



# St Pius X School

## Welcome to the 2009 school year

**Prayer:**

Spirit of the Living God  
 We place all that we do this year in our school in your hands.  
 Be with us everyday...  
 Helping us to love one another.  
 Guiding our thoughts.  
 Inspiring our actions.  
 Renewing our faith.  
 Bringing us peace.  
 And leading us all more deeply into your sacred presence.  
 Amen.

### Introducing our teaching staff



Mrs Rosemary Garsed, DRS  
 Room 1, Year 1



Mrs Tracey Vanxay  
 Room 2, Year 2



Ms Laura Dikmans  
 Room 3, Years 3 & 4



Mrs Lisa Hayde  
 Room 5, Years 4 & 5



Mrs Colleen Lelieveld  
 Room 7, Years 7 & 8



Mr Antony Easto  
 Deputy Principal  
 Room 6, Years 5 & 6



Whaea Paula Richter  
 Teacher Aide  
 Duffy Books Coordinator



Ms Jane Rutherford  
 Acting Principal



Mrs Ann Bankier-Perry  
 Teacher Aide,  
 Coordinator for  
 International Students

St Pius X staff and students warmly welcome Ms Jane Rutherford to our school community.  
 We ask God to bless her abundantly in her role as Acting Principal.

We warmly welcome you all back with a very special welcome to all our new students and their families.

We offer our prayerful condolences to Mrs Garsed and her family on the death of Violet Morgan, their mother and grandmother. May she rest in peace.

- **Message from our new Principal** – I am delighted to be Acting Principal at St Pius School. I have been a principal for over 20 years in schools in the Deep South. Most of my family lives in Hamilton and I have finally succumbed to the call north. I am looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.
- **This Friday, 6 February is a public holiday** - Waitangi Day
- **Swimming** – begins in Week 2, 9 – 13 February, starting with Rooms 1 & 7. More information will be provided by the classroom teachers. Cost has yet to be confirmed.
- **Full summer uniform is compulsory for all students.** That includes the school sunhat. Any student without a hat on during play and lunchtimes must stay in the specified shaded areas of the school grounds. Footwear must be flat soled, strapped sandals. They may 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. The Uniform shop is open each Thursday during term, 8.35am – 9.30am. It is situated in the Admin. Block.
- **The first day for bought lunches is Monday 9 February.** Bought lunches will be available Monday and Friday only.
- **Cell phones and toys.** Children are asked not to bring cell phones and toys to school. The best way for parents to reach their children is through the school office telephone. Cell phones are expensive and like toys they can be a distraction at school, cause relationship problems or go missing or break. Teachers will remove toys and cell phones from children and return them at a later time.
- **A reminder about “at home” food and drink.** NO lollies, chewing gum or fizzy drinks are to be consumed at school.
- **All children are to have their stationery by the beginning of Week 3.** Stationery lists are sent home with this newsletter. Please return your completed list to school with payment so your child receives their stationery as quickly as possible.
- **Driveway Safety.** For the safety of our students and staff please **DO NOT** drive down the driveway before school and at home time.
- **Calling for a volunteer.** Who would be able to give an hour or two a week for sorting and filing reading books and journals? It will also be a bonus if you can initially dust and clean the shelves as well. Please contact Ms Dikmans at school, 843.6554, if you can help out.
- **Absent children.** If your child is away from school please phone the school first thing in the morning and leave a message on the answerphone, 843.6554. It is school policy to keep our children safe, so it is important to keep the school informed of your child’s whereabouts on school days.