



Safety for our children



In the Church carpark



Park in the marked carparks



Walk your children down the driveway



Even when it's raining!

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

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable.

Be honest and transparent anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People who really want help may attack you if you help them.

Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt.

Give the world your best anyway.

-Mother Teresa (Patience)

Absent Children: Please remember to phone the school in the morning, preferably by 9:30am, if your child is absent. This needs to be done every day that your child is away. We ask that parents phone in absentees rather than getting your child to phone it in. The school will not accept an absentee phoned in by a child. Also a number of children are regularly arriving at school after the 8:45am bell. This is very disruptive to other students' learning. **Children that arrive after the bell will now be marked as late. Anything of concern to Senior Management, such as continued lateness or no telephone calls to the school, will be followed up further.** Thank you to all those families who continue to support us by ensuring their child/ren are punctual.

Driveway safety: We remind parents and caregivers to please park your vehicles in the church car park when dropping children off for school. The school driveway is for staff and service vehicles only. Parents driving up the driveway before and after school when the weather is wet are asked to refrain from doing so for the safety of our children walking up and down the drive. Wet weather greatly reduces visibility and our small carpark quickly becomes a hazard for reversing cars. (*Refer to the front cover of this newsletter.*)

Melville High School Enrolment Evening is happening on Thursday 25 September from 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Melville High's Glenice Gallagher Library. The Enrolment Evening is for prospective students and their caregivers of Year 8 students.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2008

Poverty in an affluent society



Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse.

Pope Benedict XVI
Spe Salvi 48, 2007



Caritas
Australia New Zealand

Photo: Sr Catherine and Albert at the Compassion Centre in Wellington, with Suzanne Aubert watching over them.

Important School Dates

September

- 16th - Duffy Role Model @ 9.30am
- 17th - BOT meeting 7.30pm
- 19th - School Disco
- 23rd - Rms 1 & 2 Incentive Day
-Rm 7 St John's Skills Day
- 24th - 'Jump Off' day
- 25th - Rm 7 Incentive Day
- 26th - Last day of Term

Thank you to Rebecca Quintal who has volunteered to run our second hand uniform shop starting from Term 4.

Term dates: Term 3 finishes on Friday the 26th of September at 2.45pm.

Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 14th of October at 8.45am.

There will be no one at school on the Monday and the school gates will remain shut as all Teachers will be in Rotorua attending a Teachers Only Day on the revised curriculum for Catholic Teachers.

Please note this on your calendars.

Jump Rope for Heart: The whole school is participating in this programme. Every student has a sponsorship form. Our 'Jump Off' is on Wednesday 24 September. Details to follow.

Values: We valued patience this week. Week 9's value is generosity and week 10's value is joyfulness.

Class masses: Tuesday 16 September is Room 3 and 5 class mass.

New Date for School Baptisms - Tuesday 28 October 2008.

Mrs Garsed will soon be in touch with those of our children who are enrolled to be baptised, and our Pastoral Care Worker, Andrea Savage, will be in contact with the parents.

Duffy Role Model: Parents are invited to join us on Tuesday 16th September at 9.30am to hear Amigene Metcalf speak. Amigene has been part of the NZ Woman's Touch Team since 1993 and captained it since 1998. She has also gained selection for the NZ Woman's A Netball Team. Amigene will be visiting our school to share a bit about herself and to promote reading to our children.

Production DVD's: The school will take late orders for the Production DVD until Monday 15 September; however the cost will now be \$25.00 per DVD.

A reminder about After School Care: After School Care is available for St Pius X School students. It is run separately from the school on the school grounds. Please contact Alana Wall, 843.2140 or 027 244 0448 directly, not the school office, if you wish to put your child in After School Care.

Subway Lunches: The school is looking at trialling Subway lunches in Term 4 one day a week. Subs are made with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato and cucumber on freshly baked white or wheat bread. For \$5.00 children will get a 4 inch mini Sub with their choice of one of the following meats; ham, roast beef, turkey, salami or veggie (no meat) and a bag of sliced apples.



Term 3 Basketball

Outstanding Basketball fees need to be paid at the school office now. Thank you to those who have already paid.



Hockey Notice

The St Pius Cub Sticks finished their season in style, winning 5-2 over the Saints - Great work! The Lion Sticks had a great 4 - 0 win over Knighton. This Saturday is the Lion Sticks last game at 8.00am and the final practice is this Friday at Melville High.



SPY - St Pius Youth

Will meet every Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church for singing practice. (Age 12 years upwards)



MCG - Melville Children's Group

Next practice is Thursday 18 September at 4.00pm in the Church

End Of Term Disco

Come along on Friday 19 September for a Boogie and some fun.

Theme - Famous People

Where – Glenview Community Centre

When – 19 September, 5.30pm start time. Children must be collected by 8.00pm

Cost – Gold Coin Donation

Who – St Pius Students and Families (pre-school children must be accompanied by a supervising adult) Dinner and drinks are available for purchase

Bacon and Egg Burgers	\$3.00	Sausages	\$1
Cans	\$1.50	Bottles	\$1



PTFA Fundraising Evening for Sun Shades

QUIZ NIGHT AND PAPER BAG AUCTION

Get your teams in quick – tickets are limited.

When: 17 October, 6.30pm till 11.00pm (quiz starts at 7.00pm sharp)

Where: Claudelands Rovers Soccer Club - Galloway Street

Tickets: \$10 each or buy a table for a team of 6 for \$50 (individuals will be placed into teams). Price includes supper, entry and HEAPS of fun. Drinks will be available for purchase. There is a prize for the top team and spot prizes throughout the night. Also featured is a Paper Bag Auction. Bid on your favourite number to win great mystery prizes or ...???

Paper Bag Auction

As part of our Quiz Night Fundraiser we will be running a Mystery Paper Bag Auction. The PTFA is asking for donations of prizes big and small. Anything is welcomed and appreciated. It's a great opportunity for local businesses to get some free advertising. If you have something you could donate or a contact that could donate a prize please send it along to school or contact Megan Hay, 843.8709 after 6.00pm or email megsx007@gmail.com.

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Tickets for Quiz Night – 17 October - Please return to the school office

Name _____ Number of tickets _____

Money enclosed _____

\$10 each or \$50 table of 6