# St Pius X Catholic School Te Kura O Hato Paea Newsletter Week 5 Term 1 Thursday 3rd March 2022





#### Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

It's hard to imagine that we are almost halfway through the first term and what a term it has been so far. I thought I would up-date you on our Covid numbers just to give you an idea on how we are coping. We have 15 children with Covid and 11 living with a family member with Covid. Two staff members are now recovered and

finishing their isolation time. I also want to let you know that the cases we have, none have been passed on at school, but within the family. I hope this information will put your mind at rest about sending your child to school. Finally, thank you for keeping us informed regarding your situation I really do appreciate it.

Regarding absences we really need you to be specific about why your child is absent, for example if they are sick then we code it M or holiday in term time is a G. The reason I am asking this is we have to code a child's absence in our school management system. Thank you.

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians,

### "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

In these troubling times in our country and the world it is a timely message. The traditional Lenten traditions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can be connected to prayer for peace in our country and our world, fasting to strengthen our resolve to do good for others.

Pope Francis says that each year during Lent we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all, they have to be realized each day.'

He concludes his message by reminding us that "the soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity." He invites us, once again, not to grow tired of doing good, and calls us to "believe firmly that 'if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time,' and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others."



Ma te Atua e Maanaki

Jane Rutherford

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#### **NEXT CHAPTER** PARENTING Offering

The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT

### PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things
- over and over again with no result **TOPICS COVERED**

#### COMMUNICATION

#### CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES COMPLIANCE EMPATHY SIBLING RIVALRY TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES SETTING LIMITS PAUSE TIME IN ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH PERSONALITY TYPES PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT QUALITY TIME

#### **IDEAL FOR** GROUPS INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIIENDS

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### []()]]](()]](()]]() NTACT

If any of your contact details have changed, for example, address, phone number or email, you can now click HERE and fill in the form. This is particularly important during these uncertain times should we need to contact you regarding a sick child. It is equally important that we have a number for an emergency contact if we can't reach you or other caregivers.

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## Today's Menu

#### FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

If your child wishes to have their lunch purchased from Tommo's Bakery on a Friday, please choose from the menu below and make sure they have the correct money (we don't hold any change in the office). They are to come and see Mrs Maree in the office before the end of playtime (11.00am)

	Mince & Cheese Pie	\$3.50
1	Apple Pie	\$3.00
	Chicken Naan Wrap	\$3.50
	Ham Naan Wrap	\$3.50
	Chicken Bagel	\$3.50
	Chicken Roll	\$3.50
	Ham Roll	\$3.50
	Ham Roll	\$3.50
	Savoury	\$2.00
	Choc Chip Muffin	\$2.00
	Blueberry Muffin	\$2.00

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Píus X

<u>Bírthdays—next 7 days</u>

TAPPY Happy Birthday! 👘

