

St Pius X School

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To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

What a wonderful day we had yesterday with our Mission Day. I was so impressed with the thought and organisation children gave to their stalls. Thank you parents and caregivers for being generous and allowing your child to contribute to the day. My first Mission Day at St Pius School and a memorable one.

Our value for this week is Confidence and I certainly witnessed that yesterday. Confidence is having faith in someone or something. It is a kind of trust. When you are confident in others, you count on them. Confidence brings the strength to try new things. When you have self-confidence, you trust you have what it takes to handle whatever happens.

I am practicing confidence when I: am willing to try new things; learn my own strengths and weaknesses; use the gifts I was born with; practice until I master something and think positively and remember that I am worthy, whether I succeed or fail.

Just a reminder that next Friday, 6th November, we will be having a teacher only day. You will need to make arrangements for your child that day as the school will not be open for instruction. A teacher only day has been given to all schools to help plan towards implementing the new curriculum next year. The areas we are going to be working on are the eight learning areas. English, the arts, health and physical education, learning languages, mathematics and statistics, science, social sciences and technology. The curriculum document says this about the learning areas, 'while the learning areas are presented as distinct, this should not limit the ways in which schools structure the learning experiences offered to students. All learning should make use of the natural connections that exist between learning areas and that link learning areas to the values and key competencies'. Of course we have plans in these areas so we will look at them and see how best they fit with the new curriculum. It will be a busy day but a productive one for the teachers.

Going home today with this newsletter is a leaflet with software that can be purchased through the school. The software is reasonably priced and they are educationally sound. The return date on the order form is Friday 6th however that is our teachers only day so you will need to have your order in by 5th November. They would make a good Christmas gift.

Jane Rutherford



Mission Day 2009 was yesterday
Our school raised over \$665.00 which goes to the Missions through Caritas International.

You'll be able to see photos in next week's newsletter. Our children worked very hard to make the day a great success. Well done everybody!

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 practice next Monday, November 2, at 3:30pm in the church.

Nov 1 -
All Saints' Day

Nov 2 -
All Souls' Day

Let us not forget
to remember and
pray for our
dearly departed
loved ones



All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

This Sunday, 1 November, All Saints Day will be celebrated at St Pius X Church at 9.00am.

Monday, 2 November, is All Souls Day.

The school will be joining the parish at the 9.00am Mass.

Children can bring a candle to light to remember those who have died in their family.



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.

There is still time to enrol your child.

The first Reconciliation meeting is this Sunday, 1 November, 10:15am — 11.15am at church.

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



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.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Friday 6th November 7.30pm

Featuring Fr Chris Skinner, Rachelle Pike, Evelyne Bourton, Karl Perigo and the Cathedral Choir accompanied by Francis Cowen and Vicki Lee.

Tickets on sale from the Cathedral parish office or by phoning 8566486— Door sales will also be available on the night.

Adults \$30, school age children \$15.

Lunchbox Remix!

swap:

Pie \$2.00 + Coke \$1.50 = Total cost \$3.50

- Costs more
- Full of fat and sugar

for:

Pita pocket \$1.00 + apple 60c = Total cost \$1.60

(pita 36c, carrot 10c, cheese 40g - 36c, lettuce 9c)

- Costs less
- Lots of goodness for learning and playing



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