



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

To Love, To Learn and To Serve
Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu

No. 13 Thursday 17th August, 2017

Tena koutou katoa.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

Yesterday morning, as I was visiting classrooms, I entered Room 4 as the children were just finishing their Religious Education lesson.

The Michael Jackson song that they were singing was "Heal the World" and the chorus was:



*Heal the world
Make it a better place
For you and for me
And the entire human race
There are people dying
If you care enough for the living
Make it a better place
For you and for me*

This week has been marred by a series of troubled events across the world. Threats of retaliation in the event of missile attacks, rallies prompted by hatred, disasters, and to be honest, not a great deal of good news. It's important that we as parents help children to develop a perspective on current events and not dwell on the negative. There are so many fabulous things happening all around us and this is what gives us hope.

When you walk into a classroom and you see a class of great children all with love and joy in their hearts, you can't help but think that they are the future so with your and our support they **will** make it a better place.

Mrs Bassett: Lucy Yovich in Room 3 has made her teacher very happy this week as she nominated Mrs Bassett for the "Favourite Teacher Award." Mrs Bassett has been named the Northland winner of the award, a partnership between Stuff, TVNZ Breakfast and Matilda, the Musical. Here is the link to view: <http://fw.to/eNpOXQH>. The overall winner will be announced on Sunday and we wish Mrs Bassett and Lucy all the best.

CHILDREN FEELING UNWELL

There are some nasty viruses still going around, coughs, colds and tummy bugs to name a few. Unfortunately our students and staff are falling victim to these illnesses. If your children are unwell please keep them home until they are truly well again.



Teacher Only Day: On Friday the 1st of September we will be having a Teacher Only Day. Please note that the school will be closed for the day.

Craig McKernan

Principal

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHACKY HAIR DAY - GOLD COIN DONATION FOR DAFFODIL DAY

This year, our school is recognising the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day by having a **Whacky Hair Day** instead of the usual mufti day, on **Friday 25th August**. The children can make their hair as whacky as they wish but they must **still come in their school uniform**. Please bring a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Cancer Society.

WHANAU/FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday 27th August at 10am. Puriri Whanau (Rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16) will be participating in the Mass. The invitation is for as many families as possible, to come and celebrate with Puriri Whanau at Mass. Even if your children do not belong to the whanau that is helping with the Mass please come along and support our whanau. We are all part of **one** family.

FATHERS DAY LITURGY

Our Fathers Day liturgy will be held on **Thursday 31st August at 1:30pm**, in the church. Dads, please keep this date free!

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have made your First Eucharist and wish to be trained as an Altar Server, please give your name and room number to Mrs Wilson. Altar Server training will take place on an afternoon, during school time, in Term 3 (dates TBC) with Mrs J and Father Chris. This is a wonderful ministry in our church.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 10-16 SEPTEMBER 2016

This year the children will be looking at "Weaving bonds of belonging" Knowing our neighbours." "I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome." Pope Francis, Laudato Si'.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017 / 2018

Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion. For baptised children who will be 8 years of age or older, by Easter 2018 (1st April). Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office. The first session is on Sunday 17 September at 4pm in our Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office (09) 4377902.

PARISH YOUTH NEWS

Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall.

Flame Group (ages 8-12 years) next meet on Wednesdays 5.30pm-7pm in the Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office (09) 4377902.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Wilson DRS

Director of Religious Studies

Baptism Photos

There are beautiful photos from the July 30th baptisms available to view at the school office.

There are two sizes available, 4x6 \$2.00ea or 5x7 \$4.50ea.

Orders can be made direct with the photographer, Vangie Killalea, who has left order envelopes at the school office.

CASH ONLY or
payment by arrangement with Vangie.

Many thanks to Vangie for her photography on the day.

Dates to Remember

Family Worker Farewell

Liz Beazley has been an amazing asset to our school and the Parish community, and we wish to farewell her with a school liturgy

this Friday, August 18th, in the church at 2.00pm.

You are all warmly invited to attend. **Please note the School Office will be closed during this liturgy.**

School Lunches on Fridays

Our school lunches can be ordered using Lunchonline. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. The lunch is then delivered to school in time for our Friday lunch break. Our Food Provider(s) offer healthy choices along with some treat options. So to view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, just follow the link below.



We welcome new students *Capri Benson, Cheryl-Rose Bristowe, Lottie Dickson, Ifeoluwa Falope, Taylor Findlay, Adam Frazerhurst, Raina Gillespie, Briley Graham, Aria Payton and Cooper Unsworth-Perry* who started in our school recently.



↓ Check This Out ... ↓

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

There have been more positive cases of mumps being diagnosed in the Whangarei area and we wish to make parents and caregivers more aware of the symptoms of mumps. Mumps is a notifiable illness so if you suspect your child has mumps, please take them to the doctor immediately.

What is Mumps?

Mumps is a contagious viral illness. Mumps symptoms include swollen or painful glands under the ear or jaw; swollen or painful testicles, fever, tiredness and/or muscle aches. Many children do not have any symptoms.

How is Mumps spread?

People with mumps can spread the virus through the air by droplets made when they breathe, cough or sneeze. It can also be spread through saliva containing the virus (e.g. when sharing food, drink or kissing). The time from becoming infected with the virus to developing symptoms can be as long as 25 days, but is typically 16-18 days. People with mumps are infectious 7 days before to 9 days after the onset of swollen glands. Even those without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.

The MMR Vaccine provides the best protection against Mumps

Children usually receive the first mumps, measles, and rubella vaccine (MMR) at 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 years of age. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status or if your child has not received the vaccine or has only received one dose, consult your healthcare provider. While vaccination against mumps is the best protection against mumps infection, vaccinated individuals may still become infected.



Sausage Sizzle - CANCELLED

The Sausage Sizzle for August the 23rd has been cancelled.
Please cross this event off your calendar.



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We will be running our School Country on Thurs 24th August at Kensington Park from 11am. We will start with the youngest runners and move through until we get to the seniors at about 1pm onwards.

It is very hard to be specific about exact race times.

There is no postponement day so please pray for fine weather.

The children will run in age groups - age at 1st January 2107, to keep us in line with the Whangarei Primary Schools Sports Association Champs guidelines.



The top finishers from races 8 years, 9 years and 10 years will qualify for the Barge Park Champs on Thurs 31st August.

Can you help Mrs J on the school cross country day? We need parents as marshalls and recorders. Please email Mrs J glenys@sfx.school.nz if you can be at Kensington Park during the day!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

Children from Room 23 share their thoughts after attending the Feast of the Assumption Mass on Tuesday.

The Assumption of Mary

Today, all Catholics around the world celebrate the Assumption of Mary. On the 15th of August, we celebrate Mary's Assumption date. Mary is the mother of Jesus and she loves her son very very much. The incredible thing that happened was that Mary rose to heaven to be with Jesus. She cared for the poor as much as she loves God! Mary was extra important to God because she was sinless. We all adore Mary and I bet she loves us all. (Tanyaradzwa)

My Special Time With Jesus

Jesus, you are the greatest hero that ever lived and you are very special to me. When someone hurts me you will always be there to help me and refresh my mind about what's happened to me or to others. I love when I see the Holy Spirit flowing through someone. It makes that person a lovely treasure to Jesus' family and friends. I wish I could just sit there holding Jesus' hand and pray with you. Jesus is my hero. I love you, Jesus. (Valentina)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school Office Manager, Deborah Rudolph.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates and times for events are subject to change.
Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

AUGUST

- 18 2pm Farewell for Liz Beazley in the church
- 18 Last day for Health and PE Survey submissions
- 22 Cross Country training with Murray
- 23 Sausage Sizzle - CANCELLED
- 24 Cross Country Day at Kensington Park
- 25 **Wacky Hair Day – Please bring a gold coin donation for Daffodil Day**
- 27 10am Family Mass led by Puriri
- 30 Turbo Touch with Hayley-Jade
- 31 Barge Park Cross Country Event (will be back in time for liturgy)
- 31 1:30pm Fathers Day Liturgy

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 6 Turbo Touch with Hayley-Jade
- 6 7pm Gala Meeting in the school staffroom
- 12 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13 Turbo Touch with Hayley-Jade
- 14-15 School Photo Days
- 15 1:30pm School Assembly led by Kauri
- 20 Turbo Touch with Hayley-Jade
- 20 7pm PTFA Meeting in the school staffroom
- 22 Northland Cross Country Champs
- 27 Sausage Sizzle \$2 ea - Please place order with the class teacher on the day
- 29 2:50pm End of Term 3

OCTOBER

Term Dates for 2017

Term Three:
24 July to 29 September

Term Four:
16 October to 15 December

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:45 – 10:25am	Morning session
10:25 – 10.50am	Morning tea
10.50am – 12:30pm	Mid-morning session
12:30 – 1:20pm	Lunch break
1:20pm – 2:50pm	Afternoon session

COMMUNITY NOTICES

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRODUCTION - ALADDIN

WHEN: 23-25 August. Where: College Hall. Cost: Adults \$15, Students \$10, Family \$40.
Tickets available through the Pompallier Catholic College School Office Ph: 4383950.

EVENING WITH NATHAN WALLIS - What 3-7 year olds need to learn.

A fundraising event for Life Education Whangarei. Wednesday 6th September, 7pm. Forum North Events Centre, Whangarei. Tickets \$35 per person. On sale now at Ticketek.

HUANUI COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 23 August. Guided Tours from 5:30 pm. Presentation at 6.30 pm.
Phone 09 459 1930 www.huanuicollege.school.nz

KAMO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Parents and caregivers of students enrolling in Kamo Intermediate School for 2018 are entitled to vote the Kamo Intermediate School up and coming Board of Trustees elections. Please contact Kamo Intermediate School for more details or visit their website.

KIWI NORTH FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Dads free if accompanied by their children. Children free if accompanied by their dads. All others – gold coin entry please. Kiwi North – Gate2, SH14, Maunu, Whangarei. Father's Day, Sunday 3rd of September 10am until 1pm. Free entry to Kiwi house and Museum for dads and children. Free to all – BBQ and Activities. Contact Kiwi North on Ph:4389630 or admin@kiwinorth.co.nz

LANGUAGE TO LITERACY

Dyslexia PLUS is hosting Joy Allcock on Friday 18th of August 7.30 – 9pm at the Pat Irving Lounge, St John's Church, Kamo Rd. There is a \$5 door fee All welcome.

WHANGAREI AFTER SCHOOL CARE INC. - SPACES AVAILABLE

Whangarei After School Care Inc. are accepting new enrolments to their after school care programme. Operating out of the Catholic Parish Hall after school on Monday to Fridays you can call in and speak directly to the coordinators or call Ph: 027 752 6062 for details.

WHANGAREI YOUNG MARINERS

Is a girls group ages 8 – 18 yrs. Meet every Monday at 6pm – 8pm. At Riverside Drive beside the old BMX Track. Activities: Sailing, Rigging, Canoeing, Rowing, Knots, Outdoor cooking, Camping, Tramping, Bushcraft and Badgework. For information phone Jill @ 0274069666 or Karen 0212400414.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

KIDS HOLIDAY SURF PROGRAMME

We're running our popular Holiday Surf Programme over the upcoming spring school holidays at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay for students aged 6-16 years old. Limited spaces so please email to book surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz or check out our website www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz for more details.
