

St Pius X School

25 June 2009 Newsletter #18

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Where has this term gone? Our last week will be a busy one. We have the Education Review Team visiting us. They will be looking at our school programme, particularly our literacy programmes, the systems in our school and the school environment in general. They would like an opportunity to meet with you, the parents and caregivers on Monday, 29th at 2.00pm, probably in the staffroom. For parents or caregivers of Maori students, a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 30th at 2:15pm. The team will also meet with a group of students, the Board of Trustees and the staff to enable them to get a good picture of our school, please feel free to take this opportunity to meet with them.

The value for this week is Courage: Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. It is carrying on even when you feel like giving up or quitting. Courage is needed to try new things, in facing the truth and picking yourself up after making a mistake, ready to try again and asking for help.

Curriculum: Values: our school has had a values programme for a number of years and it is exciting to see that values are now part of the New Zealand curriculum. Values described by the document are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act. The following values are ones, that after consultation, are suggestions and are by no means exhaustive or exclusive. **Excellence**-by aiming high and by persevering in the face of difficulties. **Innovation, inquiry, and curiosity:** by thinking critically, creatively, and reflectively.

Diversity-as found in our different cultures, languages, and heritages. **Equity**-through fairness and social justice. **Community and participation**-for the common good. **Ecological sustainability**-which includes care for the environment. **Integrity**-which involves being honest, responsible, and accountable and acting ethically and to **respect** themselves, others and human rights.

Late last year you were asked to name the values not just from this list but from a wider list, your responses helped shape the values we want to cover at our school. Through our Catholic faith and our values programme we strive to develop our students to be caring human beings who will have confidence in themselves, have the ability to question and make ethical decisions and be aware of the values of others. In other words good citizens.

Jane Rutherford

Attached to this newsletter is the latest information from Health Waikato regarding influenza.

Hockey This week the Hobbits play at 8am on turf 1b. The Wizards play at 8:30am on 2a. Have a great holiday everyone and thank you all for your support and effort in this half of the season. Fees are due now at the school office. Thank you to those who have paid already.



Netball Draws:

Thursday (today) 25 June

SPX Silver Shooters Year 4/5, play at 4.20pm on Court 5.

Saturday 27 June

SPX Future Ferns Year 6, play at 8.30am on Court 15.

Fees of \$25.00 per player are due now. Please make payment as soon as possible to the school office. This payment is for the duration of the Netball season. Thank you to those who have paid already.

Term 3 Basketball - **Situation Still Vacant** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have lost our Yr 5/6 Basketball coach. Is there someone willing to coach our Year 5/6 team who play each Friday night? Please contact Whaea Paula or ring the school, 843.6554. if you are willing and able to help.



MCG: Practice this Monday June 29th, 4.00pm in the Church. Please bring your folders.

Tastes from around the world is on this Sunday at the Bader St Methodist church hall. Come along and enjoy some fine international cuisine at 1pm. Tickets available in school carpark.

PTFA Notices:

Next meeting date is Wednesday, 1 July at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We extend an invitation to all parents. Please come along and share your ideas and forge new friendships with other parents.

Sports T-shirts -

- All students in Years 3-8 have now been issued with their sports T-shirt. Thank you to those who have paid already. Payments of \$10.00 can be made at the school office. Thank you.

Computer Monitors

- The school has some monitors that are surplus to requirements. If you would like a FREE monitor, please come to the school office to arrange collection..



Vision Hearing Tests
for New Entrants

If any parent or caregiver does not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for an ear or vision defect, they should let the Technician know by leaving a message with the school.

After School Care at Melville Primary School -

YMCA OSCAR Programme enrolment forms are available at our school office if you are interested in After School Care for your child.

Funding for Healthier Homes:

Waikato District Health Board (DHB) is allocating \$1,000.000 over the next two years to create healthier homes for Waikato families. You may be eligible for installation for ceiling and under floor Insulation at no cost. For more information phone 0800 400 326 or 849.2868.

Baby Sitter available -

A former St Pius student, now attending Sacred Heart College as a Year 11 student, is looking for baby sitting week nights and weekends. Please phone Leah Cook on 843.5249 or 027 757 3990.

Can you help please!!

A practical response to the Recession

Following on From Bishop Denis' call to assist those affected by the recession, a plot of land has been offered where vegetables can be grown.

Groups or individuals are needed to help plant and cultivate.

Please contact Peter at Chanel Centre 856 6989 or peter@cdh.org.nz for more information or to offer your assistance.



**2009 HCNC Coaches Group
HOLIDAY PROGRAM for Y6, 7, 8**

to be held at the

Minogue Park Netball Courts

Wednesday, 8th and Thursday 9th July 2009

9.00am until 1.30pm

**See the notice Board in the Admin Centre at
school for more details**



Hi there

My name is Mica the Clown and I am touring a show throughout the Waikato during the school holidays.

Venues and times as follows

July 9 Fairfield Intermediate Auditorium 1.00 pm

July 13 Cambridge Middle School Hall 10.00 am

The cost is \$5.00 a head. Door sales only

Sports Nutrition Tip #9

Foods for Half Time



The most important thing at half time is to drink some water to stop you from getting too dehydrated. So make sure you drink at least half a drink bottle during the break. If you have a long or really hard out game you may need to eat something – a banana or orange quarters may help here.

