St Pius X Catholic School

To Learn Love

To Learn WisdomThe Way We Are

Te Kura o Hato Paea

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

It was a wonderful family time away, but it is good to be back on New Zealand soil. I think when travelling one comes to appreciate their own environment.

A big thank you to Ms Vanxay and the teachers for starting the term off so well.

A reminder that it is our **Grandparent Duffy Assembly tomorrow**. Please encourage grandparents, including adopted grandparents, such as a neighbour or someone who is supportive of your child, to come along. It is our chance to say thank you for the wonderful contributions they make in the life of our school.

Mission day is next week. Notices regarding this will have gone home with your child (particularly for the junior classes). Money raised on Mission Day goes to Caritas, which is a Catholic aide organisation.

School Calendar I have put in as many dates as possible for this term to help with your planning, as this time of the year gets extremely busy. You may have noticed that we are experimenting a bit with the end of year activities. We are looking at having a liturgy and items from the classes based on Christmas, as well as farewelling the Year 8 students, this will be in the Church.

The certificates that we have given out in the past will be done at an assembly during the school day. Date to be confirmed. We will be seeking feedback on these changes.

A BIG WELCOME to Kenley Green (Year 1, Totara) & Johnpaul Pious (Year 6, Kowhai) who started at St Pius X this week.

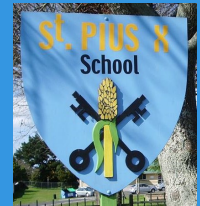We are glad to have you join our school community.

God Bless
Jane Rutherford

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Calendar of Events

St. Pius X School

October

26th	Grandparents Duffy Assembly
31st	Mission Day

November

1st	All Saints Day –School Mass 9am
9th	Creative day
14th	Room 6/7 Mass
15th	Possible date for school athletics
21st	Class Mass Rooms 4&5
26th	Rainbows End Years 7&8
28th –30th	Middle school outdoor education Activities
28th	Junior School Mass

December

3-7	Years 7&8 School Camp
4-6	Junior School Outdoor camp
12th	Final School Mass 9am
13th	Prizegiving assembly (school time)
17th	Liturgy and farewell to Year 8's 6pm.
18th	Last day—school finishes 12noon.

St Pius X Creative Day

Coming up on the 9th of November is our whole school creative morning from 8.45am – 10.30am. There are three categories.

- Floral arrangement
- Iced biscuit or cake decorating
- Fruit and/or vegetable creation

Each child is only required to enter **at least one** of the above categories **or** if they are feeling super creative they may enter more than one.

Biscuits or cakes can be decorated at home and brought into school. All the decorating of these edible items must be completed by your child without parent involvement. Families that aren't great at baking can still enter this category by using plain bought biscuits and decorating them with icing.

The floral arrangement and fruit/vegetable creations must be arranged and constructed at school in the morning. Children requiring support with the cutting of any fruit or vegetables into various shapes can be provided this support at home. But the putting together of flowers/creations must be done independently at school.

We look forward to seeing the many creative and imaginative displays made by your talented children.

Monthly spiritual fuel-up and social time:

Friday 26th October Fr Danny will be available for Reconciliation from 2.30pm so feel free ot pop in before picking up the kids (Confession guide supplied). . Meet by the Marian alcove at 3.30 for communal prayer and a decade of the rosary. Social time after - we will go the school playground if the weather is good. All ages welcome, little ones through to adults. Contact Rosemary 0276999451 rosemary.f.roberts@gmail.com for more info.