

Welcome to **Katie Dunne & Zachary Wagner** who have turned 5 and joined Pipi 😊

We're going to be in Wellington from Tuesday night 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday night 15<sup>th</sup> June. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause for all families - we know that it will cost money for childcare and also mean losing leave days so children can stay at home with either Mum and Dad. Thank you for doing this so that our school can attend the National Catholic Education Conference every three years.



#### School Photos

Took place yesterday. In a couple of weeks' time you will receive a notice with a "shoot-key number" which will have instructions on how to view and purchase your child's photograph and class photos.

P.S. You can see why the teachers need a break to gather their thoughts and to learn more really good stuff to make them even better at Catholic teaching and learning .... LOL Crazy crew.

#### Official Notice

The school is closed June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup> the teachers are attending the Catholic Convention in Wellington.

**Walang pasok sa Hunyo 13, 14 at 15. Ang mga guro ay dadalo ng seminar sa Wellington. Sina Janice Bacile at Padre Darren ay naghahanda ng activity para sa mga bata sa araw na nakasaad: Miyerkules para sa Year 5 at 6 (paua) ; Huwebes para sa Year 3 at 4 (kina); Biyernes para sa buong pamilya. Ang activity ay libre pero kailangang mag baon ang inyong anak tulad nang kapag sila ay may pasok. Kung kayo ay interesado, magpalista sa opisina ng eskwelahan.**

## **When the school is closed would you like your children to be involved in fun activities at the parish lounge?**

While the school is closed Janice Basile (from the Italian Doughnut family) and Father Darren are organising a team of 16 people to cover three days of activities for our children. The team is part of the Mission coming to our parish during that week. They are proposing that there be one day for each school team. **Wednesday for PAUA** Year 5+6; **Thursday for KINA** Year 3+4 and **Friday Family Session**. There will be no cost and children will need to bring their lunchboxes as usual with morning tea and lunch like they do at school. The kids will really enjoy being with their friends and sharing the activities that will be provided. If you are interested in having your children take part, please sign up at the school office.

## **Pipi trip to Otanewainuku**

Today our pipi students are visiting Otanewainuku – keep an eye on our facebook pages for photos.

## **The afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> June**

We are asking you for another favour. The teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Thank you so much for collecting your children last term when the teachers' union called a meeting of members and we didn't have enough staff to supervise children for the afternoon session. You were so supportive that we only had 40 children who stayed for the afternoon and we were able to send two relievers home. The NZEI has set down the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> June as the next paid union meeting, starting at 1.30 p.m. at Baypark stadium. Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The NZEI can only call two paid union meetings a year so this will be the last one for 2018.

Some facts about the teaching profession that are of concern:

- ❖ Enrolments in teacher training have dropped 40% between 2010 and 2016 while the population grew. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/chronic-teacher-shortage-laid-bare>
- ❖ 20% more permanent fulltime teachers left teaching in 2017 than in 2013 (MOE workforce planning data, 2018).
- ❖ Since the early 2000s teacher salaries have dropped significantly relative to the median NZ salary 1.8 times the median (for experienced teachers on the top of the pay scale) to just over 1.5. In effect, this means jobs that used to earn less than teachers now earn more. <http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c id=1&objectid=12004191>
- ❖ Teacher aide numbers are going down while the number of students with behavioural and learning challenges is rising. The increase to the hourly rate for teacher aides was not reflected in additional funding in schools' operational grants. Schools aren't able to afford more teacher aide hours.

**Sa Hunyo 20 ang uwian ng mga estudyante ay 1:15 pm. Ang mga guro ay dadalo ng miting ng unyon.**

## Harold, the giraffe, is coming.

Life Education Trust provide an educator and a specially designed caravan classroom so that children all around New Zealand can learn about healthy living, our bodies, how to make and keep friends, dangerous drugs and behaviour, being part of a family, nutrition and exercise.

Not all our children will be learning all of these things. Each time the Life Education caravan comes (once every two years) children learn about one of these units. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June the PIPI parents and any new parents who haven't seen the caravan are invited to come and look through the caravan. The educator will be there to answer questions and to explain what the children are learning during the week.



## Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Reminder all orders with payment need to be handed into the school office by tomorrow, Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is our only Lucky book club order this term 😊

## Mount Cluster Cross Country tomorrow

Good luck to Tessa, Summer, Olivia, Bailey, Sarah, Oscar, Liam, Jayden, Nico, Dominic, Maggie, Ruby G, Brooke, Mackenzie, Sienna, Ronan, Damien, Kristopher, Jacob, Harper, Maddi, Sophie, Shaelyn, Noella, India, Shelby, Ben, Jake, Aidan and Cole who are representing the school at the clusters tomorrow 😊

## What's the latest on Paua and Kina mid year reports?

Previously we said we would try to arrange interviews at the end of this term - this arrangement has changed due to the overloading of the Paua calendar this term ... composting, bike safety, swimming, Life Education, sport events.... Reports will be posted out in Week 9. Teachers will be contacting families new to the school and also families where support with English is needed, to arrange orientation sessions and to share the information from the reports in the last week of Term 2.

After the holidays Kina and Paua will be holding two days of interviews which Jane will set up online. Pipi teachers are continuing to arrange interviews throughout the year so that parents will be able to access information at 20 weeks and 40 weeks, 60 weeks and 80 weeks of a child's birthdate.

## Drop and Go/Pick up and go

It looks like we will be continuing this system (due to the difficulty securing reliable and convenient free buses for our children). Most people are very aware of the safety issues for children and parishioners when entering and exiting the property. Just a reminder for people getting used to the system:-

- please be patient,
- drive very slowly,
- if your child isn't waiting for you when you arrive then you will need to park up in the carpark.

With the wet weather, more and more parents want to drive through.

- Please make sure that your child knows they need to be waiting at the pick up point when the bell goes. If teachers need to go and find your child then it means that the traffic banks up out to the road- which is a safety issue.
- Please don't stop and have a chat when there are cars waiting in line behind your car.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

## Holy Communion/Confirmation

There are 43 Year 4 students enrolled at our school - we need you to send in a note asap to say that you will be participating in the short Holy Communion and Confirmation course next term. Six sessions after school from 2.45-3.45 on Tuesday. Our teachers are going to run the course 😊. We need numbers for catering purposes - the parish is providing afternoon teas.



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