



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou. Greetings to all our parents and caregivers.

*We valued Empathy this week. Empathy is listening and making an attempt to understand and think of others and their feelings. "If I am a thinking being, I must regard life other than my own with equal reverence, for I shall know that it longs for fullness and development as deeply as I do myself".*

*Albert Schweitzer*

### **Different Newsletter formats:**

You will have noticed that sometimes the weekly newsletters have been different. Mrs Dunford has been experiencing eyesight problems and from time to time will be unable to put out a full newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

### **School Production:**

Auditions have been taking place for main parts in our school production of 'The Little Mermaid'. It's been great to see a good number of children stepping up to the challenge.

### **Technology**

Rooms 1 and 2 are studying simple machines.

Room 3 and 5 are studying floating and sinking. Lots of experiments and hands on activities have been happening in order for the children to test theories and come to conclusions. Room 6 are studying your friendly neighbourhood spiders up close and personal.

Room 7 are busy carrying out fair tests in preparation for their science fair projects.

### **School Mass Postponement date:**

Due to Father Frank being away last Tuesday our School Mass is now scheduled for Tuesday 27 May at 9.00am.

### **Netball:**

Congratulations to St Pius Hot 'n Spicy on a great win on Saturday 33 – 6 over Maeroa.

Thank you to the players who have paid their fees. To those who have yet to pay, please pay \$30.00 to the school office.

### **Basketball :**

Basketball fees of \$30.00 per player, per term are due now. Please pay at the school office.

### **Hockey:**

A great effort by both teams last Saturday. The Lionsticks had a 1-1 draw with Knighton and our Cubsticks narrowly lost to Southwell 3-2. Well done everyone. Practice is every Friday at 3:30 pm at Melville High Turf.

This Saturday, 18 May, Lionsticks play at 8.30am at St. Paul's B turf and Cubsticks are at Dio D turf at 11.00am. All future games will be back on Innes Common. Thanks N.Hayman



Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

## **Important School Dates**

### **May**

**25th –**

Anniversary meeting after Mass, in Church Presbytery

### **June**

**2nd -** Queen's Birthday Weekend

**5th -** School Cross Country

**Staff away next week:**

Mrs Garsed and Ms Vanxay will be in Gisborne next week at the annual Principals'/DRS Conference.

If you have any queries during the week please direct them to our Assistant Principal, Mr Easto.

**PTFA AGM:**

The PTFA AGM will be held next Wednesday, 21 May, in the school staffroom, followed by the normal meeting. All welcome.

**Melville Children's Group Notice:**

MCG will have a short practice straight after school today, Thursday 15th May. We will be singing this Sunday at the 9.00am Mass. Please be at church at 8:40am



**First Holy Communion/Confirmation, 15 June 2008**



There will be a rehearsal on Sunday, 8 June after 9.00am Mass.

Reconciliation for the candidates will be in the church, after school on Tuesday 10 June.



**Vision and hearing checks for new entrants** will be happening next week. If you DO NOT wish your child to have this check, please inform the school office, 843.6554

**St Pius X Mini Groovers.** Mini-Groovers continues on Friday mornings at 9:30am in the presbytery. This is a programme of song, dance and music for pre-schoolers. It will be followed by morning tea. You are welcome to come along with your under 5's.

**St Pius X School 50th Anniversary 23-24 August 2008**

For more details contact Kelly Thomas, 843.9474 or Kelly.mark@clear.net.nz

**Violin lessons** If you are interested in lessons for your child, contact Alison Hepburn on 843.1980. You need to have your own violin.

**Waikato Rugby Union.** The WRU are holding a rugby skills assessment and physical testing session for any student who was 12 years of age at 1 January 2008. The session is to be held on Sunday 15 June from 1.00pm-3.00pm at the Hamilton Old Boys grounds.

Students who attend need to take training gear, boots and mouthguards.

**Winter Uniform**

**Girls**

- Tunic
- Royal blue long sleeved polo shirt
- Royal blue zip tunic sweatshirt
- Grey socks with royal blue stripes
- Black flat plain shoes

**Boys**

- Grey winter shorts
- Royal blue long sleeved polo shirt
- Royal blue zip tunic sweatshirt
- Grey socks with royal blue stripes
- Black flat plain shoes