

St Pius X School

20 August 2009 Newsletter #24

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

It is hard to believe that we are now half way through this term. We welcome a group of students from Japan to our school. They will be staying for the next week.

Our value this week is purposefulness. Having a vision, setting goals, staying on task and persevering until your goal has been reached is purposefulness. It is a value that we, as teacher's practice when planning and implementing our school and class goals. We celebrate when these goals have been achieved. I would encourage you to talk to your children at home about what goals they have for themselves and how they will achieve them. Having a purpose can lead to a good sense of achievement.

Celebrating St Pius X Feast Day - Monday, 24 August 2009.

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:

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

You're welcome to join us.



As part of our feast day we would like the children to bring a tinned item that we can donate to the food bank. There will be a sausage sizzle (PTFA) on Monday. If you want your children to purchase lunch, please fill the slip in and return it to school.

Meeting Parents/Caregivers Of Maori Students

The second meeting for this group is on Monday 24th August, at 7:30 in the staffroom.

Bishop Denis will visit us on Friday 28th August. He will share morning tea with the staff and members of the Board of Trustees, then visit all the classrooms to meet with the children. On Saturday, he will be visiting housebound parishioners and meeting with various Parish Groups. On Sunday he will say Mass at 9.00am, which will be followed by morning tea in the church foyer with the parishioners.

Supporting Daffodil Day on Friday 28th.

We would like to support this day which is set aside each year to raise funds for cancer. We would like to contribute to this very worthy cause by encouraging the children to wear something yellow, it could be as simple as a ribbon, or top, or hat and of course we ask the children to bring a donation towards cancer research.

Curriculum: the fourth competency is **Using language, symbols and texts:** it is working with and making meaning of the codes in which knowledge is expressed. Languages and symbols are systems for representing and communicating information, experiences, and ideas. People use languages and symbols to produce texts of all kinds: written, oral/aural, and vision; mathematical, scientific and technological. Students who are competent users of language, symbols, and texts can interpret and use words, number images, movement, metaphor, and technologies in a range of contexts. They can recognise how choices of language, symbol, or text affect people's understanding and the ways in which they respond to communications. They confidently use ICT to access and provide information and to communicate with others.

Jane Rutherford

Duffy School Leader Assembly

Duffy School Leader Assembly will be tomorrow Friday 21st August at 2.10pm in the Church. Sacred Heart College Head Girl, Amelia Goodall and Deputy Head, Karina Hallberg will be speaking to our children about leadership and reading. You are all welcome to attend.



Bug Busting

Parents, please check your children's hair

Headlice is an ongoing problem in all schools. If your child has headlice, please treat immediately. There are a number of remedies available at your local pharmacy. Remind your children not to share hats/beanies, brushes, combs, towels etc. That way you can help prevent the spread of headlice/nits.

Term 3 Basketball

Fees for Term 3 of \$30.00 per player are due for payment at the school office now.
Thank you to those who have paid already.



Hockey The Hobbits play at 9:30am on turf 1b and the Wizards play at 11:40 on turf 2a. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the game start.

Please pay any outstanding fees now at the school office.



Netball Draws:

Thursday (today) 20 August

SPX Silver Shooters Year 4/5, play at 4.20pm on Court 11.

Saturday 22 August

SPX Future Ferns Year 6, play at 8.30am on Court 11.

Please pay any outstanding fees of \$25.00 at the school office.

Thank you to those who have paid already.



MCG: Thank you all for your effort and hard work last Sunday. Our next practice will be Monday 24th August at 4.00pm. Please bring your folders.



Art Intensive Update

Art Intensive started this week. Thank you to all our volunteers who are helping us. Students, teachers and volunteers alike are enjoying their chosen activity. NOW....Do we recognise the person in this photo who is having his first try at tapestry? 500 House Points to the first person who guesses correctly.

Term 2 Dates to Note

August

- 24th - 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
- 28th - Bishop Denis visits St Pius / Daffodil Day

September

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

13th Annual Red Cross Book Fair

At Te Rapa Racecourse (off Garnett Ave)

- 28th August 9am till 8pm
- 29th August 10am till 5pm
- 30th August 10am till 5pm

60,000+ Books.
Plus Magazines, Movies, Music, Puzzles and Our Famous \$1 Room
All proceeds from the fair go to funding humanitarian work by the Red Cross in New Zealand and overseas.

Super Snacks: Pikelets...

Ingredients: 25g butter or margarine
1 large egg
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 cup self-raising flour

Method:

Melt the butter in a large bowl, then add the eggs, sugar and milk and stir to mix. Sprinkle the flour over the top, then mix briefly until smooth. In a hot frypan place a little margarine/butter and drop tablespoonfuls of mixture into the pan. As soon as the bubbles begin to burst on the surface, turn pikelets over. Cook in batches until all the batter is used. Eat while hot with a spread of jam, yum!

