St Pius X Catholic School Te Kura O Hato Paea

Newsletter Week 8 Term 3

Thursday 15th September 2022

MISSION STATEMENT

To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

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Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Maori Language week. It is 50 years since the petition was presented to parliament asking for the retention of Maori language. The challenge to New Zealanders today is to learn a new Māori word a day. I am hoping to put in a new word or phrase in the newsletter to help with this challenge.

You'll be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākonga who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

Mask wearing is no longer required. However if students and teachers want to wear them then that is their freedom to do so.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

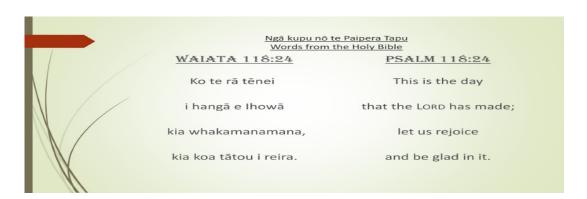
Congratulation to our jump jam team they represented our school brilliantly and we are very proud of them. Kāre koutou i te Kanga.

One reminder—Friends of the school cup of tea tomorrow in the staff room from 8:45am— all welcome.

Please keep our children, who will be making their First Communion this Sunday in your prayers. Photos next week.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Jane Rutherford



Term 3

Important Dates—September

16th Friends of the School

cup of tea

18th First Communion

29th School Mass

Board Meeting

30th Term 3 Holidays

17th October Term 4 Begins

Friends of the School





Are almost here again!!!!

Click on the following link to see what holiday programmes are available

https://www.stpius.school.nz/1/file_sets/20-school-holiday-programmes

Or you can go to our website www.stpius.school.nz and click on **School Holiday Programmes**.

Friday Lunches

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 <u>correct</u> 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 Apple Pie \$3.00 Chicken Naan Wrap \$3.50 Ham Naan Wrap \$3.50 Chicken Bagel Chicken Roll \$3.50 Ham Roll \$3.50 Ham Bagel \$3.50 Savoury Choc Chip Muffin \$2.00

Birthdays

BAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Pius X

September

17th—Sarai—Kea B 19th—Biya—Karearea 20th—Veer—Tui



In Our Community



SuperSmash Hubs

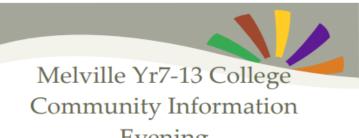
6-week after school programme during Term
4. 6x 1hour sessions for \$30! A wide range of locations set up across Counties Manukau.

Available for year 1-8 students, with girls only programmes available too.

A focus on the fundamental skills, with small modified games.

A direct link to the registration page with all options of registration - https://www.ndcricket.co.nz/district/hamilton





Evening

The Ministry of Education would like to invite you to the first of several community information evenings.

The first community evening will cover information on.

- Boards (Melville High School, Melville Intermediate and Melville Yr7-13 college) and their roles.
- · Where does a new school name come from?
- Uniform.
- · New College structure, key roles and timelines
- Where do you get the most up to date information on the establishment of the new school.
- Next steps that will be taken

The Ministry would also like to invite you to inform us on things that are important to you and your tamariki to finish the hui.

Wednesday September 28th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Venue: Melville Rugby and Sports Club - Collins Road

Any questions can be sent to: inquiries@melvilleyr7-13.school.nz

