



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

#3 Term 1, 5th March 2025



Principal's Message

Kia ora, Hello, Malo e lelei, Talofa, Habari, Sawadee, Kia orana, Dia duit, Halo, Ma muka chini, Kumusta, Nǎn hǎo, Guten tag, Namaste, Ciao, Bula, Konnichiwa, Buongiorno, Goedendag, Annyeonghaseyo!



Thanks to all those who were able to make the Open Night last night. It was a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about their classroom routines and expectations. It was also wonderful to see our community finding out more about our PTFA and what they do.

We have received our Religious Education Review Report. We are so pleased with this report as it reflects well on the special character of our school. We thank all involved and especially wish to acknowledge our wonderful DRS (Director of Religious Studies), Mrs Maria Wilson for all she does in our Catholic school.

We have also received our ERO report. Again, St Francis meets all criteria.

As of October 2024, the St Francis Xavier Catholic School (Whangarei) Board has attested the following regulatory and legislative requirements:

*Board Administration - Yes

*Curriculum - Yes

*Management of Health, Safety and Welfare - Yes

*Personnel Management - Yes

*Finance - Yes

*Assets - Yes

It is a very pleasing report and we thank all those who made time to meet with the reviewers for the ERO visit.

You can view both of these reports on our school website: <https://www.sfx.school.nz/> under the drop down "About Us"

We have been fortunate to have the team, Tukana Teina Kaiahi, in school encouraging students to participate in sports at lunchtimes. There has been a good uptake by students keen to get involved and have a go at a sport they know or is new to them. Wonderful!

We pray for all the students doing the Sacramental programme, and for the teenagers as well, who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. May they know that this is the start of a lifelong journey getting to know and understand God and how he is supporting them.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Yesterday we were contacted by our School Bank Manager to inform us that the school unfortunately received a counterfeit note in our recent banking. Due to this unfortunate incident our school has decided we will no longer accept cash over the counter for school fees and our camp. We encourage all future payments be completed **ONLINE** or by **EFTPOS**.

We thank you for your support.

EARLY PICKUPS

Please note that the final school bell is at **2:50pm**. Students should be in class for the whole final period. We are noticing that many students are being collected early. If it is a genuine reason - ka pai, otherwise students need to stay for final notices, prayers and instructions at the end of the day. Extra curricular activities need to be booked for outside of school hours. If you are picking up your child early, you **must** sign them out at the office. Please note also that the Staff Carpark is **NOT** for parents to park in when collecting at the end of the day. This is for safety reasons.

Nga mihi nui,
Bernadette Hall -Principal

Vision Statement

"Uniting through Christ, Embracing Mana, Enhancing Futures."

The
Season
of
Lent



Religious Education

"I am with you and I will protect you wherever you go" Genesis 28:15

This Sunday's Reading: (First Sunday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:11-13

Thought for the Week:

"Remember your limitations before you point a finger at those you believe you see in others"
Proverbs 26:27.

The man who sets a trap for others will get caught in it himself. Roll a boulder down on someone, and it will roll back and crush you.

Lent

Lent (which begins 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 them.

Faith Fact: The season of Lent

The season of Lent is one of the two Penitential seasons of the year. It starts with Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days, finishing in Holy Week. It is a time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent allows people to reflect on their lives and identify what they need to change. It is a season of preparation for the feast of Jesus' Resurrection which is the greatest feast in the Church's calendar.



Family Masses

During the year, Whanau will be rostered to participate in Family Masses on Sunday at 10:00 am. These Whanau Masses have been a success in recent years and it is a beautiful way of coming together as a school and Parish whanau to celebrate the Eucharist. Our next Family Mass is on **Sunday, 23rd March** at 10:00 am. Hatea Whanau (Rooms 8, 14, 15 and 16) will participate. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Yours in Christ
Mrs Maria Wilson

DATES TO REMEMBER:



Remember to check your child's seesaw account for information regarding upcoming events. We also have the calendar on our website, <https://www.sfx.school.nz/> FaceBook updates St Francis Xavier Catholic School-Whangarei, and the fortnightly newsletter.

**Tomorrow night 5:15pm Yr 5&6 Camp Meeting in the
St Joe's Room (Room 5&6)**

Week 7- 12th March 7pm

P.T.F.A Meeting in the staffroom

Week 7- 14th March

Sausage Sizzle

Motto

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



Senior Swimming Sports



We had a wonderful morning at our Senior Swimming Sports at Pompallier Catholic College on Thursday, February 20th. There was a lot of fun and competition in the pool with many children participating in all events. Our Year 5 and 6 students choose to swim in breaststroke, backstroke, and freestyle events in either competition or non-competition (splash n' dash) events. Some of our children have qualified to swim at the Whangarei Primary school Sports Association Inter School Swimming Champs on the 12th March.

Here are the results from our Senior Swimming Sports.

BACKSTROKE	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 5 Girls	Willa Chapman	Ainsley Mapa	Lucy Whitehouse
Year 5 Boys	Joseph Price	Anthony Saunders	
Year 6 Girls	Olivia MacPherson	Ava Bourke	Charlotte Russell
Year 6 Boys	Jayden Dong	Harry Chapman	Cooper Bradley
BREASTSTROKE			
Year 5 Girls	Willa Chapman	Ainsley Mapa	Alena Milner
Year 5 Boys	No competitors		
Year 6 Girls	Charlotte Russell	Ava Bourke	Olivia MacPherson
Year 6 Boys	Jayden Dong	Harry Chapman	Cooper Bradley
FREESTYLE			
Year 5 Girls	Willa Chapman	Skylar Escondo	Abi MacPherson
Year 5 Boys	Joseph Price	Anthony Saunders	
Year 6 Girls	Olivia MacPherson	Charlotte Russell	Isla Aydon
Year 6 Boys	Jayden Dong	Harry Chapman	Cooper Bradley

Many thanks to our parents who helped with our swimming sports.
Your support is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all our swimmers!

This week's student space:

This week we acknowledge Room 14 who have been learning all about the Kiwi. What they eat, their habitat and all sorts of interesting facts. Here are Chase, Oliver, Liam, Gabbie and Arkpinhear with their fabulous art work.



to Lilyrose Ball, Johan Sarath Baby,
Abbram Gino, Irene Manoj and
Amiria Shelford
who have started at our
school recently.

We hope that you are enjoying your
new school and community.



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

March

6th	5:15pm	Year 5&6 Camp Meeting - St Joe's Room	
7th	Swimming	Room 22 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 16 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 1 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 18 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 12 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 4 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
10th	9:15-10:20am	He Kākano Programme - Session one	
11th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
12th		WPSSA Swim Champs	
12th	7pm	P.T.F.A Meeting - held in Staffroom	
14th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
14th	8:45am	Sausage Sizzle \$2:00 - Place your order with your class teacher at the start of the day	
17th	9:15-10:20am	He Kākano Programme - Session two	
18th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
20th	5:45pm	Board of Trustees Meeting - held in Staffroom	
21st	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
24th	9:15-10:20am	He Kākano Programme - Session three	
25th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
28th	8:45am	Sausage Sizzle \$2:00 - Place your order with your class teacher at the start of the day	
28th	1:30pm	Whole School Assembly - Hatea Whanau leading	
28th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am

April

1st to 4th		Camp 1 Yr 5&6 - Rooms 1, 12 & 16	
1st	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
4th	Swimming	Room 19 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am	Room 11 Leave at 9:30am Lesson at 9:45am
		Room 17 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am	Room 21 Leave at 10:30am Lesson at 10:45am
		Room 3 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am	Room 15 Leave at 11:30am Lesson at 11:45am
7th to 10th		Camp 2 Yr 5&6 - Rooms 4, 18 & 22	
11th		Last day of Term 1	

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

DATE: **Friday 14th March**

\$2.00 PER SAUSAGE

Please pay your teacher the correct money at the start of the day.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE P.T.F.A & WHANGAREI GOURMET MEATS!

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School Timetable

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



EASTER RAFFLE



P.T.F.A FUNDRAISER

We would love for you to help us if you can!

We are putting together a raffle for Easter and if you are able to bring along something to contribute to our raffle, such as Easter eggs or Easter related gifts, we would be very grateful. Please give them to your teacher by Friday 21st March.

We will be selling tickets from 8:15am - 8:45am outside the office.

Tickets will be sold Monday 24th March through to Friday 4th April

Raffle drawn - Friday 11th April at 12:30pm

All the funds raised will go directly back to our school and tamariki.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

From your St Francis Xavier Catholic School P.T.F.A

ALSO FROM THE PTFA

Please scan the QR code attached or click on the link to tell us how you can help.

SFX PTFA - Can you help?

We are only successful if we have parents and whanau members lending a hand.

WE NEED YOU!!



Do you have a child interested in giving hockey a go?

Marist Junior Hockey welcome players who are in Years 2-6 to join our friendly club.

We practice on Wednesdays and games are played on Saturday mornings.

Please complete our online registration form in the below link :

If you have any questions please contact

hockeymarist@gmail.com

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScy->

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