

St Pius X School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

*To learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are*



こんにちは。
Konnichiwa.
Hello



Powhiri for our Japanese Visitors

Thursday 21 February 2008 Newsletter #3



Nga mihi nui a koutou

Our children had the very important and responsible task of selecting house leaders for their house teams last week. Speeches were presented by our senior students on why they would make a good house leader. Our children's thoughts on characteristics of good leadership.

It's important to **listen**

They need to **be helpful**

They should be **Strong**

They need to be **patient**

House leaders will be presented at our opening school mass on Tuesday 26 February.

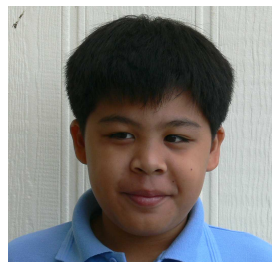
WELCOME

Room 1: Sarah Brown



Room 2: Carlos Wijnekus

Room 7: Dustin Wijnekus



Duffy Books-in-Homes: Our school will be playing host to Linda Vagana and co-ordinators of the Duffy Books-in-Homes programme next week. In playing host, some of our students will get an opportunity to select the next lot of Duffy books. Children from other schools will choose from these on the next Duffy selection date.

Our school anniversary is happening this year. If you've any ideas and want to help out please come along to the next meeting, **5.30pm Monday 25 February, in the staffroom.** All parents are welcome. Please come and join us.

Newsletter # 3

21 February 2008



A JOURNEY
through Lent

O Jesus,
Image of the invisible God,
Word made flesh,
tired stranger,
waiting in the noonday lull
at Jacob's well.
Are we all the woman with
her water jar,
bent on the chore of the
moment,
angry memories in our
bones,
our thirst for God
hidden in the business of the
day?
Do you meet us gently too,
hardly recognised,
quietly leading our thoughts
towards the deeper waters,
where our souls find rest?

*Third Sunday in Lent <A
This Sunday 24 February
9.00am Mass at St Pius X Church*

Important School Dates

February 2008

- 22nd** - Vinnies meeting
1.15pm
- 26th** - Whole School Mass
- 27th** - Japanese visitors
leave

March 2008

- 4th** - Class Mass Rms 1 & 2
- 5th** - Parent evening
- 6th** - Solidarity Day
- 7th** - Vinnies meet 1.15pm
- 10th** - School Swimming
Programme begins with
Rooms 1 & 7
- 11th** - Class Mass
Rms 3 & 5
- 13th** - Solidarity Day
- 14th** - Rms 3 & 5 swimming
- 18th** - Class Mass
Rms 6 & 7
- 19th** - BOT meeting

Uniform:

Parents please ensure that children are in correct summer uniform. A description of our summer uniform is available from the school office. If your child is in incorrect uniform, please advise by note when they will be in correct uniform.

Change of address and absentees: If your child is going to be absent from school and if you have moved house or your contact details have changed, please let the school office know on 843 6554. Repeated absences where the school has not heard from parents and cannot reach parents continually will be passed onto truancy. This is for your child's safety.

Volunteer Tutors Required:

If anyone is interested in joining, as a volunteer tutor, our HPP Oral Language Reading Programme, please see Mrs Bankier-Perry or phone the school office, 843.6554.

Parent Evening, 5 March

This evening is a good opportunity for parents to learn from your child's classroom teacher how curriculum is taught. Any questions you may have will be answered.

6.30pm-7.00pm - Rooms 1 & 2

7.00pm-7.30pm - Rooms 3 & 5

7.30pm-8.00pm - Rooms 6 & 7

This is **NOT** Parent/Teacher Interviews. That will be happening in Week 9 of Term 1.

Health Notice

We have had a few cases of Impetigo (school sores) at school. These are infectious and are spread by direct contact with discharge from infected skin. The early signs are scabby sores on exposed parts of the body. Please take your child to the doctor, they will need an antibiotic. Twenty four hours after treatment has started your child may return to school upon Doctor's advice, but *please* cover each sore with a plaster.

French Lessons available for our Juniors

Mrs Kristina McQueen (Isla's mum) has volunteered to take a group of children from Rooms 1 & 2 for French lessons. These will be taken during school time. If your child is interested please let Mrs Garsed know as soon as possible.

Manual Notice - Room 7 Students only

Manual is each Friday at Peachgrove Intermediate for Room 7 students. We leave school by bus at 10.40am and return by 12.45pm. The annual fee is \$66.00. Payment options are as follows:
Full Year @ \$66.00 Per Term @ \$16.50 \$22.00 per 1/3rd of the year
Please make payment at the school office. Cheques payable to St Pius X School. Eftpos is not available. Thank you to those parents who have paid already.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Notice

The Second Hand Uniform Shop has for sale:
* several pairs of school sandals and shoes, * short & long sleeved polo shirts, size 8 upwards * a few junior size girls tunics. Opening time is 8.45am - 9.15am each Tuesday during term, situated in the Admin Centre.

MCG Notice

Next practice will be Thursday 28th February at 330pm in the Church. N. Hayman



Kids at Home Programme - "KAH"

Parents, you are able to enroll your pre-school children into our KAH

programme. This programme allows your 'at school' children to choose a book for their pre-school brothers and sisters on their birthday. Please fill out the return slip at the bottom of this page to enrol your pre-schoolers.

First Communion/Confirmation

2008 candidates and parents please note the change to your timetable.

The 2 March meeting has been moved forward to **Sunday 24 February**.

St Pius X Church Mission Group Invitation

The St Pius X Church Mission Group would like to

invite parents from St Pius X School to an evening meeting. We would like to let you know what we do at Mission Group. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how our Parish works.

When: Thursday 28 February at 7.30pm

Where: In the Presbytery Lounge.

Everyone is welcome. See you there.

Melville Kindergarten Enrolment Notice

Names are being taken from your child's 2nd birthday

onwards for enrolment at Melville Kindergarten, Trigg Place. Children may start at kindy at the age of 3. Please contact 843.5005 for more information.

Got a bike? Join the revolution!

Race day is 23 February 2008 at the University of Waikato.

check out details on the website and get an entry in TODAY!

The 2008 Perry Foundation Rev Festival of Cycling has something for everyone, from competitive racing through to little tackers on training wheels.



Plus there are HEAPS of prizes and a family festival of FREE music and entertainment. The Campus pool will be open and FREE to all! For more info call 07 838.4664 or visit www.therev.co.nz

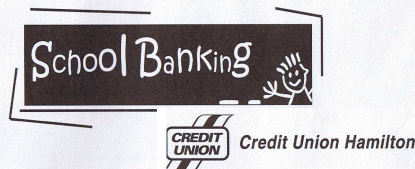


Guitar lessons begin at Melville Primary School

- Year levels 4 to 8
Group lessons \$10 per student per session -
At Melville Primary School (Ohaupo Rd) -
New students welcome
* start date 22nd February 2008 (this Friday)
Phone Gene Bartlett 843.3977

Celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 2nd March at Melville Park 10am - 2pm. A Free Community Event, Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Entertainment, Kids Rides plus lots more. For more information phone Rou or Kirstin on 843 2600.

Notice from Refugee and Migrant Service. In April we are expecting 3 more families to arrive in Hamilton – one of which will be a young Colombian family with a new born! If you missed the training for the last intake of refugees – we have a new training course starting on the 5th of March. If you're interested please contact Clare or Rachel on 853 2195 or rmsham@rms.org.nz.



School Banking is each Thursday. Starter packs are available from the school office.

Signing up for School Banking?
Please check you have included the following:
 Filled-out Application Form
 Deposit Slip
 \$5 initial deposit
Then just hand this envelope in at the School Office

St Pius X Mini Groovers

Come along on Friday at 9.30am in the presbytery for some music and dance for pre-schoolers, followed by morning tea and playtime. Gold Coin donation.



For more information contact: Noreen, 843 8783, or Collette, 843.3628.

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KAH Programme return slip Please return this to the office

Family name

Pre school child's name D.O.B

Parents signature..... Contact No.....