

St Pius X School

5 March 2009 Newsletter #5

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou. Greetings to all our parents and caregivers. It's hard to believe that we are well into Week 5 and half way through the term. It's been a busy term and the next 5 weeks look to be just as busy.

The value this week is Bravery. Often when we think about bravery we think of achieving great acts, but in fact it can be doing everyday things that are hard well. An example is the children that auditioned for the choir. Some found it difficult to sing solo in front of two teachers, but were brave enough to combat their nerves and sing for us. Well done to those students and what a wonderful choir we are going to have.

We continue to pray for the sick in our parish and school community. May God give you strength and, in his mercy, restore you to good health.

Swimming Sports

Next week on Wednesday 11th of March we have scheduled swimming sports for our school. The senior classes Room 5,6 & 7 will start at the Melville Primary school pool at 9:30am until 11:30am. Juniors will start at 12:30pm until 2:30pm. There will be races and also an opportunity for some water activities for both groups. You are very welcome to join us for the day.

Calling all carpenters/builders – The school is requesting help in making sports equipment for our children. The designs are straightforward. Please contact Tracey Vanxay, 843.6554 if you are able to help.

Wanted - Lengths of timber suitable for gymnastic beams. If you have any unwanted, useable timber at home please contact Tracey Vanxay, 843.6554.

Payment required - Parents who did not buy their children's stationery through school are still required to pay for the Learn to Spell Book – Rm 3, \$8, Rms 5-7, \$10, RE book, \$13 and Photocopying levy, \$20. Please make payment at the school office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have paid already.

Manual Fees – Year 7 & 8 students only. The annual fee is \$66.00. Payment options are as follows: 1. Full Year @ \$66.00. 2. Termly @ \$16.50 per term. 3. \$22.00 per 1/3rd of the year Please make payment at the school office. Cheques payable to St Pius X School. Sorry, eftpos is not available. Thank you to those families who have paid already.

Dates to Remember

March

- 18th - Anointing of the Sick. 10.30am in the Church. Room 7 students help out.
- Parent Interviews will be held on **Thursday 26 March 2009** from 1:00pm to 6:30pm.

Teacher instruction time will finish at 12:30pm that day.

Please pick your children up if possible. The school will be providing supervision for the children remaining at school until **2.45pm**. We take this opportunity to remind you that you will be responsible for your child/children if they leave school at 12:30pm.



HPP (Reading) Volunteer Tutors required

We need more people to volunteer to assist with our HPP (story reading) programme. This position is suitable for grandparents and adult friends of the school who have a little bit of time each week to spare. You will be trained and supported to read to identified students. The time you spend with a student can be as little as 30 minutes per week.

If you are interested in the programme, and helping students with a low reading level, please contact Ann Bankier-Perry at school - 843.6554, or leave a message with Mrs Dunford at the office.

ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Fresh fruit and vegetables are best"

False!

If you like eating raw fruit and veg than go for it - it's a much better snack than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned are great options too. Just watch the syrup in the canned fruit (it's mainly sugar), but otherwise go nuts!

MCG – MCG will have no practice for the next two Mondays.
But we will practice this Sunday after Mass and also on Thursday 12th March at 4pm.

Hockey: Calling all hockey players, coaches, umpires or managers:
We hope to have a Year 2-4 team, a Year 5-6 team and an Intermediate team.
Hockey gets underway in Term 2. Phone N. Hayman for enquiries, 843.8783



Melville Junior Rugby Weigh-In Sunday 8th March between 2-4pm at Collins Rd.
For all new players who are keen on joining a family orientated club come and join us. You will need a photocopy of your birth certificate or a letter from your school verifying your age. Any queries contact Ra Peters 843 2510



Fraser Tech Junior Rugby Weigh-in 10am-12noon Sunday 8th March
At clubrooms cnr Norton Rd & Mill St. New and returning players welcome from 3yrs to 12yrs (as at 1 Jan 2009) Please bring copy of birth certificate/passport if a new player. For more information contact Russell Gibson 8550707 or 0276660006 after hours.

Parent request – Wanted: someone to pick up and look after 2 St Pius children, aged 6 & 9, after school between 2.45pm and 5.00pm. The days vary, but it would not be more than 2 days maximum per week, and not more than 8 days a month. Please phone Karen Brown if you are able to help, 843.4584.

Check This Out >>>>>>>>

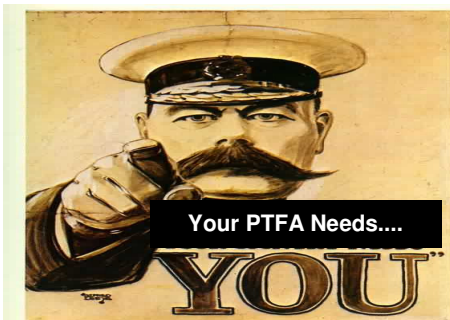
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- have your say on Council issues affecting your community
- get advice from Council
- find support for your community event or initiative
- link to service providers and agencies, whatever you need

I am based at the old Richmond Park School, Bader Street room number two, with Mareta Ford - Hamilton City Council's Youth Advisor for our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me, I am available to talk. 021 816 823 andy.mannering@hcc.govt.nz



Your PTFA Needs YOU AGAIN!

We have been offered another chance to earn \$\$\$\$.\$\$ Yes, **do not** adjust your set, that's \$\$\$\$.\$\$ folks. Those wonderful dudes and dudesses at Whitcoulls, Te Rapa have asked us to help with their stocktake on Wednesday 18th March. We need at least 20 people to prove the old proverb that says "Many hands make for light work" (or something like that). There are two start times **5:00pm and 6:00pm.**

There will be light snacks provided. *If you are able to help see Antony, phone the school or return the slip below. We have to let*

Whitcoulls know our numbers ASAP. Please return the slip below if you are able to help.

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Yes! I am able to help with the stocktake. Please return to the school office or Mr Easto

Name: _____

Phone No _____

I can start at (circle one)

5:00pm

6:00pm