



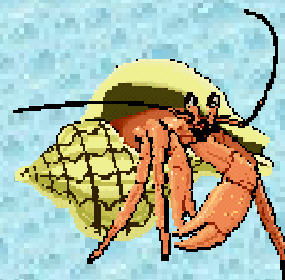
Introducing...



**ST PIUS X SCHOOL
PRODUCTION OF**

THE LITTLE MERMAID

AUGUST 20TH AND 21ST



Rehearsals are in full swing

Thursday 26 June 2008 Newsletter #17



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Greetings to all our parents and caregivers.

We celebrated the value of thankfulness this week. Being

thankful is being grateful and showing your appreciation for others when they do things for you. It's easy to grumble and

complain about all the things you want and 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.

“No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus”.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Change of contact details: If you have recently moved house or your contact details have changed please contact the school office, 843.6554 or inform the school office in writing of your new details.

Principals from Sacred Heart Girls' College and St John's College visited our school on Tuesday. They brought with them past students from our school to talk about college life and what our students may and will expect to experience when they attend high school.

The next 50th Anniversary meeting is Monday the 30 June at 5.30pm.

All BOT members are requested to attend and we welcome our helpers and any new people who can offer their services. This is a big job and many hands will help make the Anniversary a success.

Term dates: School finishes on Friday 4 July at 2.45pm. School will start again for Term 3 on Monday 21 July at 8.45am. Term 3 ends on Friday 26 September.

The Ministry of Education has offered schools a teacher only day to work on the revised curriculum. St Pius X teachers will be attending a teacher only day for professional development for Catholic teachers in Rotorua on Monday the 13 October.

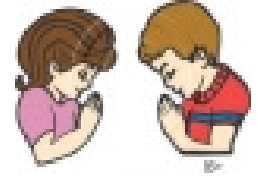
Professional Development and relievers: A critical element in student achievement and learning opportunities relevant to the 21st Century is the ability for teachers to engage and empower our students in learning that meets individual needs. Teachers are allocated a professional development budget per year and are encouraged to take opportunities for professional learning that will develop their capabilities in delivering differentiated curriculum areas to our children. The school is mindful of the need for our children to be learning. Wherever we can, the school has tried to use the same relievers who know our routines and who are familiar to our children.

Revised NZ Curriculum Document: The senior management team was released yesterday to work on the revised curriculum document which needs to be implemented in schools by 2010. The idea behind the document is that schools will look at the “big picture” and take ownership of the document and make it a living, working document for their school. The journey so far has involved a number of readings, critical thinking, professional development courses and reflection on numerous issues but also how the NZ Curriculum document will fit in with our special character, rather than how our special character will fit in with the revised document. Our journey so far has begun with reflection on vision, mission and principles and looking at where our school focus already aligns with the NZ Curriculum document. We will require community input as part of this journey and value your input on the survey that will come out soon. The journey will be slow as we want to ensure that we get it right and that everyone climbs on board the waka.

Where is St Pius X School at? Where do we want St Pius X School to be? How are we going to get there?

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Prayer of Gratitude for God's Blessings

O Lord, your grace has achieved for us all that you had spoken and promised. Grant us access to the place of your peace.

For you are our Consoler,
you are our life Remedy,
you are our
Standard of Victory.

Blessed are we, O Lord,
because we have
known you!

Blessed are we, because
we have believed in you!

Blessed are we, because
you are our great hope!

Blessed are we, because
you are our God forever!

Important School Dates

June

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.

21st - Term 3 begins

23rd - BOT meeting
7.30pm

What do we want for our young people?

The Revised NZ Curriculum Document Statement on VISION - pg 8

Confident <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive in their own identity• Motivated and reliable• Resourceful• Enterprising and entrepreneurial• resilient	Connected <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to relate well to others• Effective users of communication tools• Connected to the land and environment• Members of communities• International citizens
Actively involved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants in a range of life contexts• Contributors to the well-being of NZ social, cultural, economic and environmental	Lifelong learners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literate and numerate• Critical and creative thinkers• Active seekers, users, and creators of knowledge• Informed decision makers

Duffy Role Model Assembly - 30 June at 9.30am

Feana Tu'akoi 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

Registration Brochures are inserted into this newsletter and also available from the school office, the church foyer or see our website www.stpius.school.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.

Lost Property will be on display on the last day of Term 2. Please come & check.

Netball Draws

The Future Ferns play today, Thursday 26 June at 4.15pm on Court 19.

St Pius Hot 'n Spicy - play Saturday 28 June at 10.45am on Court 16.

These are the final games for the term.

Competition recommences in Term 3 on Thursday 24 July and Saturday 26 July.



Basketball 2008 Notice

Final games for Term 2 are next week.

The new competition begins in Term 3.

The cost of \$30.00 per player is payable at the school office.



Hockey Notice

The Lions fought hard to salvage a 0-0 draw against the Hukanui Blasters. The Cubs won 9-1 against Ngahinapouri.

Well done everyone!! The Cubs play at 10:10 am and the Lions at

10:40~this Saturday. We will have practice as usual this Friday and on Friday July 4th.

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

Please assemble by the piano in church after Mass for 10 minutes this Sunday, 29 June.



Tastes from Around the World

Everyone is welcome to come along to our MCG Winter Fundraising Luncheon. 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. Tickets are available from Noreen Hayman 8438783 or Mr Teng in the church carpark after school. The Children's Choir would like to thank you for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you there.

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

Thank you to everyone who has returned slips to offer help in our school production already.

Production Return slip (please return to the school office)

My name is _____ Phone No. _____
Please print first name and surname

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

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| 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 _____