

St Pius X School

26 November 2009 Newsletter #36

To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou. As we head towards the last two and a bit weeks of school, please take note of the events we have planned during this time, the calendar is on the back of this page. Reconciliation has been added. We have 20 children making their First Reconciliation. This is also the parish celebration of Reconciliation for Christmas, so all are welcome. A separate notice regarding the sports day on will go out next week.

A reminder that the cost for the Life Ed Caravan is \$3.00 per student, payable at the school office.

Pet Day and Flower Show – Wednesday, 2 December, 2009

Programme as follows:

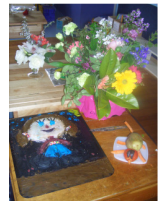
8.30am - 9.00am The children come into their classrooms and prepare their **floral arrangement**. These may be arranged in a container or a sand saucer.



All children must participate in this activity.

Please supply your own flowers and container.

There is to be No parental involvement in floral arranging.



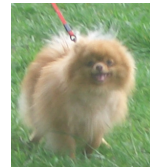
Children may also wish to make a vegetable creation or enter an iced biscuit competition.

This is optional and the iced biscuit is to be iced at home by children and brought to school.

9.30am: Pet Parade:

All animals **MUST BE SECURE**. They must be in boxes, cages, bowls or on a leash and may be taken home after the parade.

There is an 'UNUSUAL PET' section so the children without a pet can use their imagination and enter the Parade with an original (not human) pet. E.g. stone, spider, soft toy.

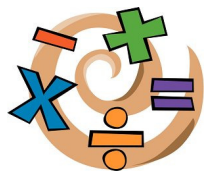


10.30am Results of the Floral Arrangements are announced, followed by morning tea.

Calling all Cultures!

Christmas Concert

We are hoping to have some cultural talent to display on the night of our Carols by Candle Light, Friday 11 December. If you can put a group together to perform a dance or sing, please see Mrs Lelieveld in Room 7 and let her know what you can do. You can involve others not from school / parish! Any other singing or dancing groups also see Mrs Lelieveld or phone the school, 843.6554.



Congratulations to the St Pius X Te Pahu Math Challenge Teams

Last week six students from our school took part in the Te Pahu Math Challenge. The Year 6 team (Chloe Roque, Ben Mackay and Kieran Mills), led from the front in the Year 6 section and won convincingly. They were the only team to complete the first round of 25 questions. This ensured that they couldn't be beaten even before the second round took place. Well done!

The Year 7 team (Joshua Teng, Loius Cho and Llona Villegas) were equally competitive. They were second equal by one point at the end of the first round. They went very close during the second round, eventually coming second by the narrowest of margins.



MCG: Carol Singing at the Hospital, Nov 29th: Children need to be outside lifts of Transit Lounge of Waikato Hospital this Sunday at 2:15pm. Please wear some bright & colourful clothes! Folders not needed. Practice will be on as usual on Monday, November 30th at 3:30pm.

Christmas Day Children's Mass: Please see me if any children wish to be part of our special Christmas Day Liturgy, Nativity play, as well as carols and poems pre-mass. Phone N. Hayman, 843.8783

Results from the Intermediate Schools' Sports at Porritt Stadium

Congratulations to all our place getters

Shot Put - Year 8 Girls	1st , Fatima Tamupolu	Shot Put - Year 7 Boys	1st, Lue Schaumkel
Discus - Year 8 Girls	2nd, Army-Jean Cabuslay	4th, Fatima Tamupolu	
Cricket Ball - Year 7 Boys	1st, Darrian Dempsey, 55m!	2nd, Lue Schaumkel, 54m!	
Long Jump - Year 7 Boys	3rd, Semi Turaganivei	200m - Year 8 Boys	3rd, Api Turaganivei
Relay - Year 7 Boys	3rd place		

Dates to Note in November

Friday, 27th - School Disco –Theme Christmas. A separate notice has been sent home.

December

Tuesday, 1st - Parish Advent Reconciliation in the Church at 7.15pm

Wednesday, 2nd - Pet & Flower Show Day

Friday, 4th - Catholic Schools' Sports Day in Paeroa

Tuesday, 8th - Final School Mass

Friday, 11th - Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday, 15th - Last day for the year school finishes at 2:45pm - Prize-Giving is at 6.00pm



Sacramental Programme for 2009/10

First Reconciliation will be in the Church at 7.15pm on Tuesday, 1st December.

Please be at the church by 7.00pm.

Parents and children please assemble in the church after mass this Sunday, Nov 29th immediately after mass for a rehearsal for this. Children need to bring their completed folders. Phone Maree 8437332 or Noreen 8438783 for any queries.



Christmas Cards for Sale

The St Pius X Parish Mission Group are selling Christmas Cards. \$2.50 per pack of 5 or 5 packs for \$10.00. You may purchase these from the school office, or after 9.00am Mass on Sundays.

Term 4 Manual Fees for Year 7 & 8 Students Only Please pay Term 4 Manual fees at the office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have paid already.

Bikes Required

We have a refugee family in the church parish that is in urgent need of two bikes to suit a 14yr old and 15yr old. If you know of anyone who has a bike they are willing to give away or sell for a very small sum, please let me know. If the bikes are in need of some repair, please also describe that. If there are helmets going as well, that would be just great. If you would kindly ask around your network of friends and family, I would be most grateful. If you can help, please reply on trevandchris@xtra.co.nz, or phone me at home on 834 2919 or at work on 847 4847 or txt on 0272402377.

Smart Swap # 3

Cereal and Milk instead of Doughnuts

Doughnuts are full of sugar and fat (and not much else). Cereals are an inexpensive, nutritious snack for any time of the day providing carbohydrates, calcium and protein.



Power up!



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