



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No. 9 Thursday 2nd June 2016

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

Last week, you should've received your voting forms for the school Board of Trustees elections. As discussed in the mail out, we have received seven nominations for the five elected parent positions and consequently we are having an election.

On behalf of our school community I wish to thank the candidates for standing for the Board positions and I wish you all the very best.

The composition of Boards of Trustees in Catholic Schools is somewhat different to the state system in that we have an additional four members, one of whom is a priest, who are proprietor's representatives. These people are the Bishop's appointees and they are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the Catholic Special Character of the school is maintained and upheld at all times. There are a number of other criteria that the Bishop has set out for the Parish Priest to consider when appointing a proprietor's representative. The Bishop has received Fr Chris's nominations and will inform us in due course of the outcome of his decision.

In addition to the elected members, the proprietor's reps and myself, there is also a staff representative on the Board and this continues to be Whaea Jacqui.

Our Board of Trustees do a significant amount of governance work for the school and they are required to undertake some training. I trust that you will keep these members of our school community in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide us all as we 'grow in faith together'.

The school Board of Trustee Elections close this Friday the 3rd June (tomorrow) at 12 noon. It will be too late to mail your voting forms in if you haven't already. Please bring your voting paper inside the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, to the school office and place it in the voting box on the school office counter.

PARKING AT VEGE TWINS

This afternoon I have been approached by Sean, the owner of the Vege Twins, about parents parking in his car park at the end of the school day. For the past eight years he has allowed parents to park on his premises but more recently his generosity is being abused with parents parking in the entrance ways and on grass areas. He has respectfully requested that parents use one side of the car park so that his customers can access his shop. This seems to be a very fair request and I hope that people recognise his kindness. Sean always supports the school and appreciates our need for parking so we need to work in partnership with him in a respectful manner.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a significant amount of lost property at the moment and would appreciate parents and children taking the time to check to see if any of it is theirs. Apart from items that can be recycled, the remainder will be disposed of on Tuesday next week.

Craig McKernan
Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS TIMELINE

Voting closes noon 3 June 2016
Votes counted and results declared 9 June 2016
The new Board take office 10 June 2016
It is imperative our school database is up to date.
If you have changed your address, please notify the office urgently.

Deborah Rudolph
Returning Officer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At the moment our focus in Religious Education is on the Church Strand.

Y1 focus is Belonging. We belong to and participate and celebrate in communities such as our family, our school and our parish. The Church is a community of Christ's followers or disciples called together by the Holy Spirit to carry on Christ's mission in life today.

Y2 focus is Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence. Our local parish as it gathers, celebrates, lives and prays as a community, is a part of the Church which Jesus founded and is a sign which brings about God's presence and love in the world. Belonging to a parish is both a privilege and a responsibility.

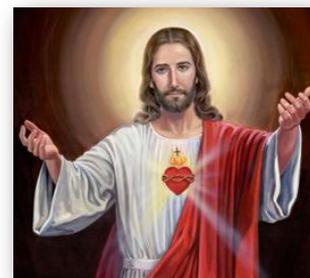
Y3 focus is Called to be like Jesus. The Scriptures record how Jesus called his disciples and apostles to follow him. Those who have been initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are also called to carry on the mission of Jesus. They do this by worshipping God and serving and loving others and always acting with tika and pono (justice and truth).

Y4 focus is Called to Service. Through Baptism all are called to holiness, lived out through various vocations; single life, marriage, religious life or priesthood. As members of the Church, we are called to carry out its mission of service.

Yr 5&6 focus is The Church is a Pilgrim People on a life journey- Te Wa towards God. Since the time of the early Church, Christians have used their different gifts to spread the Good News. Within the Church people follow different vocations such as the Religious Life, the Single Life or Marriage.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL MASS

You are warmly invited to come and join us in celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, tomorrow, **Friday 3rd June at 1:30pm**, with a Mass.



PASTORAL CARE BASKET

A reminder about our Pastoral Care basket that is situated underneath the statue of Mary, in the school office area. Non-perishable food items placed in this basket go towards a family in need, in our community. Thank you to those families are making donations.

FAITH ALIVE

The Family/Whanau book which you can use to support the Religious Education programme, can be accessed by this site www.faithalive.org.nz. You can download the Whanau book by clicking on Families.

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass is this Sunday 26 June at 10am. Children from Kowhai Whanau (Rooms 18, 19, 20 and 21) will be asked to participate.

MUFTI DAY

We raised \$734.86 towards the Caritas. Thank you very much!

Youth News in the church bulletin BLAZE YOUTH GROUP meet every Friday during the school term at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All teens welcome. Our Youth Mass is always on the second Sunday of the month at the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil.

FLAME GROUP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays 5:50pm-7pm in the Parish Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS to be contacted for events, register your contact details at the Parish Office.

Yours in Christ

Maria Russo

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

BAPTISM PROGRAMME AT SCHOOL

Is your child baptised? Would you like to have your child baptised? This term we are offering a Baptism programme at school. Invitations have been sent home with children who are 7 years or older and may wish to consider baptism.

The programme will comprise of 3 sessions here at school, over 3 Wednesday mornings from 8:45 until about 9:30.

Wed 15th June

Wed 22nd June

Wed 29th June

Parents or caregivers come along to the programme as well to support their child and learn alongside them. We then have the Baptisms during a Sunday Mass in our Parish.

The programme will be run by Mrs J and Father Chris, our Parish Priest. Invitations and further details will be available soon but do feel free to contact Mrs J if you would like more details about any aspect of Baptism or the other Sacraments of the church.

If your child is not yet 7 years of age and you wish to have them baptised, please contact Janet at the Parish and enquire about the Infant Baptism programme.

FROM THE FAMILY WORKER

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

If you know of families who are going through difficult times and who may be in need of extra support please let me know. I am not always on site but can be contacted on 0274714120.

MIND HEALTH FOR FAMILIES

Kamo Mainly Music are hosting the speaker Richard Black, director of Strength to Strength at an evening to be held at Clark Rd Chapel, 9 Clark Rd, Kamo on Monday June 13 at 7:30pm. He speaks about tools that will give children simple strategies that can help them to live beyond blaming, handle disappointment, choose good attitudes and much more. Cost \$15 per person. See the notice board for further information.

UNIFORMS

For second hand uniform requests please fill out the form at the school office.

MIGRANT FAMILIES

There are many events coming up in June that you can attend. Please see the notice board for details or see me if you would like a copy of the newsletter.

WALKING THROUGH GRIEF

This is a 5 week small group course where you can process and understand the grief and loss you are facing. It is to be held at the Anglican Care Centre July 6th-August 3rd. See the notice board for further details.

NEW 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

Term Dates for 2016
<u>Term One:</u> Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April
<u>Term Two:</u> Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July
<u>Term Three:</u> Monday 25 July to Friday 23 September
<u>Term Four:</u> Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

Liz Beazley
Family Worker

CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed recently?

If your address, email, phone/mobile numbers or emergency contacts 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.

Thank you to those families who have updated your details recently.

SOMEONE ELSE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL?

We understand from time to time you might need someone else to collect your child from school. This may be a one-off or intermittent event.

If this person does not regularly pick up your child:

- A) Please contact the school and advise us of this new arrangement as soon as possible.
- B) Please tell this person they must call into the school office and collect a pass and that you have rung ahead to let us know. (If we haven't heard from you we will have to verify this arrangement first before releasing your child).
- C) Please advise this person of the permitted parking areas and practices.

Thank you for your cooperation, we are making every endeavour to ensure your child feels safe and protected.



KNITTING NEEDS

If you have any spare knitting wool and needles 4mm upwards, Mrs Douglas and the Junior Joeys would greatly appreciate your donations so they can carry on knitting blankets for people in need.

BOTTLED WATER FOR SALE

We have boxes of bottled water left over from the gala. These are for sale at \$12 per box of 12 bottles. Please see the school office. First in first served.



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.

Score Competition for those enrolled on the programme



Saving \$1 with ASB could score your child a chance to win fortnightly cash prizes.

To enter, just deposit at least \$1 into your child's registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme between Monday 2 May 2016 and Sunday 10 July 2016. Every fortnight is counted as an individual prize draw, so make sure you deposit once every fortnight to enter all five draws.

For more details on Score, how to register your child for the ASB School Banking programme and competition Ts & Cs visit www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html or drop into your local ASB branch.

SCORE WITH ASB SCHOOL BANKING

ASB

SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 2, 2016



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

JUNE

2		Rms 13 and 14 visit to Packard & Pioneer Museum
3	1:30pm	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
6		QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
8		Yr 5 & 6 WPSSA Winter Sports
9	11am	Pompallier Catholic College Concert
14		Postponement for Yr 5 & 6 WPSSA Winter Sports
14		Rms 6, 7, 8 visit to Kiwi North
15		Rms 3, 12, 17 visit to Kiwi North
15	8.45am	Baptism Course - Staffroom
16		Rms 2, 5, 21 visit to Kiwi North
17		Mufti Day – Sisters of St Joseph, Peru (gold coin donation)
20 - 23		Hockey with Brad
22	8.45am	Baptism Course - Staffroom
22		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$1.50 each (children order with class teacher on the day)
26	10am	Whanau Mass – Kowhai
27 - 30		Hockey with Brad
29	8.45am	Baptism Course - Staffroom

JULY

1	1:30pm	School Assembly led by Karaka
1		Reports come home
5	2.30-6pm	Parent Interviews
6	2.30-6pm	Parent Interviews
8	2:50pm	Term 2 ends

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

A reminder it is a public holiday this
Monday 6th June, and schools are closed.

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE
TEACHER ONLY DAY
Friday 3rd June

COMMUNITY NOTICES

* BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE WANTED

One of our pupils requires before-school care and a ride to school each day. The family lives in the Western Hills area and the child can be dropped off to your house. If you are able to assist then please phone Jane on 021 1438753.

* GARAGE ART

Need art for your walls and have children.....' GARAGE ART' after school art classes. Term 2 spaces available Tues and Thurs 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Close to S.F.X, Creative, Fun, Educational and Relaxing. Ph Sharlene Crawford 021459002, 4595691

* MAINLY MUSIC

Richard Black, Director of Strength to Strength has developed tools to assist us, as parents, learn simple strategies to apply in our home. Strategies that will help children choose their attitude, live beyond blaming, handle disappointment, and more. Mainly Music has an evening event on Monday 13th June at the Clark Road Chapel, 9 Clark Road, Whangarei. 7.30pm Coffee and calories. 8pm Evening event. Cost: \$15 per person. Buy tickets from your local mainly music or online at www.mainlymusic.org

* MORETALK SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY

Moretalk Speech Language Therapy offers private assessment and therapy sessions. Our well established practice has three NZ trained SLT's working in clinic (Kensington) or school based therapy sessions, with children with a wide range of communication delays and disorders. Please ring or e-mail us to discuss your child's needs and get a quote for services. Phone: 021 2720101 or 09 4370434. E-mail: michelle@moretalk.co.nz

* NORTHLAND EQUESTRIAN

On Sunday the 17th of July we are running our Waipu in Tartan, Northland Equestrian "Petting zoo" at 2760 State Highway 1 in Ruakaka. It is free entry and everyone is welcome so it is a great day for families. Here is the link to the facebook event:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/164452133956939/>

FOUND

*A greenstone toanga has been found on the school grounds.
Please enquire at the school office if you think it may be yours.*
