



*May you walk
with Christ
beside you*

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion & Confirmation Candidates

Thursday 19 June 2008 Newsletter #16



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

Walking with Christ: We continue to pray for our children who celebrated their First Communion and Confirmation last Sunday. The children worked hard to prepare themselves for these sacraments and we acknowledge the commitment and special journey our children have started in making their First Communion/Confirmation.



The teachers have noticed a continued pattern of lateness for some students. Instruction for the day begins with the first bell at 8.45am. It is most important that children arrive at school in time to hang up their bags and greet their classmates before lining up for assembly.

We are two and a bit weeks away from the end of Term 2. With Term 2 being only a nine week term the teachers and children have been extremely busy trying to get the most learning out of the time available. Production preparations are happening across the school and with our 50th Anniversary happening in the same month, it has been all go at St Pius. Parents, grandparents, older siblings please put your hands up and help out where you can when the requests for support and help start rolling out. We know that we have a huge community with lots of talent out there.

Keep an eye out: Thank you to Katerina who painted the mermaid on our production sign and completed the finishing touches. The sign is due to go up soon and amazing it is.

Principals from Sacred Heart Girls' College and St John's College will be in our school on Tuesday 24 June at 1.30pm. They will be talking to our Year 8 boys and girls and answering any questions they may have about attending High School. Parents of Year 8 children are also encouraged to attend this visit with their children. The Sacred Heart visit will take place in the Resource room which is in the Administration block. The St John's visit will take place in the school library.

Teachers are around and available to talk to parents. If you require an appointment time, please ring or see Mrs Dunford in the school office and an appointment time can be made for you, or touch base with your child's teacher in the carpark after school to arrange a time. If you ring and leave a message, teachers will always return your call at the earliest possible time.

Uniform check: Please send back to school any item of uniform that may have inadvertently come home that does not belong to your child.

School Production: The props committee are in need of blue and green paint. If you have some part tins of paint about the

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We thank You for all that is beautiful in the world and for the happiness You have given us. We praise You for daylight and for Your Word which lights up our minds. We praise You for the earth, and all the people who live on it, and for our life which comes from You. We know that You are good. You love us and do great things for us.

Important School Dates

June

- 24th** - Sacred Heart & St John's College Principals visit Yr 8's
- 30th** - Duffy Role Model Assembly

July

- 1st** - End of Term Mass
- 4th** - Final day of Term 2
-World Youth Day BBQ, after school in Church carpark.

house, any colour, please send them along to school until we stop requesting them. Also, if you have any of the following and are able to lend them for our production (or can make something) please send them along, *named*, to either Mrs Hayde, Mr Easto or Ms Vanxay.

The props committee require the following items for our school production: Gold cockles, treasure chest or old suitcase, kings crown, rubbish bins and (round) lids, brooms, lobster pots, fishing nets, gas masks or something that's similar.

Calling all fabulous costume makers. Our main cast, choir and dancers need costumes made. Are you able to help us? If you can sew, measure or provide any support with costumes please fill out the return slip on the back page of this newsletter and someone will get in contact with you. If you're not sure of how you can help but would like to help in some way, put your name down as well.

NZ Post Awards

NZ Post Awards (Duffy) Assembly for Great Effort in Reading & Writing is happening at 2.15pm tomorrow, Friday 20 June.

Duffy Role Model Assembly - 30 June at 9.30am

Feana Tuakoi is our Role Model.

Feana has written many stories for school children and junior journals, and we have some of her books in our library. All parents are welcome to attend.

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

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

Calling all those talented culture groups and families in our school community.

If you are you interested in putting on an item during our Anniversary Weekend please contact Noreen Hayman 843.8783.

Netball Draws

The Future Ferns play today, Thursday 19 June at 3.45pm on Court 20.

St Pius Hot 'n Spicy - play Saturday 21 June at 10.00am on Court 11.



Basketball 2008 Notice

Parents, please confirm in writing that your child can play basketball in Term 3.

If not, then we need to know so we can select someone new to the team. Please advise by tomorrow, Friday 20 June. See return slip on back page.



Hockey Notice

Thank you to all who have paid their fees. Our games this week are 8.00am for the Lions and 8:30am for the Cubs. Please be there 30 minutes prior to game.

Thanks, Mrs. N. Hayman

To those who have yet to pay their fees, please pay \$32.00 to the school office as soon as possible.



Melville Children's Group - MCG

Well done everyone for your lovely singing last Sunday. This Sunday after

Mass you are all invited along to the back of the church for a special morning tea to acknowledge your hard work and commitment.

Thank you, Mrs. Hayman

Tastes of the World: We are doing a fundraising meal with several different international dishes on Sunday June 29th at 1.30pm at Bader St. Methodist Church Hall. A three course meal will be served. Cost: Adults \$20 and children will cost per age of child. ie: \$5 for 5 year old.

Term 3 Basketball Return Slip (please return to the school office)

Family Name _____ *Please print*

Child's Name _____

Please circle one

Yes my child may play basketball in Term 3

No I do not want my child to play basketball in Term 3

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Production Return slip (please return to the school office)

My name is _____

Please print first name and surname

Phone No. _____

I can help in the following areas: (Circle one or more of the following)

Costume ideas

Machine sewing

Hand sewing or stitching

Other: _____

Other skills I have that may be of assistance are:

Security

Lighting technician

Back drops

Computerised backdrops

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Your PTFA Needs YOU!

We have been offered the chance to earn \$\$\$\$.\$\$
Yes, **do not** adjust your set, that's \$\$\$\$.\$\$ folks. Those wonderful dudes and dudesses at Whitcoulls, Te Rapa have asked us to help with their stocktake on Friday 4th July and Centre Place Whitcoulls on Sunday 13 July. We need at least 30 people to prove the old proverb that says " Many hands make for light work" (or something like that). I am unsure of the start time at this

stage, but it is usually between **5:30pm and 6:30pm**. **Dinner will be provided**. *If you are able to help see Antony, phone the school, 843.6554, or return the slip below. We have to let both Whitcoulls know our numbers ASAP. These are likely to be our only fundraisers this year that will require people to give up their time. Please return the slip below if you are able to help.*

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Stocktake Return slip: Please return to the School Office (Circle one)

I am able to help with the Te Rapa stocktake. Yes / No

I am able to help with the Centre Place stocktake. Yes / No

I am able to help with both stocktakes. Yes / No

Name: _____ Phone No _____