

St Pius X School

15 October 2009 Newsletter #30

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Welcome back everyone I hope you managed a good break despite the weather. Snow on Mount Pirongia - I thought I had woken up back in the South Island!

It is good to see the children back looking fit and well and in correct uniform. Thank you for this. Just a reminder, after Labour Weekend, wearing hats outside is compulsory.

The value for this week is Unity. This is a good value to start the term off reminding everyone that if we work together as one at school the term will be a successful and happy one.

Unity is a way of seeing the universe as one. It can bring harmony and great strength. When we practice unity, we value what each part brings to the whole. That is acknowledging our differences, but working for a common purpose. It is about treating people as members of one human family—God's family; it is about refusing to join in when others express prejudice; it is solving conflicts through listening and finding solutions, and acting like a peacemaker. With unity we can strive for harmony with all the people in our lives.

At assembly the children have been discussing this value. Two outward signs of unity we practice at our school is the school uniform, which helps us identify who we are and that we belong. The second example is praying.

Something we can come together to do as a family, where we can be as one and where we can unite with others when hard times hit. During our prayer time we have been praying for those who suffered tragedies in the Holidays, in particular we remembered the victims and their families of Samoa and the Philippines.

We also offer our condolences to Melanie, Natalie and Joshua Teng and their family on the recent death of their grandfather who passed away in Singapore. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Over the next three Thursdays, we are fortunate once again to have members of the Legion of Mary visit each class and pray the rosary with the children. The children have been given a gifted a pair of rosary beads. I'm sure they will treasure them.

A calendar outlining the terms events will go out in next week's newsletter. However two dates to note:

- next **Tuesday, 20 October**, we have a school Mass. At this Mass Ms Urai Vanxay's baby, Jake, will be baptised. You are all very welcome to join us.
- The other date is the **6th of November**. This is a teacher's only day. Children do not attend school that day.

Call to Baptism: Letters will be going out to some of our community inviting you to a meeting on the 28th of October. It is specifically for those of you who are interested in baptism for your children. The meeting will be at 2 o'clock in the resource room in the office block. Andrea Savage from the Cathedral parish will be running this meeting.

Jane Rutherford

Mission Day is Wednesday 28 October 2009

Purpose: To raise money for the Missions.

The children will set up their stalls at playtime. Children can bring along their pre-loved toys, books, ornaments etc for their stalls. Children doing foods stalls will need to have their food wrapped. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come and join us.

All proceeds go to the Missions – Caritas International.

Children can bring small change to make their valuable purchases.

Let's encourage our children to have their money in wallets or small plastic money bags.



Duffy Update:

Parents, please start checking your child's school bag from Monday 2 November, for the \$5.00 Parent Book Offer Form. This offer gives families of Duffy kids the opportunity to purchase children's books for only \$5.00. They make great Christmas presents.



Duffy Grandparents' Assembly is coming soon:

Mark your calendars - Friday, 13 November. Invite your grandparents to come along to their very own assembly.



Basketball Update: Please return all basketball uniforms, *washed*, to Whaea Paula now. Thank you to those who have done so already.



MCG: We are singing at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday. Please try and be there by 8:40am. Our next practice will be on Tuesday 27th October at 3:30pm.



Sacramental Programme for 2009/10

Enrolments are being taken now for First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Forms are available from the school office and also from the church foyer.

The cost for this programme is \$20.00 per child. This money covers the purchasing of a First Holy Communion/Confirmation medal for your child as well as

providing a celebratory meal for all the children on their special day. Please pay this at the time of enrolment. If this payment is difficult, please see Maree Nobilo, Noreen Hayman or Margaret Dunford at the school.

Our First Holy Communion/Confirmation will be celebrated on June 6th 2010. This is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Please note that June 6th falls on Queen's Birthday weekend.

Dates for our sessions and rehearsals are attached to the enrolment forms. Maree Nobilo will be working with the children and Noreen Hayman will be working with the parents.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Kind regards, Maree and Noreen



OPEN DAY AT NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVISORY. On Monday (the 19th October) we have our agency open day here on Bader Street. This will be a fabulous opportunity for families to gain meaningful information on a range of services that they are able to access. Agencies will be on site throughout the afternoon. There will be no formal proceedings, rather a space for families to "drop in".

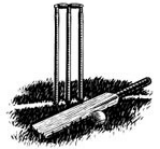
Andy Mannering, Neighbourhood Advisor South Hamilton, Community Development Unit, Hamilton City Council "Richmond park" Bader Street, Melville 07 843 0010.

See the notice on the notice board in the school's Admin block.

MELVILLE CRICKET MUSTER - Rain or Shine

It will be held at Melville High School grounds, 4.00pm on Wednesday 21st October, For the registration of players from age 5 -11 who would like to play.

Contact details are: Darren Mordecai dmordecai@xtra.co.nz 8435118 or 021989805



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

A list of all registered members has now been posted on the Marian School Website.

If you are interested in attending the reunion please go to www.marian.school.nz and follow the links for the reunion to obtain a registration form and information about the programme for the weekend.

Registrations remain open until end of day Monday 19 October 2009.

After School Remix!

swap:

Lazing on the couch

for:

Indoor bowling alley

- Set up an indoor bowling alley down the hall using empty milk bottles as pins and a rolled up pair of socks to knock them down.
- It's heaps of fun, you gain wicked ball skills! Challenge your friends to a game.



Run, Jump, & Throw at Hinemoa Athletics Club this Summer. Hinemoa Athletics Registration Days for 4-11 year olds

are on Thursday October 15th between 5.45pm & 7.00pm for Steele Park, Hamilton East, and on Monday October 19th at Discovery Park, Flagstaff. Phone 855.0295, or 854.9509 for more information.

Southnet Sports Club Muster

If you are interested in playing tee-ball, softball or touch please come along to Melville Park (by the skateboard bowl), Sunday 18th October, 10am-12pm and join up. Tee-ball is for Years 1-4, Softball Years 5-8 and Touch is Years 3-6.

If you have any other enquires please contact Kirstin Ph: 8432 006.

Calling All Tennis Pros: A professional coach has offered to come and take lessons after school at St Pius for all who would like to learn the sport.

He will provide all the equipment needed. There is going to be a cost involved.

He charges \$65.00 per hour, so if we get enough interest - ie: 10 students - it would work out to be \$6.50 per session.

Please fill in the return slip below and give it to Mrs Vanxay if you are interested.

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Return Slip Indicating Interest in Tennis Lessons. Please return to Mrs Vanxay

Family Name..... Student's Name..... Room No.....

Age..... Phone No..... Signed..... Parent/Caregiver

