

St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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



#2 Term 3, 4th June 2025

Principal's Message

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

Super Huge Thank you



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

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6th		SFX School Cross Country
9th		He Kākano Programme - Session 2
11th	7pm	PTFA Meeting in the staffroom
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
26th	5:45pm	BOT Meeting
27th	8:45am	Sausage Sizzle \$2
27th		Last day of term 2

A massive THANK YOU to our St Francis Xavier Catholic School community on behalf of our PTFA for the tremendous effort you all have done to support our *MOVE-IT-MAY* fundraiser! To date we have raised over \$21,000. Thank you for sharing the word and links with family and friends here in Aotearoa and overseas. We have raised a considerable amount to now put towards Education Outside the Classroom(EOTC) activities and resources for our students. Incredible! I would especially like to acknowledge the PTFA for endorsing *MOVE-IT-MAY*, and our very generous sponsors - Mike Procter - Eves Real Estate and Flip! Whangarei. A big thank you to Whaea Rose Johnson who co-ordinated and set up the website for *MOVE-IT-MAY*.

It is fantastic to see so many students doing their Sacramental programme on Sundays with Miss Barber and Mrs Withers. Our teachers are giving up their time to run the programme on their weekend, so please be respectful, and ensure your child attends on time, and everyone is actively listening and participating in the programme. Thank you again for supporting the Roman Catholic Character and school by ensuring your child has the opportunity to receive their Sacraments.

LATE PICK UPS.

Unfortunately we have had a number of late pick ups this term. We understand if it is an emergency, however, we have had children here till 4.30-5pm still waiting to be collected. If you know you will be late collecting your child please let the school office know as soon as possible. **Our staff are not responsible for your child after 3:15pm.** Teachers and staff have meetings, appointments and their own children to attend to after school. Please be respectful of this.

If your child is not collected by 3:15pm and there is no phone call to the office to explain why, we will be legally required to contact the police as per our school policy.

Here is something to be aware of, with the new enrolment criteria from Pompallier College it is a good reminder to our families, that St Francis Xavier Catholic School students will still take precedence gaining a place at Pompallier Catholic College over students who attend state schools. The demand is high for places at Pompallier and so those children who have **gone through the Catholic primary education system are much more likely to gain a place at Pompallier.** This supports both schools' Catholic character and ensures a thorough Catholic education is had at primary school level.

Bernadette Hall -Principal

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Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

"Iam with you, and I will protect you wherever you go." Genesis 28:15

This Sunday's Reading: (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

Thought for the Week:

"Today our old Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, let our hearts ascend with him." Saint Augustine

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.

Ready the Way-Sacramental Programme 2025

Please keep the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in your prayers.

Pastoral Care Basket

Our Pastoral Care basket is situated in the school office area. Non-perishable food items placed in this basket are added towards a food package for a family in need in our community.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson
DRS – Director of Religious Studies



IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

Tomorrow the school will have no internet or phone line until approximately 1pm. You will not be able to ring in and we will not receive your absent email until we are back online. Please call the school cellphone if you need to get in touch with us.

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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 <u>website</u> 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 <u>Enrolment pages</u> on the website.

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



PARENT, STUDENT, TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June 1.30 - 6.00pm

This learning conversation involves the student, parent and teacher. It is a time to look at your child's work and discuss next learning steps for Terms 3 and 4. Each interview is 15 minutes.

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: adudd

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

We need your help please!

Help us by updating your details on our website:

Next week your child will bring home a copy of your address and contact phone numbers that we have in our database. PLEASE take the time to check them. This helps us to contact you if your child is not only unwell, but for many other reasons like the up coming School Board Elections. You can easily update your details on our website.

Under the drop down information, go to online forms then Update Contact Details. Fill in your details then send

Alternatively, you can ring, call into the office or make the changes on the form and send back to the school office.



✓ Send

Update Contact Details

Board of Trustees Elections 2025:

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who can make a positive difference to our children's learning.

Make a difference and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form which will be emailed to you by Friday 11 July 2025. The timeline and further details will follow in the next newsletter. Learn more at schoolboardelections.org.nz

Board of Trustees Elections 2025 Timeline

We will call for nominations by Friday 11 July 2025 Nominations will close 12pm on Wednesday 30 July 2025

Wednesday 6 August 2025(if election required) Voting papers issued by

Votes counted and results declared on Tuesday 9 September 2025

It is imperative our school database is up to date. If you have changed your address in the last year, please notify the school office urgently.

Anne-Marie Franks

Returning Officer

Welcome to our new students:

Welcome to Abram Jinson, Izahak Joshy, Giselle Macwan, Catherine and Ryan Subin and Alyzer Tingcon who have started at our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.





PhotoLife Shoot Keys:

Photo shoot keys codes have been distributed to students. Photos can be purchased online using the photo shoot key code. DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR SHOOT KEY!

How to view and purchase your photographs:

- 1. Got to <u>www.photolife.co.nz</u>
- 2. Click "Ordering"
- 3. Enter your secure Shoot Key Code (make sure you allow pop ups for the payment process).
- 4. Click "VIEW ALL" to see all the packages available of your child's photos.

There are more instructions on the website.

To qualify for free school delivery, ALL orders must be received by PhotoLife before midnight SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2025.

School Attendance Dues and Donations:

Thank you to all who have paid all the school attendance dues and donations or set up regular payments. This is greatly appreciated. We have receipted for the month of May. Statements will be sent out tomorrow.

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: <a href="https://https

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.



Percy Street Pick-ups:

Please, please **DO NOT PARK** over our neighbour's driveways and on **their** grass berms. It is very important for us to be good neighbours and respect **their** property and the road laws. You can also park in the Marist carpark in Park Ave. Thank you.

Withdrawals from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School:

Parents, if you are considering leaving our school please notify the school immediately by email or a letter to the Principal immediately so we are aware and can prepare. We are receiving too many last minute notices and our poor teachers are unable to organise anything for the leaving child/ren. If you are also going on holiday - please let us know when you book your tickets, **not** the day before you leave on the trip. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

SFX Cross Country

On your marks, get set, GO!

We will be running our school cross country this Friday, 6th June on Kensington Park. Juniors will start running at 10:15am, followed by middle school at approximately 11am and the senior classes at approximately 11:45 noon. We can't be specific about time, but we aim to finish all races by 1pm.

The children will need to have their PE gear all week because we will be practising on the days leading up to our cross country. Parents are welcome to come and watch and a big thank you to the parents who will be helping on the day.