

Special points of interest:

- First Holy Communion
- Variety Show
- Team Tuesdays



Kia Ora friends and families,

I began writing this newsletter from Auckland on a beautiful spring evening, where I spent the week working alongside Sister Lucille and Neil Laurenson from the Catholic School's office on a Special Character Review at a school in Flat Bush, Botany. This was a Professional learning opportunity that has been offered to Catholic Principals through the Catholic School's Office and Primary Principal's Association. I learned a huge amount after reading a box full of documentation on the first day. However the highlight was going into the school as part of a team that reviews the School's Catholic Character. The principal of the school basically is open to sharing everything about their school as part of this review, and it was certainly a privilege to be allowed this opportunity. I came away totally inspired as well as reassured of how great our school is, along with ideas to put into our 2012 plan. Next year the review team will be passing through Kaitia on their way to review another school, but have asked if they can stop for a visit and look around Pompallier as well, I was very pleased to say we would love them to visit as we have an amazing team and school.

THE CAMPERS RETURNED—HAPPY and well fed!

THANK YOU everyone who in any way helped, contributed towards and supported Mrs Carey, Mr McDonald and Miss Cross with taking our Y5-Y8 students to Mangawhai heads for the annual camp. I have heard a few of the camp stories—and they certainly make me wish that I had been there! I look forward to all the photos and video clips that were taken. We had a debriefing meeting this week and made tentative plans of what could be improved for planning our next camp. We have not yet decided when this will take place, but you will be kept informed on the progress! We are truly thankful for **everyone's** help and positive attitudes that made the 2011 camp so successful. I would however like to acknowledge two people who helped out with a huge cost towards the food which made it possible for everyone to be fed so well. Thank you Paul Harris for your donation of meat and also to Geoff Moore from Bells for your generosity! We had a huge response to our request for help for this camp and it is truly appreciated. We would not be able to offer these

opportunities to our students without your great parent support.

LOST AND FOUND

Mr Mac is missing his First Aid Kit which he took to camp—has anyone found it?!! It is green. He is **DESPERATE** to find it! He may even buy you a coffee everyday for a week as a reward!

VARIETY SHOW 2011

The school is humming with excitement about this evening's show. Mr Mac and Mr Gunn have spent a couple of lunchtimes auditioning the students who are very keen to show off their talents and entertain us all. I hope you all received the Notice that came home on Monday about our variety show. We are in for a fun evening—I am certainly praying that the weather holds for ONE more evening!!!

Religious Education

As part of the review that I am on this week, we look at the Religious Education curriculum area. This has reminded me to talk about an important aspect of this curriculum area. At the end of each learning strand in RE, teachers send the students' books home for you to look at and comment on. This not only helps to strengthen our home / school partnership, we also (as do your children) value your input and ideas on your child's learning. Part of this process also provides the opportunity for rich and interesting discussion with your child/ren. The books will be coming home in the next couple of weeks (end of week 5) when the Communion of Saints Strand is completed. Please take this opportunity to share your child's learning with your whanau and comment in the book to show you value their learning and effort. As a school, we treasure the Religious Education Work Books and expect our students to look after them and treat them with care. They are a resource to be proud of.

Team Tuesdays

You may have heard from your child/ren or at Prayer Assembly on Monday, that we have started up a whole school "Buddy System". This is called Team Tuesday, and will take place every Tuesday afternoon. All the students have been paired up with a student in another class to read together for 15 minutes. This will be followed by a whole school activity, which for the next few weeks is Jump Jam. We have always been proud of the great relationships between all our students and the way that the older students care for our younger ones. This is an extension of this friendship building and the Key Competency : Relating to others. As you will see in Piwakawaka's page in this newsletter, the first day was very successful and teacher's are feeling

positive about their student's interactions. At this stage the "Buddy time" will be focused on reading, but in time we will try other learning areas and ideas using this model.

2012 Changes

The new year usually brings about some changes, and 2012 will be no different. We have both sad and happy news to share with our community. Our sad news is that we will be saying farewell to two very special people who started their journey with us two years ago. Mr McDonald and Miss Clarke will be moving on at the end of the year. As a staff and school community, we are very sad to say farewell to them, as they have become friends as well as colleagues. The students that have been with them have been very lucky to have had them as teachers for so many different reasons. The BOT and I have valued their contributions to our school and community and we will miss them next year. We wish them well and pray that they are blessed in their new endeavours.

CELL PHONES

A quick reminder to parents and students, that we **do not allow** students to have access to their cell phones at school.

If for any reason your child needs their cell phone after school, they may drop it into the office before school begins for the day and collect it at 3pm. If I (or your child's teacher) suspect that a child has their phone at school, it will be confiscated. Thank you for supporting us all in this matter.



VALUES

This week's value has been INTEGRITY - others can rely on you. The Gospel reading on Sunday was from Matthew's Gospel 25: 31-46. This was about what Jesus expects from us as His followers. In summary; showing the Acts of Mercy by taking care of others. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, he relied on His followers to keep on with His teachings. He had to rely on others to evangelise and keep His teachings alive. We try to teach this value to our students and truly appreciate how you as parents and whanau support us in this—our values are not just for school—they are for everyday life.

Please read our Message from the Board of Trustees and the Parish Council on the loose pages.

God Bless, Michele Mill

Special Character Column

First Holy Communion

This term a group of students will be taking their first steps in their Catholic faith journey and will be celebrating their *First Holy Communion*.

This is the second rite of passage after baptism in the 7 sacraments. First Communion is the first reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist - the taking of bread and wine. The Eucharist is considered as one of the central focuses of the Catholic Church as not only are we remembering Christ's last meal, we believe in transubstantiation - that Christ is actually present in the bread and wine.

This is a very important day in the lives of these children and they are currently attending weekly lessons leading up to their special day to learn more about this highlight in their path. We are lucky enough that this event coincides with our **Family Mass on 27th November and the First Sunday of Advent**, this is also the beginning of our Liturgical Year. See you there!



Please pray for the following children who are preparing to receive their first communion.

Nathan Edwards	Pita Taylor
Shannon Edwards	Milan Carey
Zara Tracey	Mateja Matijevich-Wiki
Jayden Tracey	Gracie Rae-Winterstein
Jake Aspin	Mario Baker
Ryan Aspin	Katie Thompson
Phoebe Hone-Moore	Emily Hewitt
Jessica Hone	Danny Greenall
Siobhan Hassan	Hunter Masters
Rylee Windelborn	Courtney Hammond
Danielle Wintraecken	Blake Hammond
Renei Thaggard	Chayse Olsen

Blessings on your path

Jonathan McDonald

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Kaimānga :
Food for
thought

Your imagination is your preview of life's
coming attractions.
Albert Einstein



November 2011

December 2011

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 5	21	22	23 Newsletter Variety Show 	24	25	26	27 1st Holy Communion & FAMILY MASS 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Week 6	28	29	30	1 December	2 Mass Te Kahu, Kea, Pukeko Assembly	3	4
Week 7	5 Y8 Retreat	6 Y8 Retreat Maori Consultation Hui	7 Newsletter	8 Whole School Mass Immaculate Concep- tion	9 Praise Giving	10	11
Week 8	12 Te Kahu Outing to Lake Ngatu	13 Junior's Christmas Party Outing	14 Junior Switzer Visit End of Year Mass	15 Classroom Cleaning Day	16 Pompallier Pool Party & Tabloids	SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS	
	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Mass: Waiharara 7pm Midnight Mass : Kaitaia	25 Christmas Day Mass 9am : Kaitaia

As always we try to keep you informed well in advance of what's happening around school—I hope this little calendar helps us all to remember what is happening at our busy school. We usually send out a flyer, when appropriate, as a gentle reminder, and sometimes this is 24 hours before. **Please note the days that support your child's faith journey and help them to attend celebrations that are not necessarily during school hours.**

TERM 1 2012 begins Tuesday 31 January

Maori Consultation Hui

Please join us on Tuesday Evening, 6th December 2011. We will meet from 5.30pm—6.30pm. We hope to see you there!!!

*****HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION Term 4 Week 3/5*****

(All answers are in this newsletter)

(50 points per student for every correct answer handed in by Friday 3pm)

When does our new Church year begin ?

ANSWER: _____

NAME: _____

HOUSE GROUP: _____

Summer Opportunity !

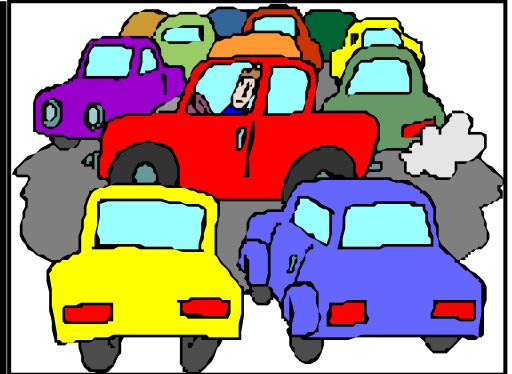
Far North Surf Rescue Nippers program will run every Sunday over summer starting 6th November, from 10.00 – 12.00pm on the Foreshore in front of the Pouwhenua. We take children from the age of 7. This is a safe, fun and educational experience where children gain valuable knowledge and understanding of the beach environment. The cost for the season is \$10 per child up to a maximum of \$20 per family. Children must be registered and have paid before commencing this program. For any enquiries please phone Simon Smith on 4094800.

Keyboard/Piano Lessons.

Margaret Matthews has places available to start lessons in 2012. Students are released from class for a 30 minute lesson each week. Tuition charge is \$20 per 30 minute lesson. Students need to have either a piano or keyboard to practise on and be prepared to practise regularly at home. Ideally children commence piano tuition at age 7. Information and enrolment sheets are available from the school office or phone Margaret 408-7476 mob:-0273577652



Message from the Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees has employed two new teachers for the 2012 year.

These teachers will be a part of the junior syndicate.

Mrs de Beer, who is currently in the Kiwi room with Mrs Watson will be teaching the Year 2's.

Mrs Swires has been appointed as a Catholic Tagged teacher and will be teaching the Year 3's.

Both teachers are experienced and are looking forward to joining our teaching team.

If you have any queries about your child's teacher next year, please contact Mrs Mill.

Thank you, Pompallier Catholic School Board of Trustees

Both the Board of Trustees and the Parish Council would like to notify parents of their concerns in regards to the car park and the drive down to Eden Terrace.

- People are still not adhering to the times where there is no drive through in the carpark—no driving through between 2.55pm and 3.10 pm.
- The entrance is at Dominion Road and the exit is down Eden Terrace—it is a one way at busy times
- At the bottom of the hill there is a STOP sign and you are expected to STOP completely.
- The speed limit in the carpark is 5kph

PIVVARA WARRA WAS EXCITED FOR... Whole School Buddy Reading!

My buddy is Yasmin. I'm as excited as when I get my hip checked! I want to learn how to be an outstanding reader. I reckon Yasmin will be really great reading a book!
~Kira Watson

My buddy is Trent. I am sort of excited to read with my buddy. My buddy is from Tui. I am going to see if he will listen.
~Mario Baker

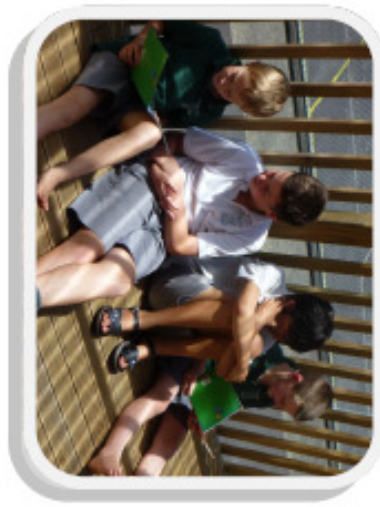
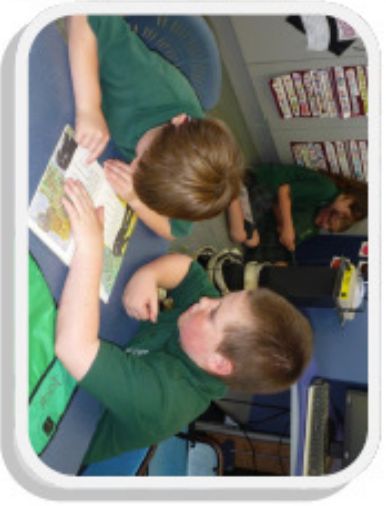
My buddy is Georgia. I am excited to do buddy reading. Georgia is as crazy as a wild monkey! I want to learn hard words and what book level she is on. Georgia is the BEST!
~Katie Thompson

My buddy is Skye. I am as excited as a beautiful butterfly. I love to read. It is extra-ordinary.
~Eternity Hanara

My buddy for reading is Monica Peters. I am very excited about reading with her and I am a good reader too. She is in Kakapo. I want to read with her badly!
~Rylee Windleborn

My buddy is Aaliyah. I can't wait to read her a book. I feel very nervous about reading to her because I've never read to her. I hope she likes my reading.
~Callie Doak

My Partner is Reweti and I'm excited as Christmas. I can't wait to read with him. It's going to be great.
~Hunter Masters



My bud is Ryan Aspin. I am excited to read with him. I want to learn hard words. I like it.
~Milan Carey

My buddy's name is Abby. I am not nervous so I think it will be cool! I am really excited.
~Alexa Ufidur

My buddy is Jada. I'm looking forward to hear Jada reading and want to learn from her how to read so nicely.
~Siobhan Hassan

My buddy is Jos and reading and he is ten years old. He is funny and smart. He can teach me really cool things and will make me learning really good.
~Christopher Wintrecken

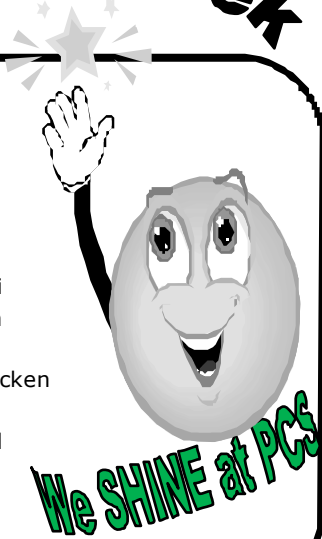
Today I'm going to adopt my buddy for reading and it is... Tia Doak. I am very excited because she and I are good readers and very nice so today we are going to read!
~Lexa Peters

Who is my buddy? I think it is Mystique. I am excited for Buddy Reading. She is really nice. I like her. I am a little bit scared.
~Oceanna Pritchard

My buddy's name is Danielle. I am not nervous at all. I love to read. I am a Duffy Kid so I cannot wait till after lunch so I am jumping for joy and I hope that she enjoys my lovely reading.
~Gracie Rae Winterstein

Star of the Week

Kiwi	Quentin Shanks Ben Thompson
Pukeko	Caolan Price Maani Marsden
Piwakawaka	Danielle Haines Lexa Peters
Kea	Absidy Herewini Hinerangi Smith
Tui	Mystique Leef Danielle Wintaecken Jos Spaans Bradley Hartnell
Kakapo	Teagan Davis Ben Walters
Te Kahu	Tarlynne Sage Sandra Chelatt



WELCOME

We would love to take this opportunity to extend a **warm** welcome our new students and their families !



Daniel Pomare **Kiwi**
Kees Cherington **Kiwi**
Tegan O'Callaghan
Kakapo

SANDPIT ACTION !!

Once the new sandpit toys were purchased everyone was keen to have a go! Proving even the big boys can be creative. What a gigantic volcano!!! All ages worked together to create these tunnels and the skills of negotiating, sharing, discussing, creating and hard work were being practiced! "Mrs Murray please take a photo of our masterpiece", were the pleas... evidence of some sandpit fun!



SANDPIT ACTION !!



**YES WE ARE ALL GEARED UP FOR A FANTASTIC NIGHT
OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY....
YOU!!!**

Come and join the fun and show off your talents! Hand your name into Helen at the office or to Mrs Mill to get onto the programme for the night (for late entries!). We will kick off at 5pm and hope to finish around 8pm. Students are auditioning on Thursday and Friday, parents will be able to show us on the night!

Come and have your dinner at school—bring a picnic blanket or camp chair and be entertained—bring your friends and whanau to join in a great evening with our fantastic students!

We will be selling hot drinks, cakes, sausage sizzles, bacon and egg rolls, wedges, chips, juice and pudding! So support us and make Wednesday your take away dinner night this week! Cheap food !!

Our PTFA will be needing helpers on the night, so if you would like to do this, in between watching the performances, please contact

Susan Wintraecken on
406 7246, or her email is,
swintraecken@xtra.co.nz

Thank you for the support we
have received so far!



NOTICE

I apologise that the newsletter did not get sent out last week, I tried to email it from Auckland and it would not open fully for Helen to print, which is why it never went out.

Since then I have added a page or two, so I will combine it with this week's newsletter on Wednesday!

Maori Consultation Hui

Please join us for this evening on Tuesday 6th December 2011. We will meet from 5.30pm—6.30pm. We hope to see you there!!!



CAKE SALE

We had planned to have a cake sale on Thursday 24th November—our last for 2011. We have now changed this to being a part of the Variety show on

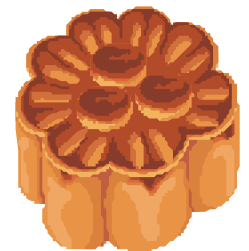


Wednesday. The same procedure still applies—20 house points per plate. (Plates were sent home on Friday with children)

We will collect the cakes on WEDNESDAY morning in the old Kakapo classroom. We will sell as much as we can at the Variety show. If we have any left over cakes, I will sell them outside Beta Bodies on

Thursday—if you would like to assist with this—let me know on Wednesday night!

Thank you for your continued support—we can only grow as a school community with everyone's input.



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Let's meet for a camp debrief on

Monday 21 November

for a prompt 5pm start. Bring along your flashdrive to share photos and ideas for the next camp—where to next?!