

# St Pius X Primary School Windale



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## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 – Week 5

19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Friday the school will celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Pius X with a mass (or possibly a Liturgy) for the students in our School Hall. Following our Mass/Liturgy the children will have a special “hotdog” lunch to celebrate our Feast Day. There will be no cost for lunch and no lunch orders on the day.

St Pius X is a worthy patron challenging us to blend faith, learning and culture and for our school to produce young people who respect themselves and others.



St Pius X was named Giuseppe Sarto when he was born in 1835 at Riese, Northern Italy, the second eldest of ten children. Though poor, his parents valued education and Giuseppe walked 6 kilometres

to school each day.

He was ordained a priest in 1858 and later was Bishop of Mantua and Cardinal Patriarch of Venice. Fr Sarto had a strong pastoral concern in his priestly ministries and often pawned his personal possessions to help the poor.

His Papacy extended from 9 August 1903 to 20 August 1914 and was noteworthy for a number of achievements: codification of Canon Law, promotion of scientific study of the Bible, more modern liturgies and church music and many social justice initiatives.

He is often called the Pope of the Eucharist because he made Holy Communion available to younger people “at the age of reason”.

Pope Pius X was canonized on 29 May 1954 and our school was named St Pius X Windale not long after.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Two weeks ago I sent home our procedures in the event of a school closure due to Covid-19. At the time I had thought it may be a remote event, however that week we had the closure of St Pius X Adamstown and St Francis Xavier Hamilton due to known cases within the school. As always both communities and staff were quick to respond and follow the guidelines of NSW Health. Gerard Mowbray, our Director of Schools sent home a note last Friday (see attached) outlining the Diocesan approach to such events. Yesterday we received additional instructions

regarding Covid-19. The main instruction relates to any child who is sent home from school with flu like symptoms. **If your child is absent or sent home from school with flu like symptoms, they MUST be tested and CANNOT return to school until a negative result is obtained and they are free of the symptoms. Our school MUST SIGHT the negative Covid-19 result prior to the child's return to school.** Please ensure we adhere to these instructions. The same instructions also apply to all staff and NDIS providers for our school.

I would like to thank our school community for the care you are showing in maintaining the safety of our students and one another. It is unfortunate that parents cannot access our school site. However through the sacrifices we are making at present, combined with the efforts of staff and parents, we have continued to provide a safe school environment for our children.

A reminder of our latest procedures:

- Only 1 family permitted in the foyer at a time. Please wait in the top carpark if there is a child or family in the foyer
- All lunch orders / notes will be placed in a box at the gate near the entrance to the school.

These simple procedures will help in our control of our school environment.

## WELCOME

Since our last newsletter we have had the pleasure of welcoming a new child in Kindergarten. Welcome to:

- Ariana Mamo. Ariana's family is already at St Pius X with her family, Kahlee, Ian and Noah who is in Year 6.

We hope they continue to have a fabulous time at St Pius X and within our school community.

## FATHERS' DAY STALL

Our Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The staff will run the stall and all gifts will be a maximum of \$5. A note will be sent home prior to the day as a reminder.



## ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

A reminder that if you have a child or know of a child who is ready to commence Kindergarten in 2021 please contact the school.

## STAFF PD DAYS

The Writing Inservice scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the CSO has been cancelled due to travel restrictions on the presenters. We have now organised a Writing Day with Susan Hutchens from the Catholic Schools



Office for **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This is a Pupil Free Day.**

Mrs. Mirceski, Mrs. Dawber and Mrs. Boardman (our Clerical and Support Staff) at this stage will be involved in First Aid Training on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Take care and stay safe and well**

*Peter Bowen*

PRINCIPAL

## AUGUST

19<sup>th</sup> Director / Primary Principals  
Zoom Meeting 9.30 – 11am

21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X Feast Day Mass followed by  
Hotdog Lunch

24<sup>th</sup> Principals' Zoom Meeting 11.30am

25<sup>th</sup> Regional Principals Zoom Meeting 10am



## SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Fathers' Day Stall

4<sup>th</sup> Staff Inservice Day – Pupil Free Day

9<sup>th</sup> First Aid Training – Mrs M, Mrs B & Mrs D



*Happy Birthday to the following children:*

### August

**24<sup>th</sup> Austin Grainger**

**28<sup>th</sup> Georgina Baciates**

*We hope you have a great day.*

## Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting,  
diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy  
[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

14 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have experienced some impacts in some of our schools over the last week or so. Many of you will be aware of the confirmed COVID-19 cases in two of our largest schools – St Pius X High School Adamstown and St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton.

Firstly, I would like to commend our staff, students and families at these schools for their support and cooperation in responding to these cases. Both schools were thoroughly deep cleaned and provided clearance to re-open earlier this week. Staff and students identified as close contacts remain in self-isolation with students continuing their education from home. We look forward to their return to school soon.

Our thoughts remain with the confirmed cases, we appreciate this has been a stressful time for the family involved and we offer them every support.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains paramount and our schools continue to be a safe place.

As per the NSW Premier's recent statements encouraging greater use of masks in high-risk public settings, we support any member of staff or student choosing to do so. Masks are not mandatory at this point in time, however, we will continue to support and follow guidance from the relevant health authorities and are in favour of actions assisting to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Should your child choose to wear a mask, please provide a suitable mask and ensure your child is aware of how it should be worn.

Please be aware our schools have a supply of disposable masks for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or, in the event of a further confirmed case, for staff required to be on-site to assist with any NSW Health requirements. We will continue to follow NSW Health directives should there be any further statements.

We will continue to maintain our high levels of vigilance, our increased hygiene measures and the health precautions already in place across our school environments. Again, we remind parents and carers of the need to keep your child at home if they are unwell and the need for physical distancing of adults at school sites.

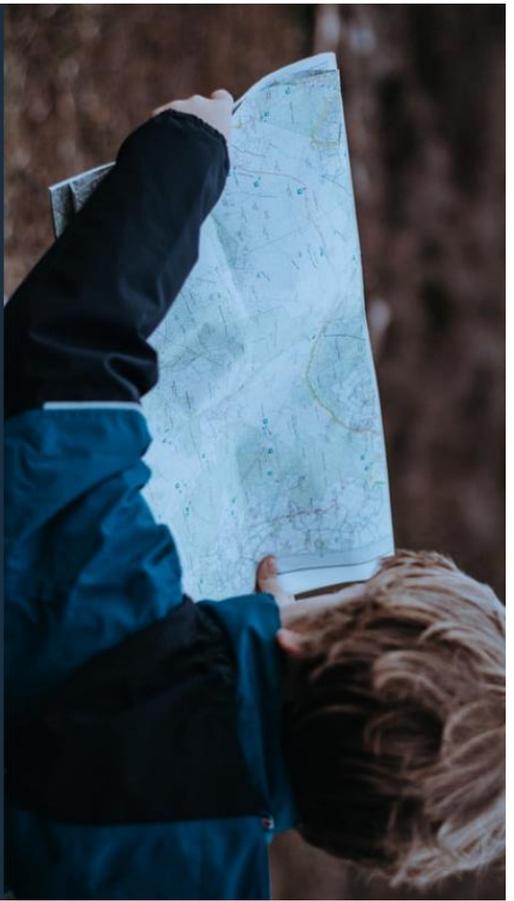
Should you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your school to discuss in the first instance. Lastly, I would like to again thank all families for their continued support.

Yours sincerely



**Gerard Mowbray**  
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS





# DID YOU KNOW THAT WORK BEING DONE TO SUPPORT GIFTED EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS SUPPORTS ALL OUR STUDENTS?

JOIN US FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME TO LISTEN TO SALLY BROCK - EDUCATION OFFICER - GIFTED EDUCATION TO HEAR ABOUT THE EXCITING WORK BEING DONE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR SCHOOLS.  
WHEN: WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020  
TIME: 7.00 - 8.00PM  
**VIA ZOOM**

RSVP TO CATH.GARRETT-JONES@MN.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU  
BY COB 25 AUGUST TO RECEIVE YOUR ZOOM INVITATION BY EMAIL.



What would make Lake Mac even better for kids and families?



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A Dullboy's Social Co  
**Family Fun Pass**  
(T&C's apply)

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**ASPIRE 2021 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS  
FOR THE 2021 PROGRAM AND AUDITION PROCESS**

**Wednesday 26 August 2020**

**10.00 am**

**and**

**7.00 pm**

To reserve your place please at either of these timeslots or if you would like more information please Anne Atkins on 02 4979-1331 or [anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday 25 August 2020



**ASPIRE 2021 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS  
FOR THE 2021 PROGRAM AND AUDITION PROCESS**

Anna Kerrigan, Artistic Director for the ASPIRE Program will be presenting an information session about the ASPIRE program and audition process for parents whose children might be interested in auditioning for 2021.

Anna will give an overview of the ASPIRE program and answer any questions you might have in relation to ASPIRE program.

