

St Pius X School

Te Kura o Hato Paea

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



Swimming 2008

Rooms 1 & 7
students
enjoy their
lessons



Thursday 13 March 2008 Newsletter #6



Nga mihi nui a koutou

Easter holidays: A reminder there is no school on Good Friday 21st of March. School will resume at the normal time of 8.45am on

Wednesday the 26th of March.

In deepest sympathy: Our prayers and thoughts are with Pinky, Andre and Gian Reid and their family on the death last night of Peter, their much loved husband and father.

May he rest in peace.

Swimming: Rooms 3 and 5 start their first swimming lessons tomorrow at Gallagher Pools. Could all parents providing transport please meet in the school car park by 12.50pm thank you. If you are a parent that can provide transport but haven't put your name down, we would really appreciate your help. Just turn up at school.

Solidarity Day: Our senior students attended Solidarity Day today along with other Catholic primary schools.

The schools gathered at St Joseph's Fairfield. Our junior and middle school classes also had their own Solidarity Day at school. We had a liturgy and ate rice together to remember other children all over the world who don't have enough to eat.

St Patrick's Day: The 17th of March is St Patrick's Day. Our school will celebrate by going to mass at 9.00am with a concert showcasing the range of talent from our children. We also have some guest visitors doing some Irish dancing. The concert starts at 11.05 and all are welcome to attend. Children are to wear their school uniform to school but are allowed to wear something green with their uniform.

Anniversary meeting: The next anniversary meeting is scheduled at St Pius X School staffroom for Monday 17th of March at 5.30pm. Come and join members of our school Board of Trustees as we prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the school. We currently have small committees set up for various jobs and welcome anyone who can add their skills to these areas. Free tea and coffee ☺

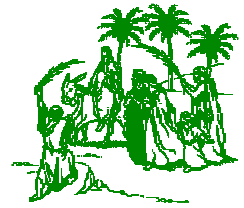
Violin Lessons: We have a violin teacher offering lessons to our school children. The lessons would take place at school and children will need their own violins in order to take up this offer.

The cost for group lessons (approximately 3 children in a group) is \$15 per child per half hour. For private one on one tutoring is \$20 per child per half hour.

If you would like to take up this opportunity for your child, please fill out the form at the back of this notice and return to school as soon as possible.

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And do we yet understand,
Lord Jesus,
as the year go by
and we hear the story again?

Can a poor man on a donkey
dying like a slave
succeed?

We like success so much,
the kind you feel and touch
and put your hands on
right away.

What success
can anyone find
in a Cross?

Or is there success
in faithfulness?
When you can say:
"Your will be done!"
"Father, forgive them."

Like the two from Emmaus
we hope for easy gain.
Come walk at our side,
and tell us what matters most,
O Lord.

Palm Sunday <A

This Sunday 16 March

9.00am Mass at St Pius X Church

*We will gather in the presbytery
courtyard*

Important School Dates

March 2008

14th - Rms 3 & 5 swimming

19th - BOT meeting

20th - Rms 2 & 6 swimming

21st - Good Friday

24th & 25th - Easter break

26th - Rms 2 & 6 continue
swimming programme

31st - Whole school

Swimming sports - 9.30am

April 2008

2nd - Parent Interviews
from 1.00pm

We valued gratefulness this week. Gratefulness is being thankful and showing your appreciation to others when they do things for you. Often it's easy to forget to be grateful for the things you already have. When you're not grateful and content, you can begin to feel sorry for yourself. This can make you sad. The way to feel better is to begin thinking about all the good things God has given you. Instead of wishing for what you don't have, be grateful for all that you do have. Try to think of one thing to be grateful for everyday.

Holy Week Mass & Service Times

Palm Sunday 16 March 9.00am at St Pius - Please assemble in the presbytery courtyard.

Chrism Mass Wednesday 19 March 7.00pm - Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Thursday 20 March, 7.00pm at St Pius **Good Friday** 21 March, March of Witness 10.30am beginning at the Methodist Church, Bader Street.

Good Friday Service 3.00pm at St Pius

Easter Vigil 22 March 8.00pm at St Pius

Easter Sunday 23 March, 9.00am at St Pius

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Nikita Pereira for passing her Grade 1 Violin exam with Distinction. Well done!

Netball 2008 Notice



Calling all parents who want to coach or umpire netball. Please leave your name and contact details at the school office. Phone 843.6554. Netball players will receive a notice once Mrs Meehan has received the relevant details from the Netball meeting she will be attending.

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.

There are still quite a few outstanding fees unpaid.

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.

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 enroll your pre-schoolers.

MCG Notice

MCG practice is 7.00pm tonight. Bring your folders. This is our practice for Easter Sunday. There will be a practice for the play for Easter Sunday on Saturday 22 March in the Church at 2.00pm. Any children wishing to be involved please come along.



St Pius X Mini Groovers. Mini Groovers swings back into action this Friday, 14 March, at 9.30am. in the presbytery. Bring along your pre-schoolers for a time of music, song and dance. NB. There will be no groovers on Good Friday.

St Mary's Scout Group have vacancies. There are vacancies in the Keas, Cubs and Scouts for boys and girls, For more information contact Dave Cannell 856.7243

Ceadh Míle Fáilte!
St Patrick's Day
Irish Ceilí

Live music by *Siamsa*
Called dances
Items welcome
Light supper provided

Methodist Hall, cnr Bader St & Normandy Ave,
Melville
Monday 17th March
6.30pm - 9.00 pm
Dancing starts 7pm

Entry by gold coin donation / Bring a plate for supper

Babysitter available in Melville/Glenview area, reliable, sensible and trustworthy. Please phone Mary-Rose at (07)8434045.

FRASER TECH JUNIOR RUGBY – Weighin and Muster Sunday 16th March at 10.00 am At Clubrooms cnr Norton Rd & Mill St. All girls and boys, new and existing players 4yrs to 12yrs welcome. If you still need to weigh in please come at 9.30am and please bring your birth certificate or passport For more info contact: *Greg Bean* on 847 8766 or 021 280 2806 or *Russell Gibson* on 8550707 or 0276660006

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, shinpads and drink bottle. Sticks are available or bring your own. To book phone 838.0485 or email waikato hockey@xtra.co.nz.

Violin Lessons Return slip.

Please return to the Office

Yes! My child is interested in violin lessons. I understand we need to provide our child with a violin.

Family name(Print) Child's Name..... Room No.....

Parent/Caregivers Name.....(Print) Signature.....

Basketball Coaching Return slip.

Please return to the Office

Yes! I am interested in coaching in Terms 2 & 3

Name (Print) _____

Contact details (Print) _____

KAH (Kids-at-Home) Programme return slip

Please return to the office

Family name

Pre school child's name D.O.B