



St Pius X School Newsletter 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21 September
BOT Meeting, 5.15pm

Thursday 23 September
*School based Cross
Country*

**Wednesday 29
September**
*Learning Conferences,
2.30pm – 7.30pm*

Thursday 30 September
*Learning Conferences,
2.30pm – 7.30pm*

Friday 1 October
Mufti Day

Last day of Term 3

Term 4
Thursday 21 October
School Photos

Monday 25 October
*LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL
CLOSED*

Friday 29 October
*Mission Shop Day – only
held if we are in Level 1*



School Production
Wednesday 1 December
City West Church

2021 Term Dates
Term 4 18 Oct – 17 Dec

Nau mai haere mai. Nau mai hoki mai.

Ko te wiki reo Māori tēnei. Kia kaha tātou katoa kit e tautoko I tēnei kaupapa.
It is Māori language week this week. Let's be as proactive as we can to support this.

- Practise saying some Māori place names together, focusing on correct pronunciation. Test each other.
- Greet each other in Māori at the breakfast table.
- Get your children to teach you the colours, days of the week in Māori.
- Research a whakatauki (Maori proverb) that you as a family connect with. Learn it together.
- Learn the sign of the cross in Māori or a simple prayer.

Sign of the Cross

Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamati o te Wairua Tapu. Amene

Simple Prayer

Nau mai haere mai e hehu Karati ko koe te rawhiti o te ao – Welcome Jesus you are the light of the world.

Well, here we are back at Level 2! It was wonderful to see our learners, whānau and staff reunited in our learning community again last week. We did miss you all! The current COVID situation presents some challenges as we are all aware. We are entering a time where we are learning to embrace uncertainty. A global pandemic is not something we can control. However, we have the power to control how we respond. At St Pius X we have seen the lockdown as an opportunity to reimagine new ways of connecting with each other, engaging in learning and promoting wellbeing.

It is important that during times of disruption and uncertainty such as lockdown that we turn our hearts towards God for courage, comfort and peace. We encourage you to allow these words to find space in your heart: *'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 4:6-7)

I have had a lot of parents and students asking after Tania Dowd, which is lovely. Her surgery went as planned and she is home resting and recovering.

Thank you to parents and whānau

Thank you to our parents and whānau for supporting the home learning. This is a wonderful example of home-school partnership. It was heart-warming to see the photos, videos and other evidence of learning that was happening in lockdown. We appreciate the way you facilitated the learning, connected your children online and encouraged your tamariki to complete tasks. We know this could be challenging when many of you were balancing family life and also working from home. Thank you also for the way you have supported your children in their transition back to school at Alert Level 2. Our tamariki are happy to be back with their friends and teachers again.

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

Thank you to our amazing staff!

I would like to acknowledge our incredible team of teachers, learning assistants and office staff who worked hard throughout lockdown to facilitate learning, connect with our tamariki and communicate with whānau. They were all engaged with this work while also trying to balance family life at home and readjust to life in lockdown again this year.

Cross Country

We have been informed that the New Plymouth Cross Country has been cancelled this year. We are still awaiting the Taranaki Cross Country decision. As a result of this, we have decided to change the format of our school cross country for this year. We will be holding our 'in school' event on Friday 24th September. The Year 5 and 6 students have been involved in designing a cross country track in our own school grounds where they will still run the same distance as in previous years, but there will be some added fun obstacles. For those Middle and Senior competitive school runners, they will run the required distance to find placings in the event that the Taranaki Cross Country goes ahead. Children are asked to come to school on Friday 24th September in their PE uniform. At this stage under Alert Level 2 restrictions, we are not permitted to have any extra adults or parents onsite for this event.

Learning Conferences

As previously communicated, our teacher only day scheduled for Friday 24th September has now been cancelled. Teachers have been busy writing reports during the lockdown time and are currently completing assessments needed for reporting. Very shortly you will receive online booking information for the Learning Conferences which are now scheduled for Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th September from 2.30pm - 7.30pm. Parents may wish to collect their children from 2pm on those two days, otherwise they will be supervised until 3pm in the hall.

Rickard class conferences will take place sometime in Term 4 when Tania Dowd returns to school.

Mufti Day



We are having a Mufti Day on Friday 1st October. All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Mellowpuff Charitable Trust.

"The Mellowpuff Charitable Trust was set up in May 2006 in memory of Melissa Long who passed away after a five year battle with Cancer, aged 17 years.

During the time Melissa was sick the family received a wide variety of help from family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and schools in the Spotswood community.

Melissa's dying wish to her father Terry was to repay the support by using the funds in her bank account to assist other Taranaki children who were going through similar adversity.

It was decided amongst loved ones to act on Melissa's wish so with the help of special people the Mellowpuff Charitable Trust was formed."

To read more about the Trust, please click on the website link - <https://www.mellowpufftrust.co.nz>

E te Atua e manaaki ki a koutou katoa

May God Bless you all

Anna

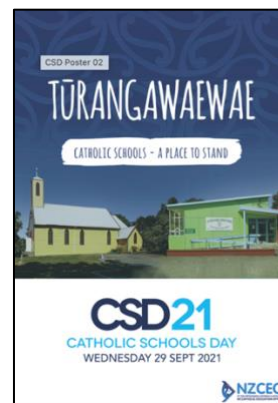
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Social Justice Week

This week is Social Justice Week 2021. Social Justice week runs from the 12th-18th of September and this year highlights the Beatitudes with the theme of encounter and community. The aim is to encourage us to BE the Church through our daily lives and the way we encounter others. This is such an important message for us as we transition into Alert Level 2 and the Auckland region continues in Level 4. The way we interact, help, support and reach out to one another is how we show the face of Christ here on earth. Social Justice Week challenges us to keep that in the forefront of our minds. Check out the Caritas [website](#) for more information and details.

Catholic Schools Day

This year we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Day on Wednesday 29 September. This is a special day to celebrate and showcase who we are to our communities. The theme of Catholic Schools Day 2021 is – Tūrangawaewae: Catholic Schools – A Place to Stand. We had planned to gather with the other two Catholic Schools in New Plymouth for Mass, however due to the current COVID restrictions we have decided to celebrate this day in our own schools.



Sport

Thank you to everyone for completing the sports forms promptly online. This format worked really well for us and made the whole process much easier to manage. Information for each team will be sent out before the end of Term 3. We look forward to the sporting opportunities that will be available in Term 4. Thank you in advance to those parents who have volunteered to coach and manage teams.

Snapshot of the week ...

We warmly welcome Kenzie Greiner, Alex Mathew, Martin Anish and their families to St Pius X School.



Krystyna Wells and Jessica Rabe recently completed their piano exams. Both girls received a High Distinction which is the highest grade that can be achieved. Wow! We are so proud of your amazing effort girls.

Caden Yeow competed in the Taranaki Reps for Badminton last weekend and was placed 1st in the Under 13 age group. Fantastic effort, Caden!

Home and School

Due to recent lockdown we had to postpone the school disco and Music Quiz, we are hoping to be able to reschedule this once we are back down to level 1.

Tea towel orders can be sent in once Auckland are at level 3 so if there are any more orders please email office@stpiusx.school.nz

A lot of unknowns at the moment but hopefully we can get back to normal soon.

Community Notices

Students who plan to attend FDMC and SHGC in 2022 who are interested in Surfing. Please contact Tony Basile tba@fdmc.school.nz. Confidence in the sea is a prerequisite.



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