

# **St Pius X Catholic School**

## **Welcome to the 2017 school year**

*Introducing our staff*



Ms Jane Rutherford  
Principal



Mrs Tracey Vanxay  
Rm 1 Totara  
New Entrants & Year 1



Ms Urai Vanxay  
Deputy Principal  
Rm 2 Kahikatea  
Years 1 & 2



Mrs Rosemary Garsed  
DRS. Rm 3 Rimu  
Years 2 & 3



Mrs Pam Horsman  
Rm 3 Rimu  
Years 2 & 3



Ms Laura Dikmans  
Rm 4 Pohutukawa  
Years 3 & 4



Mr John de Vega  
Rm 5 Nikau  
Years 4 & 5



Mrs Lisa Hayde  
Rm 6 Kowhai  
Years 6,7 & 8



Mr Antony Easto  
Associate Principal  
Rm 7 Matai  
Years 6,7 & 8



Whaea Paula Richter  
Teacher Aide  
Special Needs,  
Duffy Books Coordinator



Mrs Ann Bankier-Perry  
Teacher Aide  
ESOL, Co-ordinator for  
International Students



Mrs Margaret Dunford  
Office Administrator



Mrs Virginia Sarroca  
Teacher Aide



Mrs Glenda Strong  
Reading Recovery

## Message from our Principal

Greetings and Blessings for 2017. We welcome our new families and students to our school community; We have a number of new children and we will put their photos in the newsletter next week. This first newsletter covers our school rules and expectations and notice of our 'Meet the Teacher' times for next week.

- **Communication** is important for our children to experience the best in learning. If you have a question, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me. We believe that knowing what is happening in your child's classroom is important so we are having a 'Meet the Teacher' evening next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Meet the Teacher times: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Room 1 (Totara) & Room 2 (Kahikatea) together **3:00pm**; Room 3 (Rimu) **3:30pm**;  
Room 4 (Pohutukawa) **4:00pm**; Room 6 (Kowhai) & Room 7 (Matai) together **4:30pm**.

*Please note: Meet the Teacher for Room 5 Nikau will happen when Mr de Vega returns from overseas.*

- **Full summer uniform is compulsory for all students.** That includes the school sunhat. Any student without a hat on during playtime and lunchtime, must stay in the specified shaded areas of the school grounds. Footwear must be flat soled sandals – preferably Roman sandals. They must be black, brown or blue. Hair must be neat and tidy. Long hair is to be tied back with blue or black hair ties. Children with pierced ears must wear plain studs only. Fingernail polish is not part of our school uniform.  
**The Uniform Shop is open from 8am -5pm each day at their shop, 115 Ellis Street, Frankton. Please note they will not be selling uniforms at school. However, we have just arranged to stock the sun hats at school so they can be purchased from the school office for \$12.00 each.**
- **School begins each day at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.** It is really important for your child to start the day on time, particularly at our school as we start each day with prayer..
- **Absent children.** We have electronic roll keeping, so please, it is important that if your child is going to be late or away from school, you need to contact the school first thing in the morning and leave a reason for the absence on the answerphone, **843.6554**. Alternatively, you can record your child's absence using the school app. The roll is taken at 8:50 each morning. Late children will be recorded and unexplained absences will be entered into the system as such. So it is important to inform the school before 8:50am.

### **New School App**

Parents, you are able to download our school app onto your Android or Apple device to access these wonderful features.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.appswiz.stpius&hl=en>



<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/st-pius-x-melville/id1110641071?mt=8>



- **All children are to have their stationery by the beginning of Week 3.** Stationery has been done differently this year where you were able to either order your pack on line or pick it up. I realise it is an expensive time of the year, so if you cannot pay for these books before the stated time please contact the office if you want assistance – **phone 843.6554** or email me [principal@stpius.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpius.school.nz). Your children do not need to miss out. Because stationery has been separated from the school we have attached our other school costs to this newsletter. Again, if there is any difficulty meeting these costs please contact me.
- **Driveway Safety.** For the safety of our students and staff please **DO NOT** drive down the driveway before school and at home time.
- **Cell phones and toys.** Children are asked not to bring cell phones and toys to school. However, I do realise that some children have cell phones at school for emergencies. The rule is that if a child is seen using their phone without permission, it will be confiscated.
- **Lunches .** Fridays only from Tommos Bakery. The menu is sent with this newsletter. Please follow the instructions for ordering. There is also the option to order on line through [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz) these are available every day of the week.
- **A reminder -** NO lollies, chewing gum or fizzy drinks are to be brought to or consumed at school.
- **Swimming.** Swimming for Rooms 1,2,3 and 7 starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February through to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 are the following week 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

# Invoice for School Payments

GST No. 55-167-826

## 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.

**Please pay as soon as possible**

Footsteps	\$10.00
Swimming	\$15.00
RE Levies	\$ 7.00
Photocopy levy	\$25.00

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\$57.00 **Years 1 & 2**

Year 3-8 Mathletics	\$ 6.00
Spelling Books	\$15.00

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\$ 78.00 **Years 3 to 6**

Year 7& 8 Manual Fees	\$66.00
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\$144.00 **Years 7 & 8**