St Pius X Catholic School 29th June 2017 Newsletter# 19



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

It's hard to believe that we are about to go into the second half of the year. However apart from the year moving too fast, there are lots of things to look forward to, such as spring. August for us is going to be an exciting month because that is when our playgrounds will be up-graded and renewed. The grants from Grassroots, \$5,000 and the Lion Foundation \$10,000 have helped boost the efforts of our fundraising committee. Catholic Property Services are going to make up the shortfall to the tune of \$30,000. We are so grateful for this help; without it we wouldn't have realised this dream for another two years or more.

There is still more fundraising required so please get behind the efforts of our Friends of the School. See over the page for details.

The other exciting thing happening in August is the Reading Together Workshops. I really encourage you to attend these sessions, particularly if you find working with your child difficult or tedious. These workshops are designed to help you work with your child so that they can become confident readers. Please note, these workshops are useful, even if your child is in the middle or senior school, so please take the opportunity to learn skills for working with your child particularly around reading. Child care will be available on these afternoons if required.

Fill out the Return slip below and return it to the office, thank you.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

Thursday 3rd

Calendar of EventsJulySchool Mass 9am all welcomeWednesday 5th➤ School Mass 9am all welcomeFriday 7th➤ Term 2 EndsMonday 24th➤ Term 3 BeginsAugust➤ Reading Together Workshops Begin

2017 School Terms for Primary and Intermediate schools

Parent Interviews Years 4-8

Term 2	Monday 1 May	Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July	Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October	Monday 18 December

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Reading Together Workshops Return Slip: Parent's Name:	Please Return to the office. Contact No.
Child's Name:	Room No
am able to attend all sessions: (tick one box)	Yes No

It is preferable to have you attend all four workshops.

St Pius X Friends of the School Committee

Winter Vege Seedlings for Sale

In the Church carpark
Friday 30 June 2:30–3:00pm
\$1.00 per pot Peas / Beetroot

While stocks last.

All funds raised will go towards the new school playgrounds.

Thank you for your support!



YMCA Holiday Programmes.

We have activities ranging from arts & crafts, to cooking, to dance and gymnastics lessons. We will also be going on exciting excursions over the holidays.

For those parents and caregivers that have busy schedules, our programmes run from 7:30am - 5:30pm at several convenient locations across Hamilton.

Check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call us on 07 838 2529

Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your child on board with us these holidays.

Money Matters

The Invoice for School Payments was sent home to you in the first week of Term 1. Quite a number of parents have yet to pay, *so please pay this as soon as possible*. If you need another copy of the invoice please ask at the office. Phone 843 6554.

Thank you to those who have paid already.

Preferred methods of payment are:

- Eftpos at the school office.
- ➤ Online ASB123152-0175049-01. Reference your child's name and classroom number.
- You may still pay by cheque or cash at the school office.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

The Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki is currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life. Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes. You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Manager Caregiver Support Waikato Region, on 07 957 4740 or email <u>Johnson.Taoho@mvcot.govt.nz</u>



