

St Pius X School

12 November 2009 Newsletter #34

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

We are now over half way through this term and I'm sure I have said this before, it is hard to believe just how fast this term is going.

Our value for the week is Cleanliness and yes, it does seem strange to have this as a value, but it is an important value to have in our lives. It has two aspects to it; bodily cleanliness, which means washing often, body and clothes. I'm sure you agree it is not pleasant being close to someone who is not clean. The other aspect is cleanliness of mind. It means you can concentrate your thoughts on things that are good for you. You can 'clean-up your act' by deciding to change when you have done something you aren't proud of, or when you have made a mistake. Cleanliness is about care for the whole body, both physically and spiritually. One could say that Reconciliation is about cleanliness, where we can wash clean the things that trouble us by asking for forgiveness, then we are able to move on to do good for others and ourselves.

As I said last week, we have two people visiting from the Catholic Diocesan Office this week to review our school. Part of this review is to hear the voice of the parent community. Some of you may have spoken to the Reviewers, but to get a bigger picture they have asked you to fill in the form that is going home with this newsletter. I'm sure they would appreciate a large response, so please fill the form in and return to school by the end of next week thank you.

This Sunday the parish is having a celebration day here in the school grounds 10.00am—3.00pm.

Finally, as we enter into the last half of the school term there are some important dates to note. Monday is our school athletics day with cancellation day on Wednesday. Our Year 7 & 8 team are going to the Intermediate Catholic Sports day. A note concerning this will go home with details. Helpers will be required on this day if we want to send all our students. So please, if you can help contact Colleen Lelieveld or the school office, 843.6554.

On the 4th of December our junior and middle school pupils will be going to Paeroa for sports day. Again, details will go home regarding this. We will be taking buses, but an early warning; we will be leaving at 8.00am on that day. Other dates for this term are overleaf. Please note them in your diary as this time of the year gets very busy.

Jane Rutherford



Tomorrow is our Duffy Grandparents' Assembly. You are welcome to visit the classrooms from 1:30pm. Assembly will begin at 10 past 2 in the Church. It would be wonderful to have lots of grandparents and friends of the school here.

Duffy Update

A BIG thank you for the great response from parents to the \$5.00 Duffy Book offer. We expect the books to be delivered to school early in December.



MCG: Children, please be at church this Sunday at 8:40 am, as we are leading the singing at the 9.00am mass. Our next practice will be on Monday at 3:30pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Note - Venue change.**

We will sing Christmas carols with the Cathedral Choir on November 29th at Waikato Hospital.

Dates to Note in November

Friday, 13th - Duffy Grandparents' Assembly

Sunday, 15th - Parish Picnic Fun Day after Mass, in the school grounds.

Monday, 16th - School athletics starting at 11.00am.

Tuesday, 17th - Year 9, 2010, Orientation Day, St John's College. Class Mass for Rooms 1,2,3

Monday 23 to Friday 27 November - Life Education Caravan is at school.

Wednesday, 25th - Board of Trustees meeting at 7.30pm (NOT 26th as stated in the last newsletter!)

Friday, 27th - School Disco

December

Wednesday, 2nd - Pet & Flower Show Day

Friday, 4th - Catholic Schools' Sports Day

Tuesday, 8th - Final School Mass

Friday, 11th - Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday, 15th - Last day for the year - Prize-Giving is at 6.00pm



Sacramental Programme for 2009/10

The next Reconciliation Preparation meeting for parents and children will take place immediately after the 9.00am Mass this Sunday, 15th, at the school. Children will meet in Room 1 and parents in the Admin block.

Children, please remember to bring your folders.

Any queries phone Maree 8437332 or Noreen 8438783.



Tour de Melville 2009



12.5km Fun ride
1km ride for little ones
Heaps of spot prizes!

December 5th 10am-12pm

Starting at the Community House -

\$2 per person

Enquiries/Registration: Holly 8438811

Melville Community House:

Cnr Bader St & Pine Ave

Coming home today with this newsletter are

- **The Catholic Character Review survey.** Please take the time to complete this and return it to the school office. Your ideas will help us build a better school.
- A book donated to each family in our school by the Bible Society of New Zealand in conjunction with the book's author, Joy Cowley. It is the true story of Tārore and it is part of our history.

Drink Remix!

swap:

Fruit juice

for:

Iced / naturally flavoured water

- One glass of fruit juice a day is fine, but any more is adding unnecessary sugar.
- If you don't like plain water, try it chilled or flavoured with slices of lemon, mint or orange slices



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- iPods, phones, laptops and more from Noel Leeming and Bond + Bond.
- Toys from IQ Toys and Mighty Ape.
- Gifts from Bestow Gifts.
- Xmas groceries from Woolworths Online.

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