



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

#1 Term 2, 7th May 2025



Principal's Message

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

It has been great to see all our students back safe and sound after the school break. We welcome Mrs Madhu Graham who will be teaching in a New Entrant class this term. Mrs Graham is an experienced teacher and we hope she enjoys her new role here at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. We also welcome all new families to our school.

With the passing of Pope Francis, our classes have been learning a little more about Popes and their role in the Catholic Church. Our school had a liturgy for Pope Francis which celebrated his life and services.

This term we have a new initiative to fundraise for resources to help our students in sports and movement. **Move It May** is coming to an inbox near you! Please read all about it by following the link provided. This is a no fuss easy way to support our school. Prizes up for grabs!

Go to our school website page-click on [Move-It-May PTFA Fundraiser](#) read the information and then click on [SFX Fundraising Hub](#) to see how our school and our different whānau teams are tracking. So far we have raised over \$6,000 in funding for education outside the classroom! Fantastic!

This term we welcome back Tuakana Teina Kaiarahi working alongside students to support them with growing their confidence, resilience and enabling more ways for them to shine with their individual skills. We also look forward to Tuakana Teina Time (TTT) whereby whanau teams get to experience rotations of; music, dance, drama, art and sports with specialised teachers in these areas.

Remember, we have a Teacher Only Day scheduled for the 23rd June so school will be closed for instruction that day. Teachers will be working with the new Maths curriculum and assessment requirements.

Ngā mihi nui,

Bernadette Hall -Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

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

May

6th He Kākano Programme - Session 1
7th He Kākano Programme - Session 2
7th 7pm PTFA - AGM
8th & 9th School Photos

9th 8:45am **Sausage Sizzle \$2**

9th 1:30pm **Mother's Day Liturgy**

15th 5:45pm BOT Meeting

16th 1:30pm Whole School Assembly

22nd Vision & Hearing

25th 10am Manaia Whānau Mass

28th Catholic Schools Day

28th WPSSA Winter Sports - Year 5&6

30th 8:45am **Sausage Sizzle \$2**

June

2nd

King's Birthday - School closed for instruction

3rd He Kākano Programme - Session 1

6th SFX School Cross Country

9th He Kākano Programme - Session 2

13th Non-Uniform Day - Bring a can

13th 1:30pm Whole School Assembly

16th He Kākano Programme - Session 3

20th **Matariki - School closed for instruction**

23rd **Staff Only Day - School closed for instruction**

25th 1:30pm - 6pm Parent, Student & Teacher Conversations

26th 1:30pm - 6pm Parent, Student & Teacher Conversations

27th 8:45am **Sausage Sizzle \$2**

27th Last day of term 2



Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

Welcome back! It is great to see the children return from their holidays and be eager to start the new term.

This Sunday's Reading: (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Thought for the Week: Lenten Reflection

"Success comes in can; failure comes in can't"

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Mother's Day Liturgy

Save the date!

Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be held in the church on Friday 9th May at 1:30pm. Mothers, please come and join us as we thank God for the wonderful gift of you, our mothers.

Non-Uniform Day

Our non-uniform day this term is Friday, June 13th. Please bring a non-perishable grocery item or can, which will be given to the St Vincent de Paul and Soul Food.

Family/Whānau Mass

Our next Family Mass is on Sunday, 25th May at 10am. Manaia Whanau (Rooms 11, 12, 13 & 6 will be participating). ALL ARE WELCOME.

Ready the Way Sacramental Programme 2025

To prepare for the Sacraments of: **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist.**

Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office.

Registrations close on the 11th May. Information and Orientation meeting for all the Parents/Guardians on Thursday, 15th May at 7pm in the Church. Programme starts: Sunday 18th May at the 10am Mass at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church for parents and children, followed by a preparation session in the St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

Pompallier Catholic College 2026 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for 2026:

Open on Monday 5 May, 2025

Close on Thursday 19 June, 2025

It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read the current [Enrolment-Policy.pdf](#) and [2026-Enrolment-Process.pdf](#) document prior to applying.

Enrolment application forms are available at the college office, on their [website](#) or you can request a pack to be posted to you by phoning the office on 09 438 3950.

Completed enrolment application forms should be dropped into the college office between 8:00am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday during term time.

For further information on enrolment, please visit the [Enrolment pages](#) on the website.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz



Haere mai whānau, come & join us for a

Crafty Cuppa!

Who: Saint Francis Xavier student & staff crafters, extended whānau & Parishioners.

What: Come and join us for a **MULTIGENERATIONAL 'SIT & KNIT!'**

- All handicrafts welcome (knitting, crochet, raranga/weaving, embroidery etc)
- Need more info? Email Rosie: rosie@sfx.school.nz

When:

- Thursday 15th May, 12.15-1.30pm.**
- 12.15: Parishioners & extended family to St Joseph's room for a cuppa
- 12.30: Children who would like join the event, bring lunch boxes & their projects to Saint Joseph's room.
- 1.30: Sit & knit event wraps up

Where: Saint Joseph's room, Saint Francis Xavier School.

Please bring:

- Please bring your current handicraft project to work on.
- OPTIONAL: bring a completed project to place on our viewing/sharing table, we'd love to be inspired by your creativity!



Motto

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Welcome to our New students

Welcome to Elijah Antido, Grayson Cook, Sunny Hansen, Mikahil Hill, Adriel Lee, Nehalin Magnes, Kalel Magullado, Adam Rabouni Kamba, Nadhan Stephen, Aloysius Tinto and Aubrey Williams who have started at our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

St Francis Xavier Catholic School Uniform

Please note, our uniform suppliers are our two local shops - Bethells Uniforms in The Strand and Uniform Hub Whangarei in Te Kamo. Parents can also purchase second hand items from our school. Please **do not** have our uniform items made overseas - the quality and printing is different from our locally produced items. Many thanks.

All students must be in winter uniform by week 3.

This includes flat, black shoes that are able to be polished. Sneakers and suede shoes are **NOT** part of our uniform. Knee high navy socks are to be worn, NOT stockings.

Please, please, please name ALL uniform items along with drink bottles and lunch boxes.

You may like to look at this company who regularly email us their specials on labels.

www.preciouslabels.co.nz

Afternoon Pick ups at the Hockey Carpark

As we head into wetter weather, we would like to kindly remind you that if it is raining at the end of the day, students will not walk across to the hockey carpark for pickup, as there is no shelter available.

Instead, we ask that you please collect your children from the church Stop, Drop and Roll carpark area when it is raining. This ensures the safety and comfort of all students and staff. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support in helping us keep the pick up process safe and efficient for everyone.

School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland

Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3040 for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz>

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We are now in Term 2 of the year. If you are making online/automatic payments, by now at least one term should have been paid. Please see the below account information.

School bank account: St Francis Xavier Catholic School **12-3101-0077924-00**

Please ensure your child's name is in the reference as the example shown:

Particulars: Mary Brown Code: M Brown Reference: Mary Brown

If the payment relates to more than 1 child please use all children's names.

This will help us to ensure the payment goes to the correct child.

Internet Upgrade

We are having an internet upgrade on Monday 19th May between the hours of 1 to 5 pm. This will affect our phone lines and emails. Unfortunately it is unavoidable. We suggest that if you need to contact the school office, please ring the school cellphone 027 278 4303.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Parent, Teacher, Friends Association meeting which will be held at 7pm in our staffroom tonight. Come along and see what we are about and hear how we try to support the school and your tamariki.

This week is your last chance to claim camp lost property. Mrs J will donate it to charity this Friday!

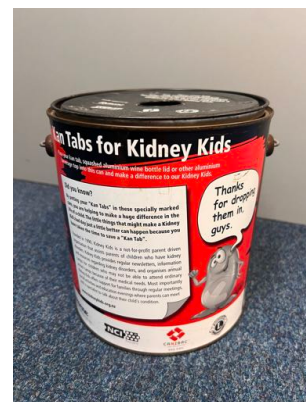


Thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell as we head into the Winter colds and flu season. Covid is still in our communities and we appreciate it when our families follow the RATs test protocol and keep whānau away until everyone is well again.

There is also chicken pox doing the rounds at the moment. Chicken pox is not a virus that we are required to notify families about when we hear of cases, but we do appreciate parents telling us so we do stay informed. At school, the children are encouraged to follow good hand hygiene and we maintain clean airflow in our classrooms. Here is a very useful link for parents if they are unsure about sending their child to school.

Student Space

This week we acknowledge Chase Beuker from Room 14, who with the help of family and friends got given a whole heap of Kan Tabs for Hātea whānau. That's points for Hātea whanau. Did you know that by collecting "Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids" you are helping to make a huge difference in the life of a child. The little things that might make a Kidney Kid's bad day just a little better can happen because you have taken the time to save a "Kan Tab". We give all collected Kan Tabs to our local Lions Rotary Club who then exchange them for money, which is then passed onto the Kidney Kids Foundation. Such a great cause.



This week our Year 6 children would have brought home an enrolment pack for Pompallier Catholic College Year 7 2026. There are some **important changes** to the enrolment process that you need to be aware of so please read **all** the documents in the pack carefully. You will need to phone the parish office to make an appointment for a new preferential certificate for Pompallier.

Enrolments for Year 7 close on the **19th June 2025.**

Mrs J is happy to answer any questions you may have, or please contact the College directly.

20-26 May 2024

It's Road Safety Week!

Anyone can be a Road Safety Hero so join us on our Road Safety Hero Relay around the Hotea Loop to show your commitment to road safety.

Organisations and individuals are invited to participate in the Road Safety Hero Relay to celebrate our heroes in road safety and raise awareness for the challenges we face in Northland.

Friday 24 May at 1.00pm

Canopy Bridge, Town Basin

For more info on Road Safety Week, visit roadsafetyweek.co.nz

Followed by refreshments and prizes at the Pukekohe Park join us!

Scan here to register



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Dress up in your most creative hero costume and be in to win great prizes!



MARIST RUGBY
PARK AVENUE, KENSINGTON

Calling all Year 6's!

**We are looking for
more year 6 players.**

**Come along to training
on Thursday at 4.30pm**

**Any questions: Contact Shelley on
027 228 7987 or email:
maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com**

Hear from a current host family!

How-to? Sign Up Process

Meet the Students!



HOMESTAY

INFORMATION EVENING

1 LUPTON AVENUE KENSINGTON

Wanganui Girls' High School at The Library

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2023

6:15PM - 6:15PM

We invite you to join us and learn more about why you could be the perfect host family!

PRIZES TO WIN!

Light Snacks Provided!

Q&A Session



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