



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou. Greetings to all our parents and caregivers.

Our Value this week is loyalty.

**Loyalty** is faithfulness or a devotion to a person or cause.

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. He will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6 : 24

The philosopher [Josiah Royce](#) said loyalty was the supreme moral good, and that one's devotion to an object mattered more than the merits of the object itself.

Next week's value is Thankfulness.



If you know your child is not returning to St Pius in 2009 and they are not a Year 8 student this year, please contact the school office now, because we have many children on our waiting list hoping for a place.



**School Bell Times:**  
School starts at 8.45am SHARP.  
School finishes at 2.45pm.



**Hamilton Combined Catholic School Sports:** Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate of merit for their sporting abilities in their events.

- Api Turaganivei for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year 7 boys 200m.
- Susana Turanganivei for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year 8 girls cricketball throw.
- Debee-May McCarthy for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 8 girls cricketball throw.
- Debee-May McCarthy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year 8 girls 100m.
- Overall Champ 4<sup>th</sup> place – Debee-May Mc Carthy.
- Lino Fao for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year 8 boys high jump.
- Lino Fao for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 8 boys 100m.

**Prize Giving:** Our end of year prize giving takes place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.00pm at St Pius X Church. We look forward to seeing all the children in attendance as well as parents and family members. Children are asked to attend prize giving in school uniform and be seated with their families on the night. School reports will be given out after prize giving.

**Library Books:** Reminder that all library books need to be returned to school for stocktaking.

**Camp meeting for parent helpers and interested parents:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7.00pm at school.

## Carols by Candlelight:

**When:** Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December

**Where:** St Pius X School grounds

**Time:** 6.00pm

Come and join us for a carols evening at school involving all the school children. We will start the evening with a family picnic dinner on the school field. Bring your own picnic blanket and a packed picnic dinner or purchase something from the PTFA who will be doing a sausage sizzle. We encourage parents, friends and our Parish community to come along and join in our carol singing with the school children. If you would like to do either a solo or group item on the night, please contact Colleen Lelieveld at school or leave a message with Mrs Dunford in the school office. This should be an extremely entertaining evening and will be a wonderful opportunity for families to get together.

If the weather isn't good the postponement day for Carols by Candlelight will be Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Glow bracelets will be on sale for \$1.00 each for those wishing to purchase some.



**School year begins - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 – 8.45am**

**Parish Fun & Mini Fund Raising Afternoon** From 3pm to 6pm, this Saturday, 29 November. Please see the flyer sent home with this newsletter for details

**Life Education:**

We require all money for Life Education to come in now. The cost of the Life Education visit is \$2.50 per child or \$5.00 for a family of 2 or more. All children are expected to take part in the Life Education Programme and money can be sent in a labelled envelope to the school office. Please keep the payments coming in.

**Volunteers Morning Tea on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 10.30am:** Every year we have wonderful volunteers that get actively involved in our school. Without volunteers we would be unable to take part in and do some of the things we do with the children. This is our chance to say thank you so much for all your help. Please come and join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Camp Fees:** Last day for camp fees is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of December. If you need to make arrangements for payment or would like to discuss camp fees, please get in early and talk to Mr Easto or Ms Vanxay.

**Uniform Shop Notice:** The Uniform Shop will close for the year on Thursday 10 December. **Holiday Opening Time is Thursday 29 January 2009 at 10.00am – 12 Noon.**

**Up and coming events to mark on your calendar:**

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| PTFA Meeting                       | - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of December                         |
| Life Education Mobile classroom    | - Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> of December          |
| Volunteers Morning Tea             | - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> of December – 10.30am staffroom      |
| Carols by Candle light             | - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> of December                            |
| Year 3/4 School Camp               | - Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> of December                            |
| Year 5,6,7 & 8 School Camp         | - Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> of December |
| Year 8 Leavers Dinner              | - Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> of December                           |
| End of year Mass & Candle Ceremony | - Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of December – 9.00am at Church       |
| End of year prize giving           | - Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of December - 6.00pm at Church       |
| Last day                           | - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> of December – 12.30pm                |



Advent Reconciliations at St Pius X Church will be on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.15pm.

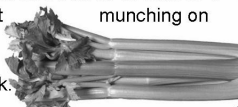
**Congratulations to our Parish Priest, Father Frank Eggleton, who has been made Monsignor Eggleton.**


**St Pius X Catholic School Strategic Plan Survey**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out and return the survey. It will help with school planning around the revised curriculum and strategic planning for 2009.

5+ a day facts

CELERY





**Did you know?** Celery is an Italian food! It was back in the middle ages that the Italians first used celery as a vegetable.

Celery is an excellent source of vitamin C and fibre so get munching on some celery sticks as an afternoon snack.

## Tour de Melville 2008

### Be in to win one of 3 bikes!



December 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
At the Community House  
\$2 per person \$5 per Family

Enquiries / Registration: Holly 8438811  
Melville Community House: Carr Bader St & Pine Ave