



Thursday 18 November, 2021

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students

As we are nearing the end of the 2021 school year, we are writing to update you on the plans for our Year 6 students in light of the current COVID situation. We have waited as long as possible to make these decisions in the hope that we could continue to hold our planned events. Due to the significant time it takes to organize events, we need to make the changes now. As we are still in Level 2 in Taranaki, we have had to make some changes to our usual way we celebrate the end of our school year. While this is not the outcome we would have liked, we are doing everything possible to make sure our students end their time at St Pius X in a memorable way.

Graduation – Wednesday 15th December, 5.30pm

Due to our restrictions of 100 people, we have decided that we will hold a Year 6 leavers liturgy in Philomena Hall followed by a light supper in the Mere/Huatoki classroom area.

Each Year 6 student will be able to bring only two adult family members with them to this evening. We appreciate this is difficult for families, however we are required to adhere to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines. All adults will be socially distanced in the hall and will be asked to wear masks, sanitise hands on entry and sign in using the Covid QR Code. We have planned a lovely liturgy which will conclude with presentations to our Year 6's and a celebration of their time at St Pius X.

Camp – Thursday 9th – Friday 10th December

A form of camp will still go ahead, this will include two days of activities. Unfortunately we are unable to safely offer overnight camping.

Thursday 9th – 10 pin bowling and mini putt, activities at school, dinner at school, Aquatic Centre after dinner. Students to be collected from the Kawaroa Playground area at 8.15pm

Friday 10th – in school activities

More specific details will be sent home in a separate camp activities letter.

Last Day of School - Friday 17 November

We will be celebrating Mass in Philomena Hall at 9am as a whole school. At the conclusion of Mass the Year 6 students will receive a special blessing from the priest.

The whole school will then gather again at 11.50, hopefully on the outside area in front of the school, for us all to give our final farewell to the Year 6 students as they leave the school grounds.

Other event cancellations:

Year 6 Combined Catholic Schools' Retreat Day

Road Patrollers Day

SHGC and FDMC Orientation Days

We understand these changes are difficult, however we have endeavoured to continue to create memories for our children in different ways, opposed to cancelling all planned events.

Thank you for your support and understanding

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