

# St Pius X School

## 03 September 2009 Newsletter #25

To learn Love  
To Learn Wisdom  
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

We welcome Coby Mateo to our school community and wish him many happy years of learning at St Pius school.

The value for this week is **Truthfulness**, which means that our words and actions are full of truth. Telling the truth means we don't lie, to protect ourselves or anyone else. It is about being true to yourself, it means that we show people who we are, without exaggerating, to impress or try to be something we are not. It is about being real, and genuine.

**Bishop Denis.** We were very pleased to have Bishop Denis visit us. He visited the classrooms and was impressed by the children and how they answered and responded to his questions. It was wonderful to hear Bishop Denis tell the parishioners at Mass on Sunday about our school and how welcomed he felt. It was also good to hear him speak about the school being part of the parish community. We do experience that, with the support we have had for our reading programme and arts intensive. Working and being part of the parish is something we will continue to build on.

**Supporting Daffodil Day and Food Bank.** Thank you to those of you who contributed to this very worthy cause. We raised \$119.60. Also thank you to those who gave an item of food for the foodbank. We really appreciate your support and generosity.

**New Curriculum.** To date I have covered in the newsletters the main elements or requirements of this new curriculum. To summarise: we have looked at Vision – what we want for our young people. Confident, Connected, Actively Involved. Values - what we want to encourage, model and explore. (this has long been part of St Pius X curriculum). Values suggested in the document are excellence; innovation, enquiry and curiosity; diversity; equity; community and participation; ecological sustainability; and integrity. Key Competencies – capabilities for living and lifelong learning. They are Thinking; Using Language, symbols and texts; Managing Self; Relating to Others; and Participating and contributing. Finally, for this part of the curriculum I will be covering the principles. These are seen as the foundations of curriculum decision making and, like the competencies, I will cover each one as I did for the competencies. The curriculum statement says the principles of High expectations; Treaty of Waitangi; Cultural diversity; Inclusion; Learning to learn; Community engagement; Coherence; and Future focus are beliefs about what is important and desirable in school curriculum –nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making and while they are similar to the values they have different functions. The principles relate to how curriculum is formalised in a school; they are particularly relevant to the processes of planning, prioritising and review, whereas values are part of the everyday curriculum.

Jane Rutherford

### Duffy News

**Friday 4th September**

**Duffy Father's day assembly at 2:15 this Friday the 4th of September in the Church. All Dads are invited to attend.**

**Duffy Theatre Wednesday 9th at Melville Primary school 1pm. \$1.00 per child paid to class teacher.**

**Duffy Role Model Assembly Thursday 10th September 1:30. Linda Vagana will be at this Assembly. You are all welcome to join us. If fine it will be held outside, or in the library if wet.**  
**Whaea Paula**



### 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 **Hobbits** play their final game of the season at 10.00am. Bring a plate for morning tea! Hobbits love to eat!! Oh, and it is also dress up as hobbits day too!! See me for any details. N. Hayman 8438783



**Wizards** play at 11:40 am. Next Tuesday is our last practice. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.



**CHILDREN'S  
WORSHIP**

**MCG;** The children's choir will practice again next Monday at 4.00pm. Please bring your folders.

### Future Leaders in the Church



### Term 3 Dates to Note

#### September

- 4th - Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly
- 8th - Rooms 3 & 5 Class Mass
- 9th - Duffy Theatre
- 10th - Duffy Role Model
- 16th Board of Trustees
- 25th - Term 3 ends

### Christmas Boxes

As you will know, we are participating in Operation Christmas Child. Each class has 4 boxes and children are asked to bring a small item to put in the box such as a small soft toy, sunglasses, craft kit, something for school e.g. pencil case, pencils, rubbers, something to play with e.g. Tennis ball, skipping rope, marbles etc, something to wear, e.g. t-shirt, jandals or something for personal hygiene, e.g. soap, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies etc.. Your child will be able to tell you more about this. The boxes need to be sent on by the end of term. If you wish you may contact your child's teacher for more details.

## Super Snacks: Banana Smoothie

**Ingredients:** 150 gram pot of fruit yoghurt  
1 small banana, peeled  
1 cup low fat milk

#### **Method:**

Puree all the ingredients in a blender until smooth.

Also, try adding different fruit - canned peaches or mango, frozen berries, kiwifruit - for different flavoured smoothies.



If you have any great ideas for after school snacks, send them to **Milly Connell, Project Energize, PO Box 46, Hamilton** and yours could be the next nugget!

