

# St Pius X School

## Welcome to the 2008 school year

**Prayer:**

Spirit of the Living God  
We place all that we do this year in our school in your hands.  
Be with us everyday...  
Helping us to love one another.  
Guiding our thoughts.  
Inspiring our actions.  
Renewing our faith.  
Bringing us peace.  
And leading us all more deeply into your sacred presence.  
Amen.



### *Introducing our teaching staff*



Mrs Colleen Lelieveld  
Room 1, Year 1



Mrs Rosemary Garsed, DRS  
Room 2, Year 2



Ms Laura Dikmans  
Room 3, Years 3 & 4



Mrs Lisa Hayde  
Room 5, Years 4 & 5



Ms Urai Vanxay,  
Acting Principal/  
Deputy Principal  
Room 5, Years 4 & 5



Mr Antony Easto  
Assistant Deputy  
Principal  
Room 6, Years 5 & 6



Mrs Donna Meehan  
Room 7, Years 7 & 8



Mr Stephen Dawson  
Principal



Mrs Ann Bankier-Perry  
Teacher Aide,  
Coordinator for  
International Students



Whaea Paula Richter  
Teacher Aide

We warmly welcome you all back with a very special welcome to all our new students and their families.

We have, as usual, a very busy first term ahead of us.

A few items that need your attention:

- ***This Wednesday, 6 February is a public holiday*** – Waitangi Day and it is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am in the Church and we encourage all our students and their families to attend.
- ***Ms Vanxay is Acting Principal*** until Mr Dawson returns later in the year.
- ***Full summer uniform is compulsory for all students.*** That includes the school sunhat. Any student without a hat on during play and lunchtimes must stay in the specified shaded areas of the school grounds. Footwear must be flat soled, strapped sandals. They may be black, brown or blue. Hair must be neat and tidy. Long hair is to be tied back with blue or black hair ties. Children with pierced ears must wear plain studs only.
- ***The first day for bought lunches is Friday 8 February.*** Bought lunches will be available Monday and Friday each week from 11 February.
- ***Cell phones and toys.*** Children are asked not to bring cell phones and toys to school. The best way for parents to reach their children is through the school office telephone. Cell phones are expensive and like toys they can be a distraction at school, cause relationship problems or go missing or break. Teachers will remove toys and cell phones from children and return them at a later time.
- ***A reminder about “at home” food and drink.*** NO lollies, chewing gum or fizzy drinks are to be consumed at school.
- ***All children are to have their stationery by the beginning of Week 2.*** Stationery lists are sent home with this newsletter. Please return your completed list to school with payment so your child receives their stationery as quickly as possible.
- ***Driveway Safety.*** For the safety of our students and staff please ***DO NOT*** drive down the driveway before school and at home time.
- ***Calling for a volunteer.*** Who would be able to give an hour or two a week for sorting and filing reading books and journals? It will also be a bonus if you can initially dust and clean the shelves as well. Please contact Ms Dikmans at school, 843.6554, if you can help out.
- ***After School Care contact details.*** For those requiring After School Care for their children, please contact Alana Wall, 843.2140 or 027 2440448.
- ***Absent children.*** If your child is away from school please phone the school first thing in the morning and leave a message on the answerphone, 843.6554. It is school policy to keep our children safe, so it is important to keep the school informed of your child’s whereabouts on school days.