



# St Pius X School Newsletter 2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 8 November

School prayer led by  
Giuseppe Sarto

### Tuesday 9 November

BOT Meeting, 5.15pm

### Friday 12 November

Mass – Rickard & Huatoki

### Monday 15 November

School prayer led by  
Josephite

### Friday 19 November

Mass – Pukekura & Josephite

### Sunday 21 November

School Mass, 9am St Joseph's  
Church – COVID dependent

### Monday 22 November

School prayer led by  
MacKillop

### Friday 26 November

Mass – Huatoki & Rickard

### Monday 29 November

School prayer led by  
Pukekura

### Friday 3 December

Mass – Mission & Mere

### Monday 6 December

School Prayer led by Huatoki  
SHGC Orientation, 1pm

### Thursday 9 – Friday 10 December

Year 5/6 Overnight Camp

### Friday 10 December

Mass – Giuseppe Sarto &  
MacKillop

### Monday 13 December

School Prayer led by Rickard

### Tuesday 14 December

School Athletics Day

### Wednesday 15 December

Whole School End Year Mass,  
5.30pm St Joseph's Church

### Friday 17 December

School closes 12.05pm

## Nau mai haere mai. Nau mai hoki mai.

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Please check the dates on the newsletter and also keep an eye on the school app with any further updates so that you do not miss any exciting school events. Please check that you have selected your child's class for individual class notifications on the app. If you are unsure how to do this, Frances is always happy to help.

Unfortunately, due to COVID Level 2 restrictions, we are having to make some adjustments to our usual Term 4 activities and other events we had planned. While we understand that this is disappointing for our students and school community, it is important to remember that all schools are having to make adaptations and changes due to the difficult times we are currently in. We will keep you up to date with any changes when decisions are made.

## Vaccination Mandates - Parent Helpers

As you will be well aware we now have a mandate that all adults (including parents) working or volunteering in schools must be fully vaccinated by January 1, 2022. If you are yet to be vaccinated and are considering doing so, please ensure your first vaccination happens before 15 November. The school will be required to keep a confidential register of the vaccination status of all potential volunteers. More information will be provided when I have confirmation from the Ministries of Health and Education around this.

I will be working closely with the School Board to ensure we enact the correct processes and procedures for this new mandate. I really appreciate the emotion, complexities and outcomes of this mandate and will work to do my very best to lead you through this.

## Class Placements for 2022

This is never an easy or straight forward task as we try our very best to manage the year group numbers, teacher placements and student placements in the best interests of our learners. These decisions are important to maintaining well balanced classrooms across the school and require hours of deep consideration on many levels. Each year we are presented with different scenarios and challenges in order to accommodate varying numbers in each class level. We are, therefore, not in a position to accommodate parent requests in regards to teacher preference, but we would really like to know if you have particular consideration such as peer conflicts etc that may be relevant to be addressed if possible. **If you are yet to inform the school that your child/children will not be here in 2022 please do so now as this has a big impact on our staffing, resourcing and ability to accept new enrolments. Thank you.**

## School Donation

Thank you so very much to our families who have supported the school in paying the school donation this year. This is hugely appreciated and goes a long way to enable us to provide the high level of educational experiences here at St Pius X. Please remember, 33% of the school donation is able to be claimed back as a donation rebate via the IRD.

**Within our Catholic community we empower learners to strive for personal excellence  
and to be future focused**

## School Invoices

As we approach the end of the year, can I please ask that all school accounts are cleared. For those who have balances owing, I encourage you to set up an automatic payment plan now. This will also support you moving into 2022. It can be as little as \$5 per week per child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Anna Wormald  
Tumuaki

## Catholic Character



THIS TERM WE ARE  
LEARNING ABOUT...

**TE KOTAHITANGA  
O TE HUNGA TAPU**



# COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*Each class have been learning about the Communion of Saints Strand.*

*The Communion of Saints is the belief of the Church that all of its members are joined in one great unity (in Christ) of belief and worship of God. This includes those now living and those who have died. The word saint means to be holy. All of God's people are called to be saints. Being in communion means to be connected - like a community. Our Church theology is not just about the 'ME' but the 'WE' so we pray together and for each other!*

*There are special saints that the Catholic Church have canonised (formally acknowledged their saintliness/holiness). You may have heard of saints like Saint Mary, Saint Joseph or Saint Vincent de Paul. They have been canonised for particular reasons. Like Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals as he is a role model of having a deep care for animals and the environment.*

*Saints remind us that God chooses ordinary people that can go onto do extraordinary things!*

 *The Gospel of Saint Matthew encourages us to be more like Jesus. "If you are good, you will be like a candle that shines brightly for everyone to see. And if they see that you are good then they will know that God is good." Matthew 5:15-17*

**EACH CLASS IS NOW BEGINNING THE  
COMMUNION OF SAINTS STRAND**  
**YOU COULD ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- Who are people you look up to? (That might have saintly behaviour or are admirable.)
- Do you know the names of any Saints and why they are special?

What makes Saints such great role models?

What things could you do to be more like Jesus and a disciple of Jesus?

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:**

- Finding a Saint they can relate to.
- Explaining that we can be saints too.
- Praying together for others.
- Keeping people that have passed away in our - thoughts and prayers.

**IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER...**



**ALL SAINTS DAY  
November 1**

**ALL SOULS DAY  
November 2**

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**That November is a special month of remembrance in the Catholic Church?**

On **November 1st** it is **All Saints Day**. This is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the Saints, known and unknown. Have fun investigating different Saints with your child.

On **November 2nd** it is **All Souls Day**. This is when Catholics especially remember all those who have died. You could talk with your child about special people you would like to remember on this day and why they were special.

**We are connected to those that have gone before.**  
**Let us remember to honour and acknowledge those that have passed.**

CONNECTIONS TO WHAKAPAPA / GENEALOGY / TŪPUNA  
THIS CAN ALSO HAVE LINKS TO  
TE WHĀNAU O TE ATUA  
FAMILY OF GOD - WE ARE LIKE ONE BIG WHĀNAU!

**RARANGA** - TO WEAVE  
(PRAYER CAN WEAVE US TOGETHER!)

**HONO** - JOINING / LINKING / CONNECTING  
EG: HE TĀTAI HONO A WAIRUA - JOINED & CONNECTED BY SPIRITUAL LINKS  
HE TĀTAI HONO A WHAKAPAPA - JOINED & CONNECTED BY GENEALOGICAL LINKS



## Mission Shop Day

A huge thank you to all our school whānau for your support of our Mission Shop Day held last Friday. A grand total of \$3142.00 was raised for 'Conductive Education.' Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students and their parents for making this such a success. Thanks also to Mrs McIntosh and Miss Radford for providing the opportunity for our young people to engaged in such a worthwhile learning project. We certainly missed our parents and extended whānau on the day – let's hope we can return to this in 2022.



## General Notices

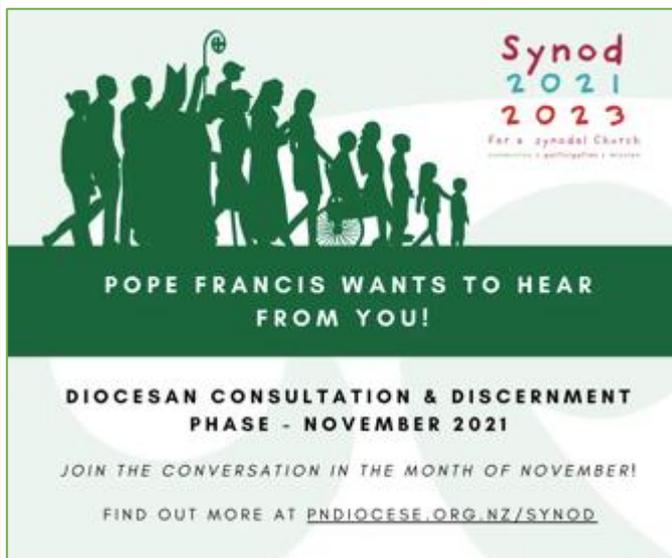
### School Photos

Your child's photo proof card and order access code has been sent home. To order your child's individual, sibling and /or class photos go to [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz) enter your child's individual KeyCode.

### Christmas Cards

With Christmas fast approaching I know many children like to give Christmas cards to one another. We do ask that sweets, including candy canes are **NOT** included in the card giving.

## Parish Notices



### **Let Us Dream - A Synodal Church**

Pope Francis is asking every Diocese in the world to begin a local process of listening and walking together in October 2021. The Synodal process began in Aotearoa NZ with an opening Mass in parishes Sunday 17 October.

Listen to Cardinal John's homily "Let's Make it an Adventure"

here: <https://tumanako.pndioocese.org.nz/2021/10/lets-make-it-an-adventure/>

Groups and individuals will be able to participate in this synodal process, which is to be managed at parish level.

**The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is planning to hold two public consultations for the Synod...**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - 4pm**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 4pm**

**Where: St Joseph's Hall, Devon Street West.**

- Participants are all invited to read the Preparatory Document before the event.
- The Ignatian discernment process will be explained.
- Everyone will be invited to join a labelled table according to the themed questions that they are interested in.
- A facilitator at each table will lead the group through the discernment process to find the discerned response to the questions provided.
- Everyone is welcome to attend.

Individuals can also respond online through the link in the Palmerston North diocesan synodal website. However, a group discernment is the preferred response method.

### **PARISH SMALL GROUPS**

#### **Sunday Gospel reflection**

You are welcome to explore Faith, life & meaning, through 'conversations' in response to the Sunday Gospel reading. For more information email Albert @ [ahjchow@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ahjchow@xtra.co.nz)

- Monday, 9:45 to 11:00am @ St Joseph's supper room
- Thursday, 1:30pm to 2:45pm @ a Fitzroy private residence. For the address, call Tess @ 027 583 7732

#### **'LYFE' group**

'Lyfe' Group for young adults and parents of preschoolers or school aged children. LYFE helps individuals discover and develop a deeper life with God by nurturing a life of Prayer, Word of God, Holy Spirit, witnessing & social justice. To find out more about Lyfe head to <https://biblesociety.org.nz/discover-the-bible/lyfe/>

- Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.45pm via zoom

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176073712?pwd=WVY3WGwvWnpHOFFPOTNBWUNvYnJtUT09> (Meeting ID: 871 7607 3712 Passcode: 775128). NOTE: the link can be accessed from the Parish website

#### **'Unpacking the Mass'**

Searching for new insights or like to understand the Mass? Desiring to enter more deeply into mystery of the Mass? If so, come and be part of the 'Unpacking the Mass' small groups to delve into various elements of the Mass and reflect on Sunday Gospel reading.

Check out Elements of the Mass online series @ <https://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com>

- Tuesday 10:15 to 11:30am @ Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy
- Wednesday, 8:00 to 9:15pm Zoom meeting, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86061602157>

**Snapshots of the week ...**

We warmly welcome Isobelle Khare to  
and her family to St Pius X School ...



Year 5 and 6 River Safety at Topec –  
Mere Class Day 1...



**Community Notices**



**The Open Home Foundation in New Plymouth is looking for Foster Parents.**

We are a Christian, not for profit organisation, dedicated to providing a safe, secure and loving home for all children.

We are looking for Foster Parents in Taranaki who can provide a safe, stable and predictable environment for children who have experienced trauma. We need Foster Parents for Respite Care (when you provide care for a child one weekend a month or a fortnight or sometimes more) and we also have a need for emergency and permanent Foster Parents. You can make a huge difference to a child and you will be supported by social workers 24/7.

If you think you might have room for one more in your home or have any questions please contact Louisa Parker on 021 440169 or email [Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz).



**6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 NOVEMBER | 7.30PM**  
**7, 14 NOVEMBER | 4PM    13 NOVEMBER | 2PM**

SOME SHOWS PRESOLD



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# THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST 2021

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