



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

It's hard to believe, but we are half way through the term. This has been a hard term with rainy days and winter illness. We also seem to have a number of children with chicken pox. If your child has a cough and fever it may pay to check for spots, as they are often early symptoms of chicken pox.

Well done to our house leaders for organising indoor games to help us celebrate St Pius X Feastday, and to Mrs Garsed for organising the school liturgy.

Thank you for your patience while the car park is being sealed. Waiting outside the front of the church and cars driving through seems to be working. Not long now until we have an amazing flood and pothole free carpark.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

What are the symptoms?

Chickenpox can often start with the following symptoms:

- a fever, a headache, a runny nose, a cough, loss of appetite, feeling tired

A red rash follows 1 to 2 days later. It usually starts on the face and scalp, spreads to the chest, back and tummy and then to the arms and legs. It can also appear inside the ears, on the eyelids, inside the nose and mouth, and even around the genital area. The rash continues to spread for 3 or 4 days. It usually becomes very itchy.

Within a few hours after each spot appears, a blister forms. It may appear full of yellow fluid. After a day or so, the fluid turns cloudy. The blisters release liquid containing the virus, then form crusts or scabs that fall off after 1 to 2 weeks. The spots heal at different stages, some faster than others, so your child may have the rash in several different stages at once.

Some children have mild chickenpox with under 50 spots. Others have a miserable time with hundreds of spots.

Should my child with chickenpox stay home?

Children should stay away from daycare or school, and public places, while they are infectious. Once scabs form on all the spots, your child is no longer infectious. They may go back to school when the spots are all scabbed over and dry. This can take around 5-7 days. Click <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/chickenpox> for more information



Duffy Father's Day Assembly

Friday 31st August at 2.10pm.

We would love to see as many Dads as possible.

Thursday 23rd August 2018, Newsletter #24

Calendar of Events

3	4	5	6	7	1
10	11	12	13	14	8
17	18	19	20	21	15
24	25	24	25	26	22
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August

31st Friday— Duffy Father's Day Assembly

September

17th Monday— Playhouse Theatre—cost \$4.50

22nd Saturday— School Quiz night

28th Friday— Last Day Term 3



Monthly spiritual fuel-up and social time: Friday 31st August.

Fr Danny will be available for Reconciliation from 3pm. Meet in church foyer at 3.30pm for group prayer and short Bible study. Social time after—we will go to the school playground if the weather is good. All ages welcome with something for everyone, little ones through to adults. Contact Rosemary 027 6999451 or rosemary.f.roberts@gmail.com for more info.

To Report an Absence

Go on to our website (click [here](#)) or go to <http://www.stpius.school.nz/>

.....you can also ring the school (07) 843 6554 to report your child's absence.

Asthma Waikato offers FREE asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. We accept self referrals. If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit www.asthmawaikato.org.nz and fill in the online referral form by clicking the blue button top right "Make a Referral". We are here to help.



School Banking

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at St Pius X School.

Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office.