

St Pius X School

9 April 2009 Newsletter #9

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 have reached the end of Term 1. I have enjoyed my first term at St Pius and look forward to next term. I want to thank you, the school community and the school staff for making me feel so welcome. I have really appreciated your support over the term.

The value this week is joyfulness. Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of well being. Joy comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes when we are doing what we know is right. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times, even when we are feeling sad.

At first glance it seems unusual to have this value during Holy week when we remember the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. However, in another sense, it is appropriate because the story of Jesus doesn't end on Good Friday, but with the Resurrection which is about joy and salvation. Therefore as Christians, we are called to be joyful people because through the actions of Jesus we have been saved. So the challenge to us is to be a joyful people, to appreciate the gift of life in ourselves and others and live the Resurrection message of hope and joy.

Congratulations to our top team. Students from Years 7 & 8 represented our school at the top schools competition held at Te Kowhai School last Sunday. Each student gave 100% and won every event. Overall our team came 4th from a field of 20. Very impressive. Thank you to Mrs Lelieveld and Mr Easto who gave their time and support to this very fine team.

I want to wish you every blessing this Easter and safe holidays and look forward to the return of the children on Monday 27th April.

Jane Rutherford

Dates to Remember

Term 2 Begins Monday 27 April 2009 at 8.45am

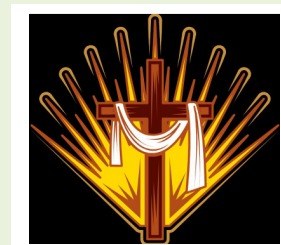
Easter Ceremonies at St Pius X Church

Tonight - 9th April - Holy Thursday, 7.00pm

10th April - Good Friday, 3.00pm

11th April - Easter Vigil, 7.00pm

12th April - Easter Sunday, 9.00am



Good Friday March of Witness – 10.30am starting at the Methodist Church, Bader Street. All are welcome.

Kiwi Kick

We have had a wonderful turnout for Kiwi Kick! Thanks to all who have returned their registration forms and \$40.00 already.

If you are interested, there is still time to join up.

Sessions will start on Monday 27th April at 2.45pm and will finish at 3.45pm.

Please note the change of day for this.

(We discovered that the original choice of Tuesday clashed with other sports.)

There will be 8 sessions on Mondays. Please return your forms as soon as possible.

MCG: We sing on Good Friday at 3.00pm and also Easter Sunday. Please be at church at 8:40 am.

Bring your folders. Thank you again for your hard work.

Mrs. Hayman

Children's liturgy: There is a practice for our Sunday Easter Liturgy (Play) at 2.00pm on Saturday.

Please come along if you wish to be involved.

Calling all families. Can you please bring some flowers to cover the cross!



Basketball is all go for Term 2.

Three teams will be battling the courts at the Y.M.C.A.

Thank you to the big brothers, the mum and dad and pupil who put their hands up to commit to coaching.

Thank you, you're wonderful people. Whaea Paula



Hockey: We will have a hockey practice on April 23rd at 10.00am at the Gallagher turf (Innes Common).

This is a great opportunity to check out this fabulous venue, where we will play all our games in Terms 2 & 3.

Phone N. Hayman, 8438783 for details.



World Vision Shake, Rattle & Roll

Have you booked your tickets yet?

Our school choir is singing with Suzanne Prentice on May 27th 2009 7.30pm at the Founders Theatre.

It will be a spectacular show.

Tickets are available from any Hamilton Library.

Library hosts Da Vinci holiday programme: To support the Waikato Museum's Da Vinci Machines Exhibition, the Hamilton Central Library is hosting a Da Vinci themed holiday programme on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 for kids aged 5-12. Kids will have the chance to use their investigative skills in a Da Vinci code-breaker challenge before testing out one of his designs by building a parachute and dropping it over the Level 2 railings! The programme is free and runs from 1-3pm. Numbers are limited so please register by Friday, April 17 by phoning the Community Programmes team on 838 6842 or email community.programmes@hcc.govt.nz.

RUG-RATS Gymnastics

Will be held in the Rukuhia Community Hall from next term.

Wednesday Sessions:

Kindy Gym 2.15 – 3.00pm

5-7 Years 3.30 – 4.30 pm

8+ years 4.30 – 5.30pm

Cost \$50 per 9 week term

Contact: Colleen

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ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Carrots make you see in the dark"



True!

Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A. The main function of vitamin A (in the form of retinol) is related in the eyes. Therefore eating carrots can keep your eyes nice and healthy.

