



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No. 2, Thursday 18th February 2016

Tena koutou katoa. Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

At the start of a school year, and with so many new faces around the place, it is important that we are showing the face of Christ to each other as we go about our business at school.

During the first weeks at school, children are keen to get back and see their friends and everything is new and exciting. Sometimes, after the novelty wears off and they realise that they have a year ahead of them, they may become anxious. It happens every year and so, by week three, we may have a few tears in the mornings.

If your child is upset please be firm with them and tell them that, just as mum or dad have jobs to do at home or work, children have to come to school. Sometimes we just have to tough it out as parents and children. If you are having rocky starts to the morning, do let your teacher know, or call into the school office and we would be happy to help.

The Gala committee met last week and we were thrilled with the enthusiasm and support of parents. You can help us by supporting your child's classroom teacher and parent ambassador by volunteering to help out on a stall for an hour. The Gala is an awesome day and we are blessed to be able to come together for this annual event. Make sure it is in your diary and please help us.

Parent, Child and Teacher Interviews will be held on Mar 1st and 2nd this term. Classes end at the earlier time of 1.15pm as interviews begin at 1.30pm. If you wish to collect your child early that day please do so. Staff will be on hand to supervise children until 2.50pm finish time. Please book an interview following the instructions below. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's teacher and familiarize yourself with the classroom.

Glenys Jakicevich – Deputy Principal

PARENT, CHILD and TEACHER INTERVIEWS – BOOKING CODE 5QRKR

TUE 1ST MARCH

WED 2ND MARCH

1.30-3.45pm and 4.30-6pm

Interviews will be 15 minutes each and parents and children are encouraged to attend.

Classes will end at the earlier time of 1.15pm on these days.

To book online:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code

Enter the booking code **5QRKR**

Follow the instructions.

If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment,
contact the school office and we will assist you.

Term Dates for 2016

Term One:

Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April

Term Two:

Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Term Three:

Monday 25 July to Friday 23 September

Term Four:

Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

New Class/Break Timetable

Morning session: 8:45 - 10:30

Morning tea: 10:30 - 11:00

Mid-morning session: 11:00 - 12:45

Lunch break: 12:45 - 1:30

Afternoon session: 1:30 - 2:50

Address: 1 Percy Street, Whangarei 0112.

Phone: 09-4371039 Cellphone: 027 2784303 Email: office@sfx.school.nz Website: sfx.school.nz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR SCHOOL CHARISM

The Charism of our school is the missionary zeal of both Saint Francis Xavier, our school patron saint, and St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) who carried the Word of God to distant lands.

St Francis Xavier, a 'Man of God', had the passion and energy to proclaim the gospel of Christ to all people. He had a unique desire to evangelise and worked tirelessly for others.

It is the faith and life example of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), who founded the religious order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The main principals of her Order arose from her respect for human dignity.

St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop's) Charism is a gift of the spirit which is characterised by:

- Listening to God's call.
- Making room for all.
- Having an attitude of gratitude.
- Doing your bit.

The school community, take on the responsibility of following the examples of St Francis Xavier and St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop).

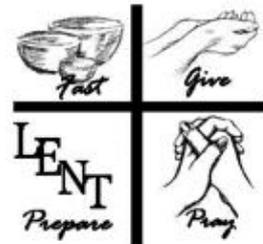
ASH WEDNESDAY

We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a lovely Mass last Wednesday. We have now commenced our Lenten journey towards Easter.

LENT

Lent (which began on Ash Wednesday) is a time for renewal and preparing for Easter. The children will be discussing the season of Lent and talking about Lenten promises. A good way to remind your child(ren) about these Lenten discussions is to ask them questions about it.

Please keep all those involved in the sacramental programmes in your prayers.



FAMILY MASSES

Once again during the year, Whanau will be rostered to participate in Family Masses on Sundays at 10:00 am. These Masses have been such a success the last few years. It is very pleasing to see our children involved in our Parish Masses.

Our next Family Mass is on Sunday, 28th February at 10:00am. Rimu Whanau (Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14 will be participating).

PASTORAL CARE BASKET

Our Pastoral Care basket is situated underneath the statue of Mary, in the school office area. Non-perishable food items placed in this basket goes towards a family in need, in our community.

May our loving God continue to bless and guide you throughout the year.

Yours in Christ

Maria Russo

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

ARRIVING LATE

We are expecting a large number of students to arrive late due to the impending roading detours and road works in our vicinity. To ensure our students safety, ALL children need to report to the school office if they arrive after school begins, and collect a late pass.

STUDENTS LEAVING DURING CLASS TIME

If you are collecting your child early for an appointment, whether they are returning afterwards or finishing for the day, parents/caregivers must report to the school office and obtain an Early Exit pass for the class teacher. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed recently?

If your address, email or phone/mobile numbers have changed please contact us to update them immediately.

If you're not sure we have the correct information please feel free to call and check.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING SPORTS AT POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE, MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

A reminder to Year 5/6 (and those from Year 4 involved) that swimming is on Monday. Please remember to bring your togs, hat, sunblock, and to wear school uniform on the day. You will need your polar fleece too. Races start at 9.30am and children return to school by lunchtime. A HUGE thank you to the parents and caregivers who have volunteered their time and skills to assist us.

HOCKEY

The season started beautifully, with six teams involved. Thank you to our parents who have committed themselves to helping with the teams. Hockey subs are \$12, please pay Mrs J.

WAITANGI TRIP FOR YR 5/6

A reminder that payment of \$15 for the trip to Waitangi is due before the children go on their trip. Payment can be made at the school office. Please ensure you have returned your permission slip to the class teacher.

For parent helpers, a cost of \$5 (payable at the venue) is necessary to attend the concert.

MAORI COMMUNITY WHANAU MEETING

Thursday, 25th February @ 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Nau mai, haere mai.

FROM OUR FAMILY WORKER

This year, I am working 2 days a week at school but I can be contacted anytime on 0274714120 or by emailing liz@sfx.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like any school uniform items you can email me and state what items you require, the size you need and the name of your child and the class they are in. I will either deliver the items to your child or leave them in the school office for you to pick up. An email will be sent to you informing you about the availability of what you have requested and where you can pick the uniform items up from. Any donations made for the purchase of these uniforms will go towards the pastoral care of students and their families.

IN NEED OF SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Variety - The Children's Charity, is a sponsorship programme that assists families on low incomes. Those who qualify for assistance in this way can apply to Variety for sponsorship for their child. The sponsorship covers such things as uniform costs, stationery, medical costs, sports and extra-curricular activities. For further information see me or visit the Variety Kiwi Kid Sponsorship website.

MEALS

At times we have families who are going through difficult times and providing them with a prepared meal is helpful. If you are able to occasionally assist in this way can you please email me with your name and contact details and I will be in touch.

SAFE PEOPLE COURSE

Ever wondered why some relationships seem to lead to a growth and happiness and others turn to pain and injury? Anglican Care Centre are offering a new course "Safe People" held over 5 Mondays from 7 March - 1 April (break for Easter) 7:00pm-8:30pm. See me for a brochure, or the school notice board for more information.

Liz Beazley - Family Worker

STUDENT SUCCESS

SCHOOL BMX CHALLENGE

- 6th – Raurimu Avenue School
- 5th – Dargaville School
- 4th – Parua Bay School
- 3rd – Maungatapere School
- 2nd – St Francis Xavier Catholic School
- 1st – Kaurihohore School

The Schools BMX Challenge was held last Friday in Whangarei. Unfortunately we didn't have enough to make a whole team. Representing our school were Katya Stuper, Luke Brooke-Smith and Izaak Potticary, joined by Miller Bradley, Zac Raine and Dante Morris from Onerahi and Managakahia Area Schools. Kaurihohore took out the competition with 16 riders but St Francis was 2nd by only 3 points.

Well done!



TOUCH RUGBY

Helena Iamafana of the Te Tai Tokerau Under 9 Mixed Elite Touch Team won the gold medal at the National Touch Tournament that was held in Rotorua.

Paulyne Iamafana of Te Tai Tokerau Under 11 Mixed Elite Touch team came fourth.

Epic Effort!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures are coming out this week to your class. Please ensure you have your child's name, room number, book name and product number completed in the boxes before handing your order form and payment to the school office.

UNCLAIMED ORDER

There is an unclaimed book order (not named) at the school office from the last offer in December. If you did not receive your order please come to the office and see Mrs Bercic.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE VIA ANDROID PHONE APP

Initial problems have been ironed out so for those who already have the App there should be no difference in how you would be using the form on your phone now.

If you'd like to download the App go to our school website on your phone and click on the Report an Absence form (you can then save that page as a favourite link on your phone so you can go straight to it in the future).

ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCH ON FRIDAYS

A reminder to families who had an existing account with the previous supplier, the Lunchbox Club, that the new supplier, Lunchonline www.lunchonline.co.nz is now active. All families with existing accounts should have received several emails over the December/January period about reactivating their account with the new supplier. For new customers please go to the website and register through our school name link. An instruction form is also available at the school office.

ASB

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAMME

If you would like your child/ren to join the ASB School Banking Programme just call in to the school office for more information and to collect an application form. New and existing ASB Headstart customers are welcome to register.

HOME LOANS →

Taking out a home loan with ASB? This is a great way to support the school.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.

ASB Bank Limited PPU49957

ASB



SCHOOL EVENTS Term 1, 2016

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

NEW SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:45 – 10:30am	Morning session
10:30 – 11am	Morning tea
11am – 12:45pm	Mid-morning session
12:45 – 1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30pm – 2:50pm	Afternoon session

FEBRUARY

19	8:45am	Swimming Yr 5/6 R13 - 8:45, R10 - 9:15, R1 - 9:45, R20 - 10:15, R19 - 10:45, R16 - 11:15
22		Swim Sports at Pompallier for Y5/6
23	8:45am	Swimming Yr 5/6 R13 - 8:45, R10 - 9:15, R1 - 9:45, R20 - 10:15, R19 - 10:45, R16 - 11:15
24	7pm	Gala Meeting, PTFA meeting to follow afterwards
25	7pm	Maori Community Whanau Meeting, staffroom
26	8:45am	Swimming Yr 5/6 R13 - 8:45, R10 - 9:15, R1 - 9:45, R20 - 10:15, R19 - 10:45, R16 - 11:15
26		Student Summary to be sent home
29	8.45am	Yr 5/6 Waitangi Trip, Rooms 1 & 16

MARCH

1	8:45am	Swimming Yr 5/6 R13 - 8:45, R10 - 9:15, R1 - 9:45, R20 - 10:15, R19 - 10:45, R16 - 11:15
1	1:30pm – 6pm	Parent Interviews (classes end at 1.15pm)
2	1:30pm – 6pm	Parent Interviews (classes end at 1.15pm)
3	8.45am	Yr 5/6 Waitangi Trip, Rooms 10 & 13
4	8:45am	Swimming Yr 5/6 R13 - 8:45, R10 - 9:15, R1 - 9:45, R20 - 10:15, R19 - 10:45, R16 - 11:15
4	1:30pm	Full school assembly – Puriri whanau leading (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4)
7	8.45am	Yr 5/6 Waitangi Trip, Rooms 19 & 20
7-11		Life Education Week
8		WPSSA Swim Sports
10		WPSSA Swim Sports postponement date
14-18		Life Education Week
16	1.30-2.45pm	Reconciliation Yr 5/6
19	9am	GALA DAY
21	7pm	Keeping Ourselves Safe Meeting for Parents
22	12.10	Chrim Mass Yr 5/6 attending
22	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
24	TBA	Easter Re-enactment – All School
25	SCHOOL CLOSED	GOOD FRIDAY
28	SCHOOL CLOSED	EASTER MONDAY
29	SCHOOL CLOSED	EASTER TUESDAY
30-Apr 1		Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Toni

APRIL

4-8		Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Toni
5-7		Yr 1-4 Tri Kids with Murray Healey
8	1:30pm	Full school assembly – Rimu whanau leading (Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14)
11-15		Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Toni
15	1.30pm	ANZAC Liturgy
15	2:50pm	Term 1 ends

COMMUNITY NOTICES

* DANCE THERAPY FOR CHILDREN

Individual sessions available with Dance therapist/Physiotherapist. Dance therapy is a movement based psychotherapy that can support child development and learning, processing disorders and children on the autistic spectrum. For enquires contact Jan McConnell ph 4353303 or 021598114, email: lifemovescreativetherapy@gmail.com

* GARAGE ART

After school art classes starting again Term 1, 2016.
Tues and Thurs 3.30pm -5.00pm
Please phone Sharlene Crawford 021459002 or 4595691.

* GUITAR LESSONS

Hello, my name is David Meredith. I have been a guitar teacher at St. Francis for several years. I have really enjoyed teaching the guitar, and some of my pupils have progressed quite significantly. I would like to offer my services to this school again during 2016. If you would like your child to learn guitar this year, please contact me on 4343459 or 0273832633, or you can e-mail me at caramellow@xtra.co.nz

* MARIST SPORTS

NETBALL

The netball season is about to start again. We had a great season last year and the girls really developed their skills and had a lot of fun.

Fees are likely to be around \$90.00 (to be confirmed). The netball season starts on the 9th April. So if you would like to play netball this season please complete a registration form which is available at the school office and needs to be completed as soon as possible.

We are desperate for coaches and managers of each team. Parents ***we need your help*** if we are to continue running netball for your children. If you are interested please indicate on the registration form and Pamela Butler 0275983222 (Marist Junior Co-ordinator) will make contact with you. Are you interested in sponsoring a Marist netball team? If so that would be fantastic too and certainly be appreciated. Again this can be noted on the registration form.

RUGBY, HOCKEY, SOCCER AND RUGBY LEAGUE

Marist Sports Club registration day:

Tuesday 1st March 2016 3.30 - 6pm

All new and returning players welcome.

Marist Clubrooms, Park Ave, KENSINGTON

Enquiries to;

Rugby: Gary Younger Ph: 021467514 gary.younger@raywhite.com

Hockey hockeymarist@gmail.com

Soccer: Phil Tasker Ph: 0274361773 taskerp@mpi.govt.nz

* RELAY FOR LIFE

ASB Sports Arena, March 5 & 6. Visit <http://www.relay.org.nz/event/NorthlandRelayForLife2016> for details.

* RESPITE CARERS WANTED Whangarei Barnardos

Barnardos need people, single/couples and families to provide respite care for children of all ages. As a respite carer you will provide a safe supportive home for a child to give them a holiday /time out from family stress, usually for only a few days.

We will provide training, support; resources and financial reimbursement. Please talk to your family, friends and colleagues about this rewarding opportunity, and give me a call at Barnardos.

Fae Allen

Foster Parent Co-ordinator

fae.allen@barnardos.org.nz

Phone: 09 95560813

Mobile: 0274 080 408

SORE THROATS

can break a heart!

Preventing Rheumatic Fever

Kensington and Otaika Pharmacy Whangarei are offering a free sore throat swabbing programme for children and young people aged 4-19 years and for other eligible members of their Whanau (aged 3-35years)

Free sore throat assessment and treatment is available for those at high risk of Rheumatic Fever:

- Maori and Pacific Island children aged 4-19years
- Families/whanau with a history of Rheumatic Fever
- Families/whanau living in crowded homes

If your child or young person (aged between 4-19 years) has a sore throat visit

Kensington or Otaika Pharmacy Whangarei for a **FREE** sore throat check.