

Linda Vagana visits St Pius



**Duffy General Manager, Linda Vagana and
Communications & Regional Coordinator, Philip Horrobin
With our Duffy Coordinator, Whaea Paula.**



**Our children are selecting books for other Duffy schools
to choose from.**

Thursday 6 March 2008 Newsletter #5



Nga mihi nui a koutou

Bravery means having the courage to face things that are scary or difficult. When you're brave, you trust God to help you stop being afraid. Being brave may seem hard, but taking the first step doesn't seem so hard if we remember that God is always with us.

"Behold the turtle. He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out." - James Bryant Conant

WELCOME

Semesa & Rafaele Turaganivei who joined Room 1 this week.

Seeing double?
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That's because our new children are twins.

Swimming: A reminder that swimming starts next week for Rooms 1 and 7 on Monday right through to Thursday. Rooms 3 and 5 begin their first session of swimming next Friday.

More transport needed for class swimming.

Swimming transport is needed by Room 7, especially at 2.30pm, transport back from the pools. Please contact Mrs Meehan if you can help out. Our swimming programme cannot happen without the goodwill of parents. A big thank you to the parents who have indicated they can help.

PTFA AGM Meeting: Next Wednesday is the PTFA AGM meeting. Come along and meet your hard working PTFA and share a glass of wine and a piece of cheese. This is a chance for you to put your ideas on the table and to find out how you can make a difference for our children. The PTFA is open to anyone who has a stake in the school. So don't be shy, come along at 7:30 pm, Wednesday March 12th, in the staff room.

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. Final date for returning all books and money is Friday 14 March.

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A JOURNEY
through Lent

Lord,
like the traveller
lifting the fallen one
on the Jericho road,
healing all his wounds,
you went to Lazarus' tomb,
and would not let him die
but loosed the bonds of death,
so great was your love for him.

Saviour,
we believe
you weep at every death,
and pray at every tomb,
for all the dead
whose faith is known to you
alone.

Like Lazarus,
call us your friends,
stay in our company,
share what we have,
come to our aid when we call,
and grant us eternal life.

*Fifth Sunday in Lent <A
This Sunday 9 March
9.00am Mass at St Pius X Church*

Important School Dates

March 2008

- 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 Schools' swimming
- 19th** - BOT meeting
- 20th** - Rms 2 & 6 swimming
- 21st** - Good Friday

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. Return your completed slip to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

Parent evening: Thanks to all our parents who attended our parent evening yesterday. It's good to see parents taking the opportunity to be better informed on how their child's classroom runs.

Stranger danger: Two students from a school close by were approached by a man in a red vehicle offering money and making inappropriate offers. Parents are asked to please talk to or remind your children of what to do when approached by someone unknown to them on the way to and from school.

Solidarity Day 2008. On Thursday 13 March, Solidarity Day will be held at St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield. All Room 7 students will be attending as part of their preparation during Lent. They will travel by bus, leaving school at 10.30am. Parents, please make sure your children are wearing full school uniform and have their togs with them as they will travel from St Joseph's to the pool for their Swimsafe lesson.

Basketball 2008 Notice

Term 2 is fast approaching and so is our basketball season.



Before I advertise for children wanting to play basketball, I want to find out if we have coaches, or parents willing to coach a basketball team.

Years 1-2, 3-4 play at the YMCA on a Wednesday anytime between 4.00pm & 8.00pm.

Years 7-8 play on a Thursday anytime between 4.00pm & 8.00pm.

Years 5-6 play on a Friday anytime between 4.00pm & 8.00pm.

Remember our St Pius children love basketball but are sometimes unable to play because of insufficient coaches. Please think hard about this and let Whaea Paula know if you are able to coach a basketball team in Terms 2 & 3. Ring the school on 843.6554 to indicate your interest or fill in the return slip at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

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

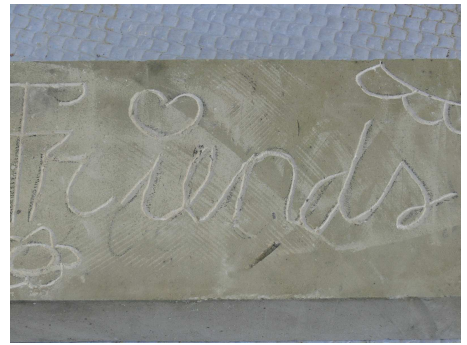
Per Term @ \$16.50

\$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.

Unique carving experience for Rooms 5 to 7




The students and staff wish to thank Mr MacKay, Henry & Ben's dad, for the time and effort he has put into giving our children tuition in stone carving.

Have a go at Hockey. Jack Clayton, Sportsforce Hockey Development Officer is running 3 free training sessions for children who have not played hockey before. Wednesdays 19, 26 March and 2 April at Melville High School Astro turf, 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Bring mouthguard, shin pads and drink bottle. Sticks are available or bring your own. To book phone 838.0485 or email waikatohockey@xtra.co.nz.

 **Calling all hockey players!** There are still some spaces in our hockey teams. Please contact me if you are keen to give it a go. Games start in Term 2. Mrs Hayman 843.8783.

St Pius X Mini Groovers No Mini Groovers this Friday, 7 March, however we are still meeting for coffee. Come to the church carpark at 9.30am.

MCG Notice MCG: Practice is next Sun March 9th straight after Mass in the church at approx 1015 am. Bring your folders 

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Basketball Coaching Return slip. Please return to the Office
Yes! I am interested in coaching in Terms 2 & 3

Name _____

Contact details _____

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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