



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

Kindness

We valued kindness this week. Acts of kindness no matter how small make a difference. It makes you feel good and the person on the receiving end feel good. It's always great to see our children practising kindness in the playground, in the classroom and in our community.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. ~ Mother Teresa

We remember in our prayers Mrs Lelieveld's family who lost a close family member last week. May God bless them and be with them during this sad time.

Lateness: The school has noticed patterns of lateness occurring at the beginning of the school day from certain students. School starts at 8.45am. Notices will be sent home to parents asking for support in ensuring children are at school on time. The Ministry of Education requires schools to act on this, and records of attendance are kept for auditing purposes.

Absences: If your child is ill for a period of time the school will require a medical certificate from your child/ren's doctor. Where children are repeatedly absent with no communication from parents the school will contact Truancy Services to ensure children are safe.

Thank you to all the parents that have filled out forms to support us with the school production and the working bee so far. Please keep those forms rolling in.

With the **Production** getting closer there is a big focus on the Arts Curriculum this term. The Arts encompasses dance, drama, music and the visual arts. Testing is also happening at the moment in numeracy, writing and reading.

Tickets for our production of **"The Little Mermaid"** go on sale **starting on July 30th** from the school office. **There will be no door sales** on the nights. Make sure you bring along the extended family and watch the results of our teacher's and children's hard work play out on stage at The Performing Arts Centre. The show runs for two nights only, on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 August. We are expecting visitors attending our school anniversary to be also requesting tickets.
Seats are limited. We do suggest you get in early so you don't miss out.

The cost of the tickets are as follows:

\$10 Adults (anyone no longer at school is considered an adult)

\$5 Children

Children in the production are FREE

Programmes will be on sale on the night for \$2

Working Bee at St Pius X School: The school is holding a working bee on Saturday August 9th at 10.30am. We would appreciate as many parents as possible in joining us to help clean up our school for our children. If you can help out please fill out the slip at the end of this newsletter and send it along to the school office. It's not often that we ask and many hands make light work. We look forward to your support.

Please keep free Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 August for our 50th Anniversary:

We invite the school and parish community to join us on Saturday 23rd August from **12.30pm onwards**. There will be an open school for our Anniversary visitors and the community to walk through our classrooms.

We have some cultural entertainment as well as our own school children performing songs from our school production. So, yes, we are asking parents to please keep this weekend free and bring your children to school at 12.30pm.

PARENTS OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN NOT WANTING TO REGISTER BUT WANT TO COME TO THE DINNER ONLY ARE WELCOME TO. JUST FILL IN THE BROCHURE FOR THE DINNER PART ONLY AND RETURN TO SCHOOL. FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

The PTFA are doing a BBQ on the grounds so those not registering can bring along some money and have lunch at school. The day will end at approximately 2.00pm.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations there will be a school Mass in the church on Sunday 24 at 9.00am. Bishop Denis will be here to lead us.

All children are expected to attend in school uniform.

After the Mass the 50th Anniversary cake will be cut and everyone is invited to stay for morning tea.

Registrations for the 50th Anniversary day and dinner close on August 12th at 12.00pm. If you know of people intending to come please get them to get their forms in ASAP.

Basketball: Fees for Term 3 Basketball of \$30.00 per player need to be paid at the school office now. Thank you to those who have already paid.

There will be no basketball for the SPX Scorpions on Wednesday night, 20 August as this is our school Production night. We will have to default that game..

Netball Draw: *Attention:* St Pius Future Ferns. Thursday Netball has been cancelled
St Pius Hot 'n Spicy play Saturday 2 August @ 9.15am on Court 7.

Please be at the courts by 8.30am for a practice before you play.

Hockey: Both teams play at 8.00am this Saturday. It is our turn to set up the fields. Please be there at 7:40am sharp to help set up.

Dates to pencil on your calendar: {Still to be confirmed}

Duffy School Leader Assembly, Friday 15 August @ 2.20pm

Duffy Theatre – 27 August

Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly -5 September

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I can help with the working bee on August 9th at 10.30am. Please return to the office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I can bring the following tools to help out:

- Spade
- Gardening tools
- Hedge Clippers
- Weed Trimmers
- Wheel Barrow
- Other _____
- Secateurs
- Rake