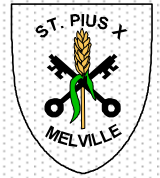


St Pius X School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

*To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are*

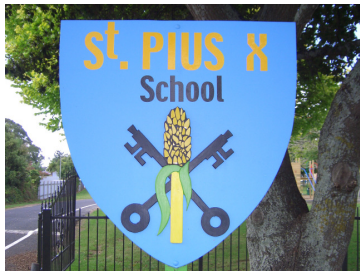


The Feast of Pope St Pius X

21st
August



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Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Our value for this week is forgiveness. This is so important for all of us as it is the practice of forgiveness, forgiving ourselves and forgiving others that enables us to move on. We all make mistakes and forgiving allows us to overlook the mistakes of others or our own

mistakes. It helps us take responsibility for our mistakes and correcting them by asking forgiveness and accepting forgiveness of others. We pray for forgiveness each time we say the Our Father, so forgiveness is very much part of our Christian life. It is about stopping, acknowledging our mistakes, asking for forgiveness, receiving reconciliation and moving on, hopefully wiser for the experience. Jesus is certainly our model for this value.

As you can see from the cover we will be celebrating our school feast day on Thursday. Details of the day are further on in the newsletter. You are welcome to join us in this celebration. Also on Thursday we welcome students from Japan. They will be using our facilities for 10 days so our day will start with a powhiri to welcome them to our school.

I will be away Thursday afternoon and Friday at the Catholic Principal's meeting in Taupo.

Curriculum: the third of the five competencies is Managing Self. This competency is associated with self-motivation, a 'can-do' attitude, and with students seeing themselves as capable learners. It is integral to self-assessment. Students who manage themselves are enterprising, resourceful, reliable, and resilient. They establish personal goals, make plans, manage projects, and set high standards. They have strategies for meeting challenges. They know when to lead, when to follow, and when and how to act independently.

Parent Interview.

In your child's bag are your confirmed interview times. If you did not receive a time please contact your child's classroom teacher. This is a time for you to hear and discuss your child's progress since the last interviews. Each interview is scheduled for 10 minutes. It is important to keep to this time as the teachers have a number of interviews timetabled and staying over time affects the whole system.

Jane Rutherford

St Pius X Feast Day, 21 August 2009

We will be celebrating our school feast day this year on the eve of St Pius X Feast Day - Thursday 20 August. (Room 7 go to Manual Training on Friday and will miss most of the celebrations).

The children traditionally come dressed as a saint, Bible, or book character and there are prizes for each class for the most creative costume. We encourage the children not to hire or buy expensive costumes, but to create their own with what materials they have available.

Programme:

- Powhiri for Japanese Visitors
- Morning Assembly
- Parade and judging of costumes
- 11.00am St Pius X Liturgy in the Church
- Games afternoon for the House Teams

If you have any queries, please see Mrs Garsed.

The Prayer of St. Francis de Sales

Be at Peace :

*Do not look forward in
fear to the changes of
life;
rather look to them
with full hope as they
arise.*

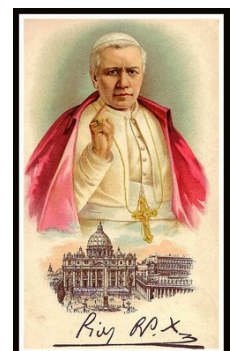
*God, whose very own
you are,
will deliver you from
out of them.*

*He has kept you
hitherto,
and He will lead you
safely through all
things;
and when you cannot
stand it,
God will bury you in
his arms.*

*Do not fear what may
happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting
Father who cares for
you today
will take care of you
then and everyday.*

*He will either shield
you from suffering,
or will give you
unfailing strength to
bear it.*

*Be at peace, and put
aside all anxious
thoughts and
imaginings.*



Princess Long-Stockings and Her New Cat.

Written by Tia Timoko, Room 3

Princess Long-Stockings was a little angel. Well, at least her parents thought so. One day, Princess Long-Stockings demanded a cat, so, of course, she got money to buy one. But she couldn't decide. She saw ones that were named and some that weren't. But one of them caught her eye. It was fluffy and as cute as a button. It was half named. She thought it was strange but she called it Todd because the other half was odd.

When she got home she wondered what her parents would say. When they got home they stared at it and said, "It's ginger like my coat and fluffy like a blanket. It can stay."

"Oh, and Angel, how much was it?" asked Dad.

She whispered the price carefully, "One hundred dollars."

Dad said, "Not too bad, but too much for a cat."

She yelled at the top of her voice, "He's my cat. He is worth that much."

"Angel," said her father, "I'm so very sorry, but with that attitude you're not coming to the royal dinner with the Queen. NOW! Angel you march up to your room!"

"But who will look after me?"

"Mrs Lumby" said her father.

"Not her!" said Princess Long-Stockings. "She's horrible!"

That night, when Mrs Lumby was fast asleep, Long-Stockings aka Angel, put soap under her feet and Todd in front of her. Todd was about to make her quit and save Angel. (She really should be called Demon.)

When Mrs Lumby woke she screamed and yelled, "I quit!" She ran down the stairs.

"Oh Todd, you saved me!" said Angel and she started laughing and lived happily ever after. Yah!!!

Term 3 Basketball - Basketball is well under way. We wish all our teams good luck. Enjoy your games.

It's a new term and a new competition, so \$30.00 per player needs to be paid at the school office now. Thank you to those who have paid already.



Hockey. A big thank you to you all for helping with setting up the fields last week. Well done to both teams on winning their games!! This week both teams play at 11:10 am on the same turf too!! The Wizards play Frankton on **turf 1a**. The Hobbits V Hukanui on **turf 1d**!

Hockey fees due now. Please pay at the school office. Wizards fee is \$37.00 and Hobbits is \$31.00 (Fees are for the entire season). Thank you to those who have paid already.



Netball:

Saturday 15 August

SPX Future Ferns Year 6, play at 8.30am on Court 8.



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 Notice: We are singing this Sunday at 9.00am Mass. Be in church by 8:40am. We have no practice next Monday 17th August. Our next practice will be Monday 24th August at 4.00pm.

Important Information for Parents/Caregivers

- **First bell for the day is at 8.45am. Please make sure your children are on time.**
- The Mobile Dental Clinic is at school this week. Their contact number is 021 347 866.
- Absent children. Parents, please phone the school on 843.6554, so we know your child is safe.

Yummy Stickers

Are you still munching those apples and collecting the Yummy Stickers? This is a great way of getting free sports equipment for very little effort. Please see your classroom teacher to get an official form to start collecting at home. Thank you.

Mrs Vanxay



HPP (Reading) Volunteer Tutors required - Can you help us?

We are *still* looking for volunteers to assist with our HPP (story reading) programme. Adult volunteer tutors 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 at the office.



St Josephs School Dannevirke will be celebrating its Centennial next year. We invite you to join us on **Saturday 20 March 2010** A one day event held at the School, Church and Town Hall. - a great day and evening to remember! We would like you to spread the word and register your interest with us at dvkestjo100@windowslive.com.

Wanted

Old Uniforms from St Mary's Primary, Marist Intermediate, Sacred Heart Girls' College and St John's College

We would like to borrow any old uniforms from the above schools for a fashion parade at the 125 Year Reunion of Catholic Education in East Hamilton at Labour Weekend this year.

Please contact Natalie Steens at Marian School if you can help.

Ph 07 8567515.

Celebrating 125 Years of Catholic Education in East Hamilton and the Arrival of the Mission Sisters.

Why not get a group of old school friends together and come and help us celebrate on October 23rd – 25th 09 Labour Weekend.

Starting with a Wine and Cheese get together on the Friday night, a fashion parade, a concert and a fantastic night of dining and dancing on the Saturday night. A great chance to have a catch up.

Log onto www.marian.school.nz and follow the links to register.

Term 2 Dates to Note

August

- 18th - Parent Interviews (confirmed times in your child's bag)
- 20th - School Feast Day
- 21st - Duffy Leadership Assembly
- 24th - Meeting for Parents of Maori Students
- 25th - Class Mass Rooms 3 & 5
- 26th - Board of Trustees Meeting

September

- 4th - Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly
- 9th - Duffy Theatre
- 25th - Term 3 ends

Packed full of sugar!

Some treats we eat are packed full of sugar. Check how much sugar is in some of your treat foods - remember 1tsp = 4 grams sugar.

- * Muesli/Oaty bar = 2 1/2 teaspoons
- * Cookie Time = 7 teaspoons
- * Can of Coke = 10 teaspoons

Better snack choices:

- ✓ Apple slices
- ✓ Rice crackers & cheese
- ✓ Yoghurt

