

Advent

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



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Calendar of Events



December

- 17th *Whole School Liturgy and Farewell to Year 8's 6pm.*
- 18th *Last day—school finishes 12noon.*

February

- 4th *Children return to school*



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

This is the final newsletter for the year so I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year, be it attending meetings or interviews, on the sports side lines, transporting children, to chatting to the teachers down the driveway. All this adds to the spirit of our school so a big thank you from all the staff.

Keanu Watene & Raidy Tuliau Tuua were selected to play for the Maori under 11 Tainui Rep Team. Congratulations to both boys.

Reports: These will go out for the Year 4 –8 students tomorrow (Friday).

Monday Liturgy: - 6pm—in the Church. The format for this is opening prayer then the story of Christmas, mostly in song, with every class involved. So it is important that all children attend. The children will be sitting in class groups and not with parents. Some classes have asked their class to dress up for their item, others may come in mufti. There will be four awards given: the Catholic Character award, the Mainfreight award and South Hamilton Lioness award. The evening will end with a farewell to our Y8 students.

The junior school is being replaced by a brand new building at the start of next year, so our two junior classes will be starting the year off in the hall. The teachers have already got exciting plans for this space. It is likely they will be in it for at least a term and a half. Exciting times.

May God Bless you over this Christmas and holiday season.

Jane Rutherford





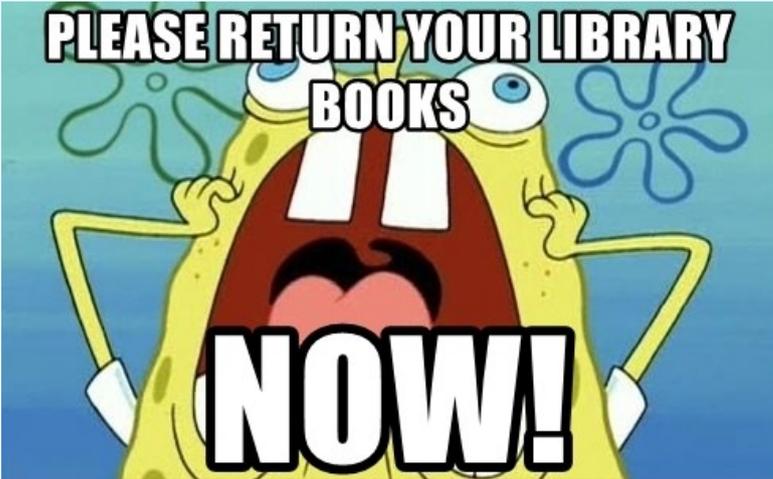
2019 Stationery

Stationery for years 2—8. Please refer to the letter with this Newsletter or you can go to the school website

<http://www.stpius.school.nz/>

Or click [here](#) and go to Important Notices.

Year 1 can purchase their stationery from the school in the New Year. It is a closed pack and will cost \$19.50.

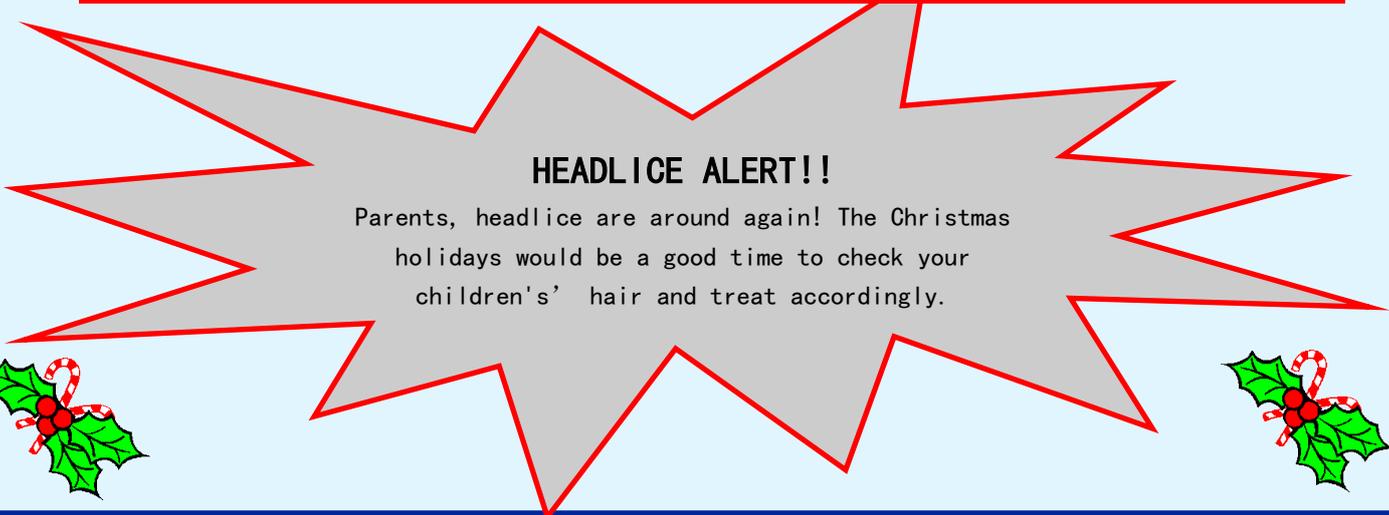


PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

NOW!

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There are still a few families who have not returned their library books. Please check your child's bag for the overdue notices so you know which books to look for.



HEADLICE ALERT!!

Parents, headlice are around again! The Christmas holidays would be a good time to check your children's' hair and treat accordingly.





Summer holidays!



There are summer holiday programmes available. Please click [here](#) for more information.

What's happening on your Board of Trustees

Last night the BOT had their regular monthly meeting. Here is a short summary of the decisions they made on your behalf.

- Reviewed the first draft of the 2019 school budget.
- Had a report on the proposed Peacockes development.
- The BOT was presented with a report on Special Education within the school.
- The BOT was presented with a report about this years Reading Recovery programme.
- The BOT received an oral report about how the Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programmes went.
- The BOT discussed the BOT survey that needs to be completed prior to the Catholic Education Review next year. The BOT had a summary of what the Tomorrows Schools review will be looking to change.



Christmas Blessings to all our

students and their families.

We wish you all a holy, joy-filled Christmas

and a safe, happy, restful holiday.

Merry Christmas from all the St Pius X Staff.