



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

Congratulations to our seven children who were baptised at St Pius X School Church on Tuesday this week. We welcome them to the Catholic faith and pray that Jesus will continue to guide them to make good choices and work through them as they come to know him better. Photos of the school Baptisms will be on the front cover of next week's full spread newsletter.

The value this week is patience. Patience is waiting calmly for something without making a fuss. At school, patience could be putting your hand up to answer a question in class, not interrupting when people are talking, or waiting your turn in a game. Being patient isn't always easy.

Lord, teach me to be patient - with life, with people, and with myself. I sometimes try to hurry things along too much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust Your sense of timing rather than my own and to surrender my will to Your greater and wiser plan.

The value for next week is friendship.

Life Education: A reminder that Life Education is coming to St Pius this term. The cost of the Life Education visit is \$2.50 per child or \$5.00 for a family of 2 or more. All children at St Pius will take part in the Life Education Programme and money can be sent in a labelled envelope to the school office starting from now.

CFLE: The first lessons for Christian Family Life Education have started. They will be taught by trained teachers who have completed the CFLE professional development. The junior programme will be taught by Mrs Vanxay. The middle school programme will be taught by Mrs Meehan and the senior school programme will be taught by Mr Easto and Mrs Vanxay.

School uniform for sale suitable for Junior school Year 2 – 3: 1x pinafore \$15, size 6 bike shorts \$5, 3X short sleeve polo shirt \$5 each, beanie \$5, 2x sweat shirt \$5, 2X long sleeve shirt \$5, school socks \$2, school hat \$5. If you are interested contact Eve Martin on 843.9010.

Senior girl's skirt for sale: Approximate Size 12. Cost is \$15.00. Phone Philippa, 843 9093.

Carols by Candlelight: On Friday the 5th of December we will be holding a carols evening at school. This will involve the whole school. We would encourage parents, friends and our Parish community to come along to sing Christmas carols and to bring a picnic dinner to have with your family on the school grounds. The school children will be singing carols and we hope you will all join in. The staff will also be performing a short item for your entertainment on the night and this should NOT be missed! If you have a lovely singing voice and would like to do either a solo or a group item on the night, please contact Colleen Lelieveld at school or leave a message with Mrs Dunford in the school office. This should be an extremely entertaining evening and will be a wonderful opportunity for families to get together before the Christmas rush! More details to come later.

The postponement date will be Saturday the 6th of December if the weather isn't good.



150th Anniversary of St Pius X's ordination to the priesthood.

The current mayor of Riese Pio X visited our St Pius X Church last Saturday, 25 October. He presented our Parish with a beautiful portrait of Pope St Pius X.

He was also very interested in looking around our school and commented on how fortunate the children are to have such wide open spaces in which to play.

Thank you from Caritas: Thank you for the generous fundraising support from the children and their families. Thanks, too, for your donations to the disasters that have affected millions of people - in Myanmar, China, Darfur, Bangladesh and India. The 2008 total from all Catholic schools to date is \$56,300.00. Fantastic!

Duffy \$5.00 Christmas Book Offer Arriving Soon: Parents, from the beginning of November, start checking your children's bags for the \$5.00 Christmas Book offer. This is a great gift for your child's Christmas stocking.

Parish Fun & Mini Fund Raising Afternoon

The school community is invited to come along to the Fun & Mini Gala, run by the Parish, which will be held on the school grounds on November 29th commencing at 2.00 pm.

Sales Tables, Sausage Sizzle, Monster Grocery Raffle, Children's and adults' games, Lucky Wheel, Silent Auction, Picnic Tea and Entertainment.

A successful event relies on your participation and involvement. Non perishable groceries are now being accepted for the Monster Grocery Raffle. Please send your donation along to the school office.

Mini Groovers: This is a programme of music, song and dance. for pre schoolers and takes place every Friday morning during term, at 9:30 am. Come along with the "Littlies" to the Presbytery, at the rear of the church .Gold coin Donation.

MCG: Our children's choir meets every Tuesday, in the Church at 4.00pm. If you are 7 or older come along and join us.

SPY: Our Youth choir age 12 years and upwards, meet every Thursday, in the Church at 7:20pm (**Note the change of time**). If you like to sing or play an instrument come along and join us.

Summer Soccer at St Pius X School:

Children from 5 to 7 years old that want to learn and play soccer can join us. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.00pm on the school's sports field. See you there. Any enquiries please email Soren, warnil@yahoo.com.

Pet Day and Flower Show – Monday 10 November, 2008

Programme: 8.30am - 9.00am

The children come into their classrooms and prepare their **floral arrangement**. These may be arranged in a container or a sand saucer.

All children must participate in this activity.

Please supply your own flowers and container.

There is to be **No parental involvement in floral arranging.**

Children may also wish to make a vegetable creation or enter an iced biscuit competition.

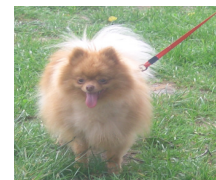
This is optional and the iced biscuit is made at home and brought to school.

9.30am: Pet Parade:

All animals **MUST BE SECURE**. They must be in boxes, cages, bowls or on a leash and may be taken home after the parade.

There is an 'UNUSUAL PET' section so the children without a pet can use their imagination and enter the Parade with an original (not human) pet. E.g. stone, spider, soft toy.

10.30am Results of the Floral Arrangements are announced, followed by morning tea



Project Energize

HOMEPLAY CHALLENGE



Project Energize is running its HomePlay Challenge over the next three weeks (3 Nov – 21 Nov).

Your children will soon be bringing home a challenge sheet which will have physical activity and nutrition challenges to complete around the home.

Please encourage them to try these challenges to keep them active and eating healthy foods while having lots of fun!

Better still.....get out there and be active, healthy role models for you children!!

5+ a day facts

APPLES



Did you know the world's largest apple peel was 52.6m long?! And the largest apple ever picked was 1.4kg.

Apples are full of fibre and low in fat therefore make a super healthy snack, so get crunching!!

