



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No. 10 Thursday 15th June, 2017

Tena koutou katoa.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

As we are nearly half way through the school year we thought that this would be an opportune time to give our school Board of Trustees and school community an update on student progress at St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

At the end of 2016, out of a total of 488 students

- 84% of children (188 boys and 218 girls), were working either "At or Above" the National Standard for Reading.
- 82% of children (171 boys and 183 girls) were working "At or Above" the National Standard for Writing.
- 84% of children (207 boys and 201 girls) were working "At or Above" the National Standard for Mathematics.

With this in mind, the teachers have set some achievement targets for 2017 and they are working hard to achieve these. Some of our interventions have included teacher aides working alongside teachers and children, staff development (Ministry of Education contract for two years in Writing) and reviewing teaching practices and approaches to assist all children. We have a total of twelve intervention groups and in total there are 90 students attending these groups. Although small in number, some children attend more than one group. Teachers also differentiate learning for individual students in their classrooms.

To date, good progress is being made for a cohort of students who are achieving Below the Standard. Some of these children are now making considerable shifts in their learning. Keep up the great work everyone!

All parents and caregivers are encouraged to view the Ministry of Education website <https://education.govt.nz/> and go to the Parents tab. Under the Primary School menu are three headings of interest. Happy reading.

- [Is my child school ready?](#)
- [Tips for reading, writing and maths.](#)
- [The importance of attendance.](#)

Craig McKernan
Principal

Triadic Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

TUE 4TH JULY AND WED 5TH JULY

1.30 - 6.00pm

Interviews will be 15 minute intervals and parents and children are encouraged to attend.

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

Appointments can be made online.

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter the booking code: x5gb7 (lowercase)

Follow the instructions.

If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment please contact the school office.

Address: 1 Percy Street, Whangarei 0112.

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

Church Car Park Rules

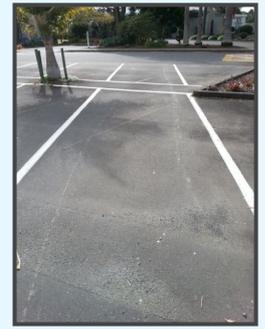
It is a timely reminder to all families that this car park belongs to the Catholic Parish and we, the school community, may use their car park provided we respect these rules.



Reduce your speed



Obey ALL road markings and signage



If a space is available please park your vehicle then collect your child



Wherever possible please use the pedestrian crossing



Do not walk your child through the traffic islands



Please obey the NO PARKING lanes. These lanes are for free-flowing traffic only



If your child is waiting behind the barrier, you may proceed to the STOP, DROP and ROLL area



Here, your child can enter your vehicle on the footpath side



Please obey the STOP SIGN here



The STOP, DROP and ROLL area is a NO PARKING zone during the school day.



The spaces outside the Parish Office are strictly for Parish staff only

We appreciate that the car park can become congested but your tolerance and understanding is essential. Our teaching staff do their very best to supervise your children, it is not mandatory that they do so, it is a service we provide to keep your child safe. There would be very few businesses in town that could vacate 460 people in 15 minutes and have their staff usher people into their vehicles. With your cooperation we are able to manage this feat every school day.

Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITH FACTS

Trinity Sunday – Trinity Sunday will be celebrated this coming Sunday. On his Food for Faith site, Father John O'Connor has this to say, "The Trinity is known to be a mystery but a mystery is often thought to be something that cannot be understood. This is not true. A mystery is something that can only be understood through the eyes of faith. On the site he has posted a great clip that helps us appreciate our relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the Trinity. Take a look... <https://goo.gl/3JRQKw> it's less than four minutes long and will help your understanding.

Six New Beatitudes – In Matthew 5: 1-12, Jesus gives to us the Beatitudes. This is a much loved piece of Scripture and one we should try hard to follow. But have you heard about the six "new" Beatitudes that Pope Francis has added for today's world! Listen to what Pope Francis is asking us to do and take one of them and try to live it! Visit <https://goo.gl/VtC76w>

St John the Baptist – John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelisation and his baptising of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth. John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. Pope Francis invites all of us to evangelise by our word and deeds, witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist's feast day is June 24th . Did you know that our diocesan patron saint is St John the Baptist!

CARITAS MUFTI MANIA DAY

We raised \$719.10 for Mufti Mania (Cartias). Thank you very much!

What is Caritas?

Caritas International is a confederation of 165 **Catholic** relief, development and social service organisations operating in over 200 countries and territories worldwide. Collectively and individually their claimed mission is to work to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed.

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, on **Friday 23rd June at 1:30pm**, with a Mass.

FAMILY (WHANAU) MASSES

Our next Family (Whanau) Mass will be on Sunday 25th June at 10am. Karaka Whanau (Rooms 17, 18, 19 & 20) will be participating in the Mass. The invitation is for as many families as possible, to come and celebrate with Karaka Whanau at Mass.

FAITH ALIVE

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

Yours in Christ,

Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies



Holy Baptism Programme



Enrolments for the Baptism programme are now closed. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have already enrolled their children in the programme and attended their first two sessions. Our last session will be **Wednesday the 21st June at 8.45am in the school staffroom**. There is an expectation that at least one parent or caregiver will attend the sessions with their child. If you have any questions I am more than happy to answer them.

Mrs Jakicevich

Deputy Principal

PTFA NEWS

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,
Our next PTFA meeting is on Wednesday 28th June at 7pm in the staffroom. You are warmly invited to attend. The following is a list of agenda items we will be discussing:

- Year 6 Graduation Crosses
- PTFA Constitution
- Guest Speaker for Term 3
- Date of Gala 2018
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Photo of Committee and Officers

PTFA meetings are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about new initiatives within the school, review how fundraised money is spent and make connections with other parents.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next meeting!

God Bless,
Serena Ross - *PTFA Chairperson*

UNIFORM ADDITIONS

For practical reasons we have added a couple of options to our school uniform. Girls will now have a shorts option and the colette will be phased out.

The shorts will be offered in two different waist styles - fully elasticated or half elastic and can be worn by both boys and girls in summer or winter.

We have also made a change to the hats we wear in terms one and four. The cricket style will be phased out and we will instead ask children to wear a bucket style in the school navy colour which will eliminate the need for a drawstring cord under the chin.

We will phase in these changes as the children grow out of their current clothes. If you have purchased uniform items recently, these will be perfectly acceptable - there is no need to purchase new items until you need them.

If your Year 6 student is going on to Pompallier Catholic College for Year 7, and they need new shorts, you may purchase the College girls or boys shorts for them as part of our school uniform during their final year.

**This only applies to Year 6 students attending
Pompallier Catholic College in 2018.**

FROM THE FAMILY WORKER

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

I am here to support you and your family when you are going through difficult times. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you want to meet sometime. As I tell the children sharing your feelings or your situation can sometimes make you feel better. My contact number is 0274714120.

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants - Sunday 18th June

Pope Francis in his message says, "Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel which calls you to recognise and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable."

Come and join us for a time of prayer and reflection at 5pm at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday 18th June to pray for the many refugees and migrant families in the world. We remember on this feast of Corpus Christi that we are one body in Christ, and one human family.

Second-hand uniforms

If you require any second-hand uniforms please fill in the uniform request form at the office and I will deliver the uniform items to your child's classroom. Donations for the uniforms can be paid to the office. Please remember to name the uniforms. Over the past weeks I have taken many uniform items home to wash that have been unnamed and have been in lost property for many weeks. As well as clothing, I have boxes of second-hand and new shoes that have been donated to the school so see me if your child needs school shoes.

Liz Beazley

Family Worker PH: 0274714120

Yr 5 & 6 Winter Sports Tournament



A BIG thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped at the Winter Sports Day last week with our Year 5 and 6 pupils. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

We really appreciate our super parents who give up their time to come to these days.



We welcome *Samiya Watkins-Miscall* who started in our school this week.



ARRIVING LATE

Please remember ALL children need to report to the school office and collect a late pass if they arrive after 8.45 am.

STUDENTS LEAVING DURING CLASS TIME

If you are collecting your child early for an appointment, regardless of whether they are returning afterwards or finishing for the day, parents/caregivers must report to the school office and obtain an Early Exit pass **before they collect their children**, to give to 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.

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.

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.

JUNE

14	8.45am	Baptism Session 2 - staffroom
14	6pm	Confirmation by Bishop Pat
18	10am	First Holy Communion
20	7pm	BOT meeting
21	8.45am	Baptism Session 3 - staffroom
21		Sausage Sizzle \$2 ea - Please place order with the class teacher on the day
23	1:30pm	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
26		Author, Des Hunt, visits Yr 2-6
28	7pm	PTFA Meeting - staffroom
30	1:30pm	School Assembly led by Karaka Whanau Rms 20, 19, 18 & 17
30		Reports sent home

JULY

4	1:30-6pm	Triadic Parent Teacher Student Interviews
5	1:30-6pm	Triadic Parent Teacher Student Interviews
7	2:50pm	Term 2 ends

Term Dates for 2017
Term Two:
1st May to 7th July

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

ATHLETICS NORTHLAND CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

We are holding a cross-country race on 2 July at Barge Park to raise funds for our Athletes traveling to various competitions in New Zealand. This year we are including an U15, Open Men and Open Women event, along with our usual age races for the 7 – 12 year olds.

We have created a new course this year in line with Athletics New Zealand recommended distances. We are also going to time the races. Children don't need to be a member of a club or school to enter. Entry fee is \$5 – pay on the day (Cash only) or you can enter on line: <https://goo.gl/forms/ECRTE5jRFuJ6WNsR2> or facebook www.facebook.com/groups/athleticsnorthlandchildren/ for more details.

PORSE

Working for PORSE is an ideal option for stay at home parents, grandparents, family members, friends, or anyone who touches the heart and mind of a baby or if you are looking for child care, PORSE is affordable, flexible and can offer babies\children the best possible start with a carer who is flexible and responsive to your needs.

If you would like to learn more about opportunities at PORSE, please visit our website or call Victoria Goodall on 021-955335 or Karen Smith on 021 833 736.

RISING STARZ

Rising Starz are holding open auditions for 8-18 year old boys and girls. Date: Sunday 11th June. Times: 1pm – 4pm. Location: the Riverbank Centre, Reyburn House Lane, Whangarei. More information: on facebook: Rising Starz Whangarei, OR email: risingstarznz@gmail.com OR call: Kirsten on 021 117 2341

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

HUANUI COLLEGE

July 2017 School Holiday Programme. 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie. Years 5 – 7 (approx. age 9 – 12) 9am – 3pm cost is \$40 - \$50 per child per day. Science, Horticulture & Agriculture, Arts & Crafts, Cooking Fun See our website for full programme details and booking form www.hc.school.nz Phone: 09-459-1930.

TABLE TENNIS

Year 4-8 children. Tuesday 7th July from 10am to 2.30pm. Cost: \$10. Table Tennis Centre, Western Hills Drive, (Adjacent to the ASB Leisure Centre) Kensington. Places need to be pre-booked and pre-paid to be guaranteed. Email Doris Davies for payment details: biandi@xtra.co.nz

ASB SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAMME

If you wish to join the ASB School Banking Programme please collect an application form from the school office. New and existing ASB customers are welcome. Forms must be completed by the legal parent/guardian of the applicant.



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 \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation 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 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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