



Leading From the Front



Congratulations to our 2008 Leaders

Thursday 28 February 2008 Newsletter #4



Nga mihi nui a koutou

Hard work:

Can you remember what Father asked us to do during Lent, at the Ash Wednesday Mass? During the season of Lent, he asked us to 'Turn away from Sin'. To do so, he reminded us that we would have to follow the example of Jesus' words and actions. Sounds like hard work doesn't it?

This is why this week we have been considering and promoting the virtue of hard work with our students. The students have been encouraged (and are encouraged) to work hard at their school work, work hard at their relationships with others, tell the truth and to take responsibility for their actions and belongings. In addition to being better people, the hope is that by fostering an attitude of hard work, our students will begin to see the relationship between effort and reward, and discount the notion of luck. The ideal is that our students' thought processes will be along the lines of these; If I work hard at having positive relationships with my friends, I will attract more people to me and thus have more friends, rather than he's lucky to have so many friends. Equally, if I work hard at my school work I will have more options later in life, rather than I was lucky to get that job.

As always, we want to encourage our students to make positive changes and thus move closer to the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility and patience. Next week we value 'Courage'

School Leaders: Congratulations to our senior school leaders who were blessed at our opening school mass. We pray that the Lord will guide them in their decision making and be with them in their important role as school leaders.

2008 House Leaders

Thomas

Leader - Susana Turaganivei
Deputy - Jessie Matamua

Peter Chanel

Leader - Katie Mills
Deputy - Waiaria Putaranui-Henderson

Francis Xavier

Leader - Jonathan Dawson
Deputy - Katie West

Nicholas

Leader - Eliza Winter
Deputy - Ethan Slater

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A JOURNEY
through Lent

O Jesus, light of the world,
why were you born to die
in such obscurity?
Was not Calvary an ending
place for life and light;
And would not a cross
in the afternoon sky,
turn all eyes away?

Blind man, did your eyes turn
away too?
Or were you so accustomed to
the dark as to see what others
could not see?

For once, it was not long ago,
Someone seeing you all in
darkness touched your eyes
and told you to wash
until you saw God's glory
shining through your beggar's
clothes.

And you believed,
no one could stop you,
or explain it all away,
you believed.

*Fourth Sunday in Lent <A
This Sunday 2 March
9.00am Mass at St Pius X Church*

Important School Dates

March 2008

4th - Class Mass Rms 1 & 2

5th - Parent evening

6th - CIS swimming, R 7

7th - Vinnies meet 1.15pm

10th - School Swimming
Programme begins with
Rooms 1 & 7

11th - Class Mass
Rms 3 & 5

12th - PTFA AGM, 7.30pm

13th - Solidarity Day

14th - Rms 3 & 5 swimming

18th - Class Mass
Rms 6 & 7

-West Ham Sch's swimming

19th - BOT meeting

20th - Rms 2 & 6 swimming

21st - Good Friday

Congratulations also to Ashley Thomas and Michelle Aranador who got badges for being our hospitality students and Nikita Pereira and Jonathan Dawson who got badges for being lead altar servers. The photos of our 2008 leaders are on the front cover of this newsletter.

WELCOME

Jody Reddy



& Brogan Hayman



who joined Room 1 this week.

School driveway safety: For our children's safety please do not drive down the school driveway. The school driveway is for service and staff vehicles and parents picking up unwell children.

Church car park: Parents and caregivers are also asked to please park your Vehicles, before letting children enter or exit from them. Stopping in non parking areas is unsafe and at times causes traffic build up. *Please remember to keep your speed low as you enter the church carpark.* Let's keep to the rules and help keep our children safe.

Anniversary Committee: Thanks to everyone who turned up for our anniversary meeting. If you couldn't make it to our last meeting and would like to help out give Ms Vanxay a ring at school, 843.6554.

More transport needed for class swimming. Please return the transport slip if you are able to help on any of the swimming days. Our swimming programme cannot happen without the goodwill of parents. A big thank you to the parents who have indicated they can help.

Raffle ticket reminder. Thanks to all those who have sold their raffle tickets. Please keep up the good work. If you are having trouble selling your tickets, do return them to school.

PTFA Helper. Could you please complete the form at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help at PTFA fundraisers and events during the year. This doesn't commit you to anything, it just gives us an idea of possible numbers and the best time to schedule events. Please return the completed form to your child's classroom teacher.

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.

Reminder - Manual payment is due now

Thank you to those parents who have paid already.

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.

Lenten Reconciliation

Lenten Reconciliation will be at St Pius X Church on
Wednesday, 5 March at 7.15pm

St Pius X Church Mission Group Invitation - TONIGHT

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.



Hockey. Hockey will resume in Term 2 for children in Years 1 to 6. Games are on Saturday mornings between 8.00am and 12 noon at Gallagher's Stadium, Innes Common. Please register your interest by phoning Mrs Hayman 843.8783.

MCG Notice

Next practice will be Thursday 28th February at 3.30pm in the Church. Bring your folder and a blank tape. Children 7 years old or over may join. Contact Mrs Hayman, 843.8783.



Young Vinnies Notice

The Young Vinnies have started again for 2008. An Information/permission notice was sent out last week to parents of senior children who are interested in being members of the Young Vinnies. We require parental permission for the Young Vinnies to leave the school grounds occasionally under the care of their Youth Leader. Please sign and return it by next Wednesday, 5 March, to Mrs Meehan.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON Youth Resource Co-ordinator

We are seeking an enthusiastic, energetic and creative person for this permanent, fulltime position. The Youth Resource Co-ordinator is responsible for youth resources and formation material, both online and hardcopy, in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. The Youth Resource Co-ordinator also works in support of the Catholic Youth Department, supporting events and activities, and working alongside the Catholic Youth Mission Team.

The preferred applicant will:

Have experience in Catholic Youth Ministry, either volunteer or paid.

Have a burning desire to see young peoples lives grow and deepen in the Catholic Faith.

Possess top notch communication and presentation skills.

Be an incredible team player.

Be proactive.

Applications close March 7

For an application package please contact:

Reception

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

PO Box 4353

51 Grey St

Hamilton

07 8566989

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.

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.

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.

HAMILTON OLD BOYS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB WEIGH-IN DAY

When: Sunday 2 March 2008

Time: 10am – 12am

Where: Next door to Waikato Stadium, Hamilton Old Boys Rugby Clubrooms

Please bring proof of birth date.

Merchandise from Canterbury Clothing Company available for purchase on weigh-in day. Enquiries to Shayne Stephens 829-9915

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**PTFA fundraisers and events during the year. Please return to your classroom
Yes! I can help.**

Name _____ Phone _____

I could help (circle one or both)

During the week

At weekends