Dear parents,
Hope you kept those precious darlings very warm and indoors this weekend. Dryers are a very useful invention. You will be pleased to hear $300 has gone to St Vincent de Paul for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity on Pyjama Day. Thank you to Susan Pengilley who was kind enough to be at the school on Saturday for the family photos. Thank you also to our President Allie Sullivan for unlocking and locking the school on Saturday. Those who had their photos taken were brave to venture out.

Multicultural Luncheon
Remember parents form indicating numbers and money needed to come in today. In case you forgot– you have until this Thursday 15th August. If you are wondering, here’s the menu:
Kinder—Australia: Johnny cakes, BBQ pieces of Kangaroo & witchetty grub lollies
Year 1—Italy: Carbonara & spaghetti Bolognese. Mrs Knight is Italian!
Year 2—Mexico: Nachos
Year 3—Papua New Guinea: Sweet Potato chips & fruit platter
Year 4—New Zealand: Mini pavlovas & fairy bread
Year 5—Germany: Hot dogs
Year 6—U.S.A: American Sloppy Joe burgers
Principal & Sutton family—India: Coconut rice & butter chicken
Now you know! So it’s a very palatable menu which you will enjoy. Adults- $10 Children- $5 (including the ones at St Pius)
All money raised at the Multicultural Luncheon goes to Cancer organisations in Dubbo. Instead of you taking time off work 2 days consecutively, we have decided to hold the Father’s Day Liturgy the same day as Multicultural Day.

29th AUGUST
11:30am—Father’s Day Liturgy
12:00pm—Multicultural Luncheon
2:00pm—Finish

By the way parents, this is my last fundraiser and I know you always live by our motto “Living is giving”. This is a very worthy cause.

Well parents, it gets pretty busy at St Pius X so please read all letters. Remember “Content often works as a brake on the wheel of progress”. Have a week of hot soups, or hot curries if you are brave!

God be with you,
Yours sincerely,
Heather Irwin

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Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Friday week (23rd) we have 21 students representing St Pius X at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival, this is the largest squad we have taken to the Diocesan Carnival – well done! The girls and boys in the relay teams will need to pack their joggers each day till the carnival, we will train whenever we can.
If you haven’t sent in your permission note yet please could you do so by this Friday, the carnival levy of $10 is also due with the note.

Dubbo Stampede
A reminder that a wonderful community event is on Sunday 25th August, that being the Dubbo Stampede. There is a schools event which is based on numbers representing our school – we won last year! So if you are thinking of participating we wish you luck and remember to please nominate St Pius X as your school (adults too!).
For more details about the stampede go to; www.dubbostampede.com.au

Peer Support News
Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of ‘best friends’, ‘friends’ and ‘people we know’. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons.
Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.
RE NEWS August 12th

FIRST COMMUNION
Sacrament August; 24th/25th August;

Week 3 Parent/Child Meetings.

August 15th – Assumption Mass at St Brigid’s at 10 am. We will be celebrating this Mass with St John’s Primary.
August 21st – Feast of St Pius X Mass at St Brigid’s at 10 am.
August 24/25th – The second First Communion weekend
August 29th – Fathers’ Day Liturgy 11.30 am.

RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 2 Students and anyone else who wishes to participate in this sacrament.
Parents please add to your calendar 14/15th and 21/22nd September for Reconciliation Enrolment Masses.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Our Pyjama day was a great success and tied in beautifully with the celebration of the feast of St Mary of the Cross who dedicated her whole life in service to the poor. The students raised $300 towards the Winter Appeal. Well done, students.

God Bless
Therese Jones REC
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