue to compost our food scraps in our own composting bins. It's great to find out more about how we can better look after our environment. If we all do our bit, we can make our place healthy and pest-free.

COMING EVENTS

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme in Term 3 is about Confirmation. It recommences with an information evening on Monday 13 August. More information about this will be sent out soon.

Grandparents' Day – Friday 3 August from 9am

Next Friday we will be celebrating Grandparents and their special role in our lives. Invitations will be going home soon to grandparents (or special family friends who take the place of grandparents). We will start with Mass in the church at 9am then move through to the classrooms to share learning and stories with our mokopuna (grandchildren). The morning finishes with morning tea in the library at 11am. I look forward to meeting our wonderful grandparents!

Maths Info Evening – Tuesday 14 August from 6pm

You are all invited to come along to a maths information night in the hall. We will start at 6pm with some kai then at 6:30pm teachers will briefly talk about maths at St Pius X School. There will also be time for discussion, exploration of maths ideas and games as well as questions during this session. Please pencil this date in your diary! We will send out more information closer to the time.

Teachers and Principals Strike Action Wednesday 15 August 2018

As you may be aware, primary teachers and principals across New Zealand are planning to go on strike on **Wednesday 15 August** to protest about attracting and retaining quality teachers as well as the need for better resourcing to support all children, especially those with any additional learning needs.

At this stage, we are waiting for the final decision from NZEI about whether the strike will be a half day (from 1:30pm) or for the whole day. Once the Board of Trustees is aware of that decision, they will advise our community as soon as possible about what the plans are regarding closing the school for that day.

I appreciate your support in this matter and we hope for a positive outcome from the Government to support our teachers so they are better resourced to support our children and their learning needs. They already do a great job with long hours, minimal support and funding!

It's already the end of week 1 – how time flies! I am looking forward to a positive and fruitful term for all of us at St Pius X School. I wish you a happy and safe weekend.

Ngā mihi nui kia kotou

God bless and kind regards

Christine MacDonald



COMING SOON



Mon 30 July	1.30pm	Kowaiiau (Seniors)
Tue 31 July	9.00am	Small Sticks Hockey (all classes)
Thu 2 August	9.00am	moveMprove begins
thu 2 August		SUBWAY lunch
Fri 3 August	9.00am	GRANDPARENTS DAY
Mon 6 August	1.30pm	Kowaiiau (Seniors)
Mon 6 August		Indoor Soccer begins Y1/2 & 5/6
Tue 7 August		Indoor Soccer begins Y3/4
tue 7 August		Small Sticks
Wed 8 August		Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua
Thu 9 August		moveMprove (all classes)
Mon 13 August		"Cans for Good" Week
Mon 13 August		Kowaiiau (Seniors)
Tues 14 August	6.00pm	Maths Info Evening at St Pius
Wed 15 August	6.00pm	Board of Trustee meeting
Thu 16 August		moveMprove (all classes)
Fri 17 August		Book Club 5 orders due at school

Book Club Issue No 5

Book Club Issue No 4 pamphlets have been sent home. With every book you purchase for your child the school receives 'Bonus Points' which can be used by the school to purchase resources or books for class or library use.

Your orders are due back by Friday 17 August

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TERM 2 AND 3—WINTER UNIFORM

A good time over the holidays to ensure the correct winter uniform is ready for Term 3.

Girls— Maroon/navy tunic
 Maroon skivvy OR
 Long sleeve white blouse
 Maroon Jumper
 Navy knee-length socks OR
 Navy tights
 Black leather school shoes

Boys— Maroon skivvy OR
 Long sleeve grey shirt
 Grey winter shorts OR
 Grey trousers
 Grey socks (2 maroon stripes)
 Maroon jumper
 Black leather school shoes

MuftiMania 2018



Apifo'ou College in Tonga needs our help...

Thank you for your gold coin koha's on the last day of school for Mufti Mania. We were able to send \$106.00 to aid Caritas with their work in Tonga.

NITS / Headlice

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet regarding nits. Please check your child's hair and action if necessary as we have had a few families reporting these little pests are around again!!!



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