



# St Pius X School Newsletter 2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday 26 November

Mass – Huatoki & Rickard

### Monday 29 November

School prayer led by  
Pukekura

### Wednesday 1 December

Mufti Day

### Friday 3 December

Mass – Mission & Mere  
Yarrows Orders to be  
collected

### Monday 6 December

School Prayer led by Huatoki

### Thursday 9 – Friday 10 December

Year 5/6 Activity Days

### Friday 10 December

Mass – Giuseppe Sarto &  
MacKillop

### Monday 13 December

School Prayer led by Rickard

### Tuesday 14 December

School Athletics Day

### Wednesday 15 December

Year 6 only Liturgy,  
Philomena Hall, 5.30pm

### Friday 17 December

Whole School Mass, 9am  
Philomena Hall  
School closes 12.05pm

### 2022 Term Dates

Term 1 3 Feb – 14 April

Term 2 2 May – 8 July

Term 3 25 July – 30 Sept.

Term 4 17 Oct – 16 Dec.

### Teacher Only Days in 2022

Term 1 TBC

Friday 19 August

End Term 3 TBC

**Nau mai haere mai. Nau mai hoki mai.**

### End of Year arrangements

As we are nearing the end of the 2021 school year, there is an update on our end of year celebrations. 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 organise events, we needed to make changes last week. As we are still in Level 2 in Taranaki, we are not be able to celebrate the end of our school year as we usually do. While this is not the outcome we would have liked, we are doing everything possible to make sure our Year 6 students and their families end their time at St Pius X in a memorable way. Due to the gathering restrictions of 100 people, we have decided that we will hold a Year 6 leavers liturgy in Philomena Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. This will be for our Year 6 students only, supported by two family members.

We will hold a whole school mass on the last day of Term 4 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in Philomena Hall. Further details about parent attendance at this Mass will be dependent on updated guidance for schools on the traffic light system which takes effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

There will be a special farewell with the Year 5's leading the haka as the Year 6 leaders leave the school grounds for the final time on Friday at 12.05pm. It is hope this will be held outside on the hard court area.

### School Website

We are very excited to share that we have a new school website that is now live for you to view - <https://stpiusx.school.nz/>

You will note that this also links to our school app and face book page so is a one stop shop!

### School Reporting Survey

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey sent out on the school app recently. It is really important for us to have your feedback to inform our ongoing home and school partnership. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete this, please click the link below by Monday 29 November. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/gOgJ2QzSrHo733wy5>

### School Organisation and Staffing 2022

I am thrilled to advise that we have recently appointed Sheree Perrett to a permanent full time position at our school starting in 2022. Sheree is replacing Whaea Megan who I have previously communicated has accepted a position with Te Ataarangi as a teacher of Te Reo Māori for 2022. Sheree is currently teaching at St Joseph's School in Hawera and is returning to live in New Plymouth.

Bree Russell will continue in a fixed term position for 2022 while Madeline Wells is taking extended maternity leave.

We have not yet appointed a New Entrant teacher to start in Term 3, 2022.

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

Our school organisation for 2022 is as follows:

Junior Team		Middle/Senior Team	
Anne Dent – Pukekura	Year 1/2	Emma McIntosh - Mere	Year 5/6
Stacey McEwan - Mission	Year 1/2	Jade Harrison – Huatoki	Year 5/6
Bree Russell	Year 2/3	Sheree Perrett - Josephite	Year 3/4
To be confirmed	New Entrants (Term 3 & 4)	Jacinta Radford - MacKillop	Year 3/4

### Class Placement for 2022 and Stationery Lists

**On Monday 13 December** all children who are the eldest in the family will receive an envelope which will include – class placement for 2022, stationery requirements, a notice regarding beginning of year procedures and a notice regarding school donation information for 2022.

### End of Year Accounts

We would appreciate all school accounts to be paid by the end of the school year.

### School Donations

Did you know ... that your school donation of \$150 covers many of the following student activities and resources:

- Individual Class Expenses
- Activity/Cultural/School-wide performance costs
- Bus fares for whole school events, e.g. Production, Dance Extravaganza, Church visits (e.g. Catholic Schools Day), and Catholic Cluster Athletics Sports in Inglewood
- Life Education Trust
- RE Digital Programme
- IT, Copyright and Photocopy Levy

### 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.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Anna Wormald  
Tumuaki

### Catholic Character

#### Advent - Preparation for Christmas

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of **Advent**. Advent is a term from the Latin word 'adventus' which means "arrival". It is a time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas, the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem about two thousand years ago.

In Advent, we have a symbol of the Advent wreath. This is usually made out of green foliage and has 4 candles, 3 purple and 1 pink. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, of His eternity and endless love, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God.



The Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world following in the footsteps of Jesus. The four candles symbolize the 4 weeks of Advent.

Each Sunday of Advent one of the candles is lit. The first candle we light is a purple one for Hope. Next week, we will light 2 candles – both purple. The second week's theme is Peace. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, we light the 2 purple and now the pink one. This celebrates Joy – the joy of getting ready for the birth of Jesus. On the 4<sup>th</sup> week, we light all of the candles. The last week of Advent's theme is love. The love of God who gave his only son to us.

## **Home and School**

### **Mufti Day for the Gala Lucky Bottle**

The Home & School Committee would like to invite students to wear mufti to school next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and in return bring a bottle (or more) for our Gala Lucky Bottle Stall. There will be a section for under 18's and a section for over 18's so we welcome anything from a bottle of juice to a bottle of wine. There will be boxes outside the staffroom for students to put the bottles in when they arrive at school. We would love to receive a variety of bottles, but remember to send along something you would be happy to win back!

### **YARROWS COOKIE AND CROISSANT COLLECTION**

Cookie and Croissant orders will be available for collection from the school hall on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 2.30-3.30pm**. Please ensure you follow COVID regulations when collecting your order.

If you are unable to collect your order during this time please make arrangements for someone else to collect it on your behalf as we do not have freezer capacity to hold orders.

As items are frozen they need to be collected and returned to the freezer as soon as possible.

### **Tea towel fundraiser**

A huge thank you to Rebecca Morresey and Abigail Rilkoﬀ for their organisation and work with the tea towel fundraiser. Thank you also to those families who supported this, which raised \$1693.00.

### **St Pius X Gala - 6 March 2022**

Having had a year of many cancellations of sports events, school productions, Christmas at the bowl, parades, and lights, we are planning to run our school gala to have a fun day for kids early in 2022.

We are raising money towards a SECOND PLAYGROUND by the bottom courts.

Gala planning is underway, we ask that you support this day in any way you can - donations, volunteering time, running a stall you can email any ideas to [stpiusxhomeschool@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxhomeschool@gmail.com)

We are planning on running the ever popular white elephant stall so perfect time to have a pre Christmas clear out, we would welcome donations of **sellable** items ??? details of drops offs.

### **Inglewood Lions Maize Maze**

We will shortly be sending out the opportunity to purchase tickets through the school app for the ever popular Maize Maze which is due to open in Inglewood in mid January.

Family Pass \$25 (**Valued at \$35**)

2 Adults + 3 Children (U15)

OR 3 Adults + 1 child (U15)

For every family pass sold, \$10 gets donated back to our school - **GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!**

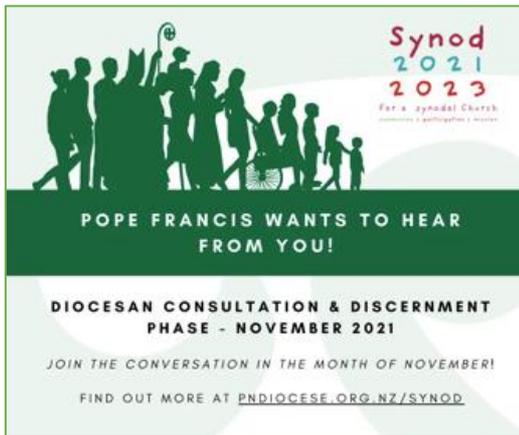
So watch out for this coming out on the app.

## **Snapshots of the week ...**

**We warmly welcome Bella Bordiss  
and her family to St Pius X School ...**



## 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 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.

## Community Notices

### Adventure Holiday Programmes Dec 2021 and Jan 2022

These holidays we have a range of holiday programmes to cater for every child. Spaces limited, OSCAR available. Based at Fitzroy School. Book now at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz)

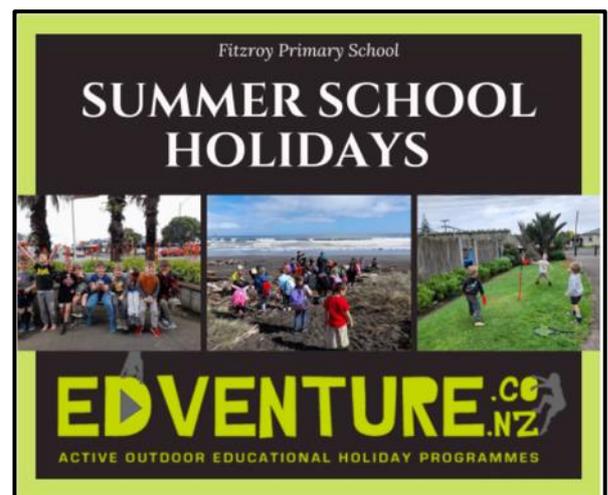
**Adventure Everyday** - Arts, crafts, fun and games, 5-13 year olds. \$45/day, Dec 16-24, Jan 10-28

**Adventure Outdoors** - Head offsite, activities including archery, snorkelling, tramping, surfing etc 8-13 year olds, \$75/day, Dec 20-22, Jan 24-28

**Adventure Surf School** - Surfing lessons, water safety, SUP. 8-13 year olds. \$75/day, Jan 24-28

**Adventure Sports** - Drills, skills, modified games and different sports. 5-13 year olds, \$45/day, Jan 17-21

**Adventure Dance Academy** - Dance, yoga mindfulness. 5-13 year olds, \$55/day, Jan 17-21



### **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).



OPEN HOME FOUNDATION  
PRESENTS

# THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST 2021

**Contest runs from the 20th of  
August to 8 December  
For full terms and conditions  
please see the website.**

**[OHF.ORG.NZ/Contest](https://OHF.ORG.NZ/Contest)**



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