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NEWSLETTER Tuesday 23 January 2018

Kia ora and welcome back! What a wonderful summer we have had – long, hot days hopefully relaxing and enjoying a break.

First Day Back – Monday 29 January 8:50am – Please assemble in the Hall!

To start off the year, we are all gathering in the hall instead of going first to the children's classrooms. We welcome parents and whānau to stay during this time. We will start with prayers and then the staff will introduce themselves. Once the formalities are over, children will go with their teachers to their classrooms taking their bags with them.

New Staff and Responsibilities

I would like to welcome two new staff members: Lawrence Hobbis, Weka classroom teacher for 2018, and Metua Parr, Tui classroom teacher for 2018. We hope they have a happy and blessed time at St Pius X School.

I would also like to welcome back all of our other staff: Miss Ana Kawenga - Kiwi classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher and acting Deputy Principal for 2018; Mrs Angela McFarlane - Kiwi classroom teacher while Miss Kawenga teaches Reading Recovery; Miss Emma Stothart - Kereru classroom teacher. Welcome back to our wonderful support staff: Mrs Angeline O'Connor – Office Manager; Mrs Beryl O'Neill, Mrs Mei Rideout - Teacher Aides; Mr Louis Demicolli Teacher Aide and Grounds person; and Mrs Julie de Boer - Teacher Aide and Librarian.

At the end of 2017, Mrs Kaye Gillies resigned from her position at St Pius X School. I would like to thank Kaye for all of her hard work over the years as Deputy Principal, SENCO, Junior Syndicate Leader, Maths Lead Teacher, Tui Classroom Teacher as well as all the other things she has done for our school. I wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Upcoming Events

It's going to be another exciting year at St Pius X School. We will be holding various activities and events over the year to connect with whānau and to keep you informed of how our students are doing. Some of these events include:

Meet, greet and eat – Thursday 8 February at 5pm - come along with your whānau and kai, meet with friends and make new friends. After kai we will gather in the hall, discuss our plans for 2018 and go to classrooms to meet the teachers. During this evening, we invite you to give some feedback about how things are going at our school.

Ash Wednesday Mass - ***Wednesday 14 February at 9am in the church*** - we mark the start of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The Sacramental Programme - If you are interested in having your child **baptised** this term on ***Thursday 12 April at 11:30am*** in the Catholic faith or having your child start The Sacramental Programme for **Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **First Communion** please contact Angeline on office@saintpius.school.nz.

School Uniform – St Pius X is a uniform school – it is part of who we are. Please make sure that your child/children are wearing the correct summer uniform in term 1. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, please remember to send a note to your child's teacher stating what the issue is and when the uniform item will be replaced. Please make sure that all items of your child's uniform are named. We will be checking uniform on Monday 19 February to make sure we keep up our high standard of dress. If you need more information about our school uniform, please contact Angeline in the office.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed week and weekend.

Nga mihi nui kia kotou

God bless and kind regards



Christine MacDonald