



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

#4 Term 1, 19th March 2025



Principal's Message

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

Again, thank you to all who made it to our Open Night. The feedback has been very positive. We are looking into ways to make it even better next year. More formal parent/student/teacher interviews will be happening in Term 2.



On the 25th March at 11:00am we have our official blessing for our Holy Family garden and statue. All are welcome.

Swimming lessons have been going well for our middle and seniors. Thank you for ensuring your child is swim ready!

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



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 **this 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!!



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: (Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

Thought for the Week: Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism - become an optimist.

Give up discouragement - be full of hope.

Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.

Give up harsh judgement - think kindly thoughts.

Lent

Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday) is a time for renewal and preparing for Easter. The children will discuss the season of Lent and Lenten promises. Asking questions is a good way to remind your child(ren) about these discussions.

Faith Fact: The season of Lent

Lent is one of the two Penitential seasons of the year. It starts with Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days, finishing in Holy Week. Lent is a time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It 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, 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.**

From the Parish Bulletin

Can you help please?

At St Vincent De Paul (Food bank), we need volunteers in all areas of Whangarei to deliver food parcels to those in need once or twice a week, depending on the demand. If you would like to help, please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office 09 4377902. Thank you.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies



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.

Week 8 - 20th March 5:45pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Week 9 - 24th March 9:15am

He Kākano Session

Week 9 - 28th March

Sausage Sizzle

Motto

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School Accounts

Thank you to all our parents who have paid their child's school account or started automatic payments. Due to the issue of counterfeit notes found in our last banking we would prefer payments either completed online or by eftpos at the school office. Thank you for your consideration.

There are some parents who have not yet paid or set up automatic payments. Please can we remind you that payment of the attendance dues is a compulsory charge and a requirement of your child's enrolment. The attendance dues are collected on behalf of the Auckland Catholic Diocese and passed on to them. Please do not wait until Term 4, otherwise you will receive a phone call from the Auckland Catholic Diocese.

Please come and see Deborah Rudolph, Office Manager, or our Principal, Mrs Bernadette Hall, or meet with our Parish Priest if you require financial assistance now rather than later in the year. This conversation is confidential.

We would also like to remind you of our school camp for our seniors. As St Francis Xavier Catholic School is in the Ministry of Education Donations Scheme we are unable to charge the school account, but we can request a donation from each child which helps us with the camp expenses for accommodation, transport, food and the many activities that have been arranged. The donation is \$140 per child and per parent helper. This will not be added to your school account, please either pay online with the reference of your child's name or parents name if attending and that it is for camp. If this is not clear we may allocate to your child's school fees. Alternatively pay by eftpos at the school office.

WPSSA Swimming Champs

We had a wonderful team of swimmers who qualified for the WPSSA Swimming Champs on the 12th March. The competition included swimmers from other Whangarei Primary Schools and our team swam competitively with outstanding results. Four of our swimmers have now been invited to compete in the Northland Primary School Swimming Sports in Dargaville.

WPSSA Whangarei Swimming Champs Results:

Backstroke

Year 5 Girls	1st Place	Willia Chapman
Year 6 Girls	2nd Place	Olivia MacPherson
Year 6 Boys	1st Place	Jayden Dong
Year 6 Boys	2nd Place	Harry Chapman

Breaststroke

Year 5 Girls	3rd Place	Willia Chapman
Year 6 Boys	1st Place	Jayden Dong

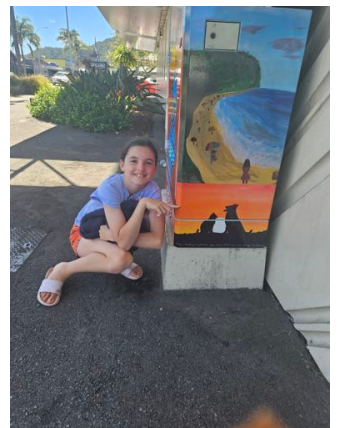
Freestyle

Year 5 Girls	1st Place	Willia Chapman
Year 6 Boys	1st Place	Jayden Dong
Year 6 Boys	3rd Place	Harry Chapman



Student Success

We would like to acknowledge Aroha de Geest who won the Whangarei Youth Arts Award for her snow leopard painting. She also came runner up of the Creative Northland Art Competition. Another one of her pieces is now displayed on a power box outside the Whangarei Police Station. Aroha has a love of art and a skill that is sharpened every week with her attendance at Jessie Rose art class.



Student Space

In this weeks student space we acknowledge Room 23 and Room 16.

Room 23, where they have been exercising body, mind and spirit this week.



Room 16, as they were intrigued by the rabbit that visited our school last week, so they designed a human rabbit catcher using the Northpower ePro8 kits we had in the school. Fabulous teamwork activity, using their problem-solving skills to collaborate on a model. They created a variety of models, and each team shared their designs, explaining and justifying their design choices.



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TERM DATES FOR 2025

TERM 1: Thur 30th Jan - Fri 11th Apr
 TERM 2: Mon 28th Apr - Fri 27th June
 TERM 3: Mon 14th Jul - Fri 19th Sept
 TERM 4: Mon 6th Oct - Mon 15th Dec TBC

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

DATE: **Friday 28th March**



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PTFA & WHANGAREI GOURMET MEATS!

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



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SCHOOL EVENTS

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

March

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	11am	Statue Blessing	
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	



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING WITH JAKE BAILEY

Jake is an internationally acclaimed speaker, best selling author, and educated on resilience. Jake first captured global attention in 2015 when, as Head Boy at Christchurch Boys' High School, he delivered a powerful prize giving speech from a wheelchair just a week after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. His speech resonated worldwide, inspiring millions with its message of courage and determination. You can watch it [here](#)

Since overcoming his health challenges, Jake has dedicated his life to understanding and teaching the psychology of resilience. He has shared his insights with over 100,000 individuals across various sectors, including elite athletes, Fortune 500 CEOs, educators, prison inmates and community groups. Jake has a passion for working with youth, and has engaged with more than 100 schools across NZ, Australia, Japan, Myanmar and Portugal.

As a presenter, Jake shares with others all which he has since learnt from a range of sources: his study in positive psychology and learnings from experts, his interviews with those who have overcome great adversity, and of course his lived experience. He shares this journey, what it has taught him, and how others can integrate these lessons into their own lives. This event offers a unique opportunity to hear Jake's compelling story and gain practical tools to enhance your child's capacity to cope with challenges.

For more information about Jake, visit his [website](#)

For more information about the event, please email monique.vanstokkum@pompallier.school.nz

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Monday 24th March, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm parent's evening & book signing

Venue: Pompallier Catholic College Hall

Charge: No charge, although a donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.



Do you have a child interested in
hockey?

Marist Junior Hockey welcome players
who are in Years 2, 3 & 4 to join their
friendly club.

Please complete their online
registration form in the attached link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ixM6JqnmkO-ps-i2kHII_0B-GeOoAHM0obfNCFPr3pc/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions please
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