

# St Pius X School

## 23 July 2009 Newsletter #20

To learn Love  
To Learn Wisdom  
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a good break and the illness cycle has been broken in our school. The children look fresh and ready for another term of hard work.

We warmly welcome our new students. Zach Karma, Room 1. Ervin Delos Reyes, Room 5 and Daniel Shin, Room 7.

Our value for the first week this term is **Joy**. Its about feeling happy and appreciating the things life gives. When I think of joy, I think of laughter and the pleasure that it can bring to others and to myself. Joy is a sense of well-being and being filled with peace and love. I am a person of joy when I enjoy what I am doing, when I can appreciate the gift of life and when I have an inner sense of peace that can prepare me for when times are tough.

**School Mass:** We will be celebrating the start of our term with a school Mass this Tuesday 21st July at 9.00am in the Church. You are welcome to join us.

**Absences:** Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school we need to hear from you. Please phone the school. There is an answer phone so you can ring at anytime. It is important for safety reasons that we know when your child is going to be absent.

**New Curriculum:** As mentioned in last term's newsletter, I will be covering the key competencies over the next few weeks. These are an important part of the curriculum and, like the values, are designed to be incorporated throughout the curriculum. The first of the five competencies is thinking. 'Thinking is about using creative, critical and metacognitive processes to make sense of information, experiences, and ideas. These processes can be applied to purposes such as developing understanding, making decisions, shaping actions, or constructing knowledge. Intellectual curiosity is at the heart of this competency. Students who are competent thinkers and problem-solvers actively seek, use, and create knowledge. They reflect on their own learning, draw on personal knowledge and intuitions, ask questions, and challenge the basis of assumptions and perceptions. (Page 12 The NZ Curriculum).

**Procedures:** The Board of Trustees has been reviewing the policies and procedures in our school. One procedure that has been reviewed is the Concerns/Complaints procedure. This has been designed as a flow chart and available from the school office if you want a copy. In brief, the procedure is as follows:

- (1) If your concern is a classroom related concern, make an appointment to see the class teacher.
- (2) If you feel this is not resolved or has resurfaced, then make an appointment to see the Principal.
- (3) If unresolved, put it in writing, address it to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the matter will be dealt with from there. If the matter is at school/ management level then it is steps 2 and 3.

Again, this is the procedure in brief. Please feel free to ask for a copy of this from the office. Open communication is a strength in this school. This procedure is for when you have a concern or complaint, so please do feel free to have a chat to the teachers or me just to clarify something. Two way communication is important for a successful school.

**School Uniform:** A reminder that we require children to wear correct uniform. At this time of the year it is the winter uniform. This includes the requirement that long hair is to be tied or clipped back off the face for both girls and boys. Also during these winter months we ask that children bring a change of clothing if they want to play on the field at lunch time. This means your child's uniform stays clean and they have dry clothes to wear in class.

**Tunics:** If you have a tunic that your daughter has grown out of and it is still wearable, please consider donating it to the school. Bring it in to Mrs Bankier-Perry. Thank you for your help.

Jane Rutherford

**Term 3 Basketball** - Basketball commences for Yrs 7-8 on Tuesday 4th August Yrs 3-4 on Wednesday 5th August Yrs 5-6 on Friday 7th August.  
Times to be advised.



*It's a new term and a new competition, so \$30.00 per player needs to be paid at the school office now.*

**Hockey** The Hobbits play on Turf 1b at 9:30am.  
The Wizards play on Turf 2b at 11:40am. Please arrive 30minutes prior to your games.  
*Please pay fees at the school office. Go St Pius Sticks!!*



**Netball Draws:** **Thursday (today) 23rd July**  
**SPX Silver Shooters** Year 4/5, play at 4.20pm on Court 16.  
**Saturday 25th July**  
**SPX Future Ferns** Year 6, play at 8.30am on Court 14.

*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.*



**MCG:** Our next practice is at 4.00pm on Monday 27th July. Please bring your folders.

**Next Meeting for the Board of Trustees** - Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

**Term 3 Swimming Programme Beginning Monday 27 July:**

**Week 2: Rooms 1 & 7      Week 3: Rooms 2 & 6      Week 4 Room 3 & 5**

*The cost is \$10.00 per student. Please pay at the office.*

All children are reminded that they must wear their swimming caps that they purchased in February.



**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..

**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.

**Thought for the Week:**

*"Let us get down on our knees and thank God we're still on our feet."*

**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 [peterr@cdh.org.nz](mailto:peterr@cdh.org.nz) for more information or to offer your assistance.



**"The Greatness of God in my Life"**

DATE: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m.  
VENUE: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Clarkin Road, Fairfield  
SPEAKER: Anne Claessens  
For transport or further enquiries contact Wilma Ph 829 8616

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(Catholic Women's Fellowship)

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**SNACKS!**

Snacks are a really important part of our diet as they keep us going between meals.

We are often caught eating 'treats' as our snacks which leads to us eating too much sugar, fat and processed foods.

Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.

Over the next weeks you will get some ideas about what you and your children can have for snacks.

