

St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.1 Thursday 14th February 2019

Tena koutou katoa.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

Welcome back to St Francis Xavier Catholic School and a special welcome to all of our new families and students.

We are enjoying a fabulous start to the school year and from day one our students were straight into their learning.

On Saturday evening, at 6.00pm Mass, Fr Peter greeted and invited Board members, teachers, and ancillary staff forward for a blessing for the new school year. His homily focused on God being the “fisher of men and women” and how the Apostles cast their nets and they were filled with fish.

Fr Peter likened this to we as educators and how we can reach out to pupils in our care and entrust them with the knowledge and word of God.

This got me thinking about my holiday. I enjoy fishing; although I’m not that good at it, and unlike the Apostles I don’t come home with a net full either. What I do enjoy is the opportunity to share my fishing experiences with a friend and like all fishermen and the Apostles we have stories to share. I can assure you that my 32 centimetre snapper didn’t feed too many of us.

Fr Peter talked about the importance of us all working together as a community to enhance the opportunities for our children. We need to be in the same boat, motoring in the same direction, or as the Maori say “He waka eke noa: A canoe we are all in with out exception.”

We invite you all to join us in our waka as we navigate the year ahead with your children.

Craig McKernan
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-2

Thought For The Week:

“It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16,18. Rejoice always, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

***Ash Wednesday:**

We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with a Mass, on **Wednesday 6 March** at 9:00am in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

***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 it.

*Our School Charism:

The Charism of our school is the missionary zeal of both Saint Francis Xavier, our school patron saint, and St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) who carried the Word of God to distant lands.

St Francis Xavier, a 'Man of God', had the passion and energy to proclaim the gospel of Christ to all people. He had a unique desire to evangelise and worked tirelessly for others.

It is the faith and life example of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), who founded the religious order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The main principals of her Order arose from her respect for human dignity.

St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop's) Charism is a gift of the spirit which is characterised by:

*Listening to God's call.

*Making room for all.

*Having an attitude of gratitude.

*Doing your bit.

The school community, take on the responsibility of following the examples of St Francis Xavier and St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop).

*Religious Education:

Classes Attending a Tuesday Mass at 9am

If you are able to, you are welcome to come and join your child's class when they attend Mass on a Tuesday morning.

Tuesday Mass 9.00am	Class – Year Level	Tuesday Mass 9.00am	Class – Year Level
Puriri 19 Feb Room 16 Room 13	Yr 3&4 Mrs Campbell Yr 3&4 Mrs Wilson	Kauri 19 Mar Room 2 Room 4	Yr 1 Miss Barber Yr 3&4 Mrs Schutte
Kowhai 26 Feb Room 12 Room 10	Yr 5&6 Mrs Clegg Yr 1 Mrs Civil	Karaka 26 Mar Room 20 Room 19	Yr 5&6 Mrs Wendt Yr 2 Ms Malone
Kowhai 05 Mar Room 11 Room 9	Yr 3&4 Mrs Cash Yr 1 Mrs Withers	Karaka 02 Apr Room 18 Room 17	Yr 5&6 Mrs Bassett Yr 3&4 Whaea Rose
Kauri 12 Mar Room 1 Room 3	Yr 5&6 Mrs Gunson Yr 3&4 Whaea Sammie	Rimu 09 Apr Room 21 Room 22 Room 23	Yr 2 Whaea Jacqui Yr 5&6 Mrs Hepi Yr 3&4 Mr Werder

*Family Masses:

Once again 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 whanau and Parish family to celebrate the Eucharist. It is very pleasing to see our children involved in our Parish Masses.

Our next Family Mass is on **Sunday, 24th February** at 10:00am. Puriri Whanau (Rooms 13, 14, 15 and 16 will be participating). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

*Sacramental Programme:

A reminder to the children involved in the Sacramental Programme.

The programme recommences on **Sunday 24th February** at the 10am Mass.

The children will be presented with the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

The family sessions start at 4pm on Sunday 24th February.

Parents will be in the church and the children will be in the Parish Hall.

Please keep checking the events timetable for dates of all school events.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Wilson

DRS - Director of Religious Studies

We welcome our new students into our school

Charlize Benson, Ariya Beuker, Lachlan Campbell, Essa Catherine, Jacob Evans, Gia and Damien Fernandes, Annabelle Gardiner, Arapetapaiketa Grace, Jacob Haines, Isabella Hill, Noah Hotere-Davies Takimoana, Jonah Isaacs-Neha, Georgia Lovell, Zyrel Maglasang, Thorfinn Mainland, Danny Mangu-Morrell, Evelyn McDermott, Charlotte Munn, Avyukt Nandra, Christy Pallassery, Alice Shih, Madison Sketchley, Trystan Todd-Jones and Matthew Watts.



Family Worker Welcome

We are very pleased to introduce Mrs Shelley Crawford, our new Family Worker, to the school staff. Mrs Crawford, a member of the St Francis Xavier Parish, is an experienced social worker with many years working in the profession. Mrs Crawford will also be working with Pompallier Catholic College families. The role of the family worker is to support and assist our school whanau who may be feeling under pressure, experiencing family break up, coping with bereavement or any number of other issues that crop up in family life. Mrs Crawford can be contacted in the strictest confidence by phoning the school. At the moment she will be here Mondays and Fridays but this is flexible.



Triadic Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Wednesday 6th and Tuesday 7th March

1.30 – 6.00pm

Triadic interviews involve the student, parent and teacher. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher together and get to know each other better.

Each interview is 15 minutes 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: **sm7hy**(lowercase)

Follow the instructions.

If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment please



The year 5 and 6 classes began their swimming lessons at the Whangarei Aquatic Centre this week. A big thank you to the Oxford Trust who have provided our school with a grant. The grant money means there will be **NO COST** to parents for year 5 and 6 swimming this year.

A big thank you to Anne-Marie Franks who put the grant applications together. We really appreciate the Oxford trust and Anne-Marie's time.

*SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A friendly reminder that our school uniform for terms 1 and 4 includes **black Roman sandals**.

If you are having trouble finding the correct sandals, our second hand uniform pool may be able to help. Pop into the office and fill out a slip so our uniform helpers can find what you need. A koha is appreciated.

If your child cannot wear Roman sandals for some medical reason, please write a note explaining medical condition so we may keep this on file.

Thanks to those parents who have already done this. We wear shoes and socks in term 2 and 3.



SCHOOL HATS, SUNGLASSES AND SUN BLOCK

This is a friendly reminder that it is a school rule that all children are to wear school hats while outside, particularly during the summer periods. Please ensure they have their hats at school each day to ensure they are protected from the sun. For safety reasons, those children who have the older style school hats that have broken cords (or cords that have dislodged from the brim), could you please make sure these are cut off.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORMS ARE NAMED. Your support is much appreciated.

SUNGLASSES

In the hot summer months children are welcome to wear sunglasses whilst outside. Please name them clearly!

Finally...don't forget to apply sunblock to your child each morning!!!



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for STUDENT ABSENCES



Please note we have a new email address for emailing your child's daily absence or any future absence through to the school.

This email address is: absent@sfx.school.nz

You may still call the school/leave a message on Ph: 094371039, and call or text the school on Ph: 027 2784303.

Lunchonline

Lunchonline is an online ordering service for school lunches (our school – Fridays only). You may register to order lunch for your child at www.lunchonline.co.nz Just set up a new account. Enter your child's school and class number. Make payment so you have funds in your account then place an order.

Please ensure you have updated your child's room number for 2019 as your child is not getting their lunch on time if the lunch monitor is going to the wrong class.



Drinks at school

A friendly reminder that **water** is the preferred drink for our children during school hours. Please save flavoured milk and other drinks for at home.





Student Success

Tamatea Davis, Keakealani Seve and Luka Roulston competed at the waka ama nationals at Lake Karapiro. All three raced well and made their respective finals. Luka was even interviewed on TV! Tamatea and Keakealani paddled together in their teams to come first in the championship for W1 2 250m. Tamatea also paddled with his team to come 2nd in the championship for the W6 250m. Well done!



Can you help?

Mrs J is looking for helpers for the year 5 and 6 swimming sports at Pompallier Catholic College pool on Thursday 28th February from 9am until noon.

We need lifeguards and timekeepers. Please contact Mrs J if you can help.

glenys@sfx.school.nz

Many thanks



PTFA News

Dear Families,

We had two very successful meetings last night and were delighted to welcome some lovely new members. Our thanks to those who attended and offered their support.

Our annual Gala Day on March 16th is shaping up to be an exciting and enjoyable event, especially with your help. We are desperately seeking volunteers to assist on the day, so if you are able to give a couple of hours to release other parents so that they can enjoy the Gala with their families, we would love to hear from you! Many hands make light work and it is a wonderful opportunity to experience camaraderie while doing something which directly benefits our children.

Have you ever wondered how the money raised at our Gala is spent? Some of the items that the PTFA have agreed to purchase this year include:

- Bicycle pump track
- ICT resources
- Shows
- Library books
- Junior readers
- Subsidies towards Year 3/4 EOTC and Year 6 Beach Ed trips
- Subsidy towards senior school Camp

Sincere thanks to the amazing efforts of our Gala Co-ordinator Karen Canning, our Gala Committee and our parent community for making these achievements possible.

Thank you and God Bless,

Serena Ross
Chairperson

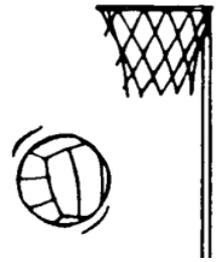
Marist Netball

The netball season is about to start again. We had a great season last year and the girls really developed their skills and had a lot of fun.

Fees are likely to be around \$90.00 (to be confirmed). The netball season begins at the start of Term 2. So if you would like to play netball this season please complete a registration form which is available at the school office and needs to be completed as soon as possible. Or come along to the Marist registration afternoon on 6th March 3.30-6pm at the Marist club rooms.

Parents we need your help. We are desperate for coaches and managers of each team, if we are to continue running netball for your children. If you are interested please indicate on the registration form and I will make contact with you. Are you are interested in sponsoring a Marist netball team? If so that would be fantastic too and certainly be appreciated. Again this can be noted on the registration form.

Feel free to email or call me, Pamela, with any queries; 0275983222 or thebutlers@thebutlerdidit.co.nz



Marist Winter Hockey

Our Club registration day is Tuesday 4th March. We will be having an intermediate team again and looking at the possibility of a Collegiate Team. Contact Aynslie 0211057600.



St Francis Xavier Playgroup

Pop over to the Parish Hall after school drop off to check out the St Francis Xavier Playgroup with your pre-schooler. We meet 9-11.30am Tuesdays during school term. Lots of toys + big hall = PLAY! Meet other school whanau. Please bring a piece of fruit to share + gold coin donation.



Term Dates for 2019

Term One:

4th Feb to 12th April

Term Two:

29th April to 5th July

Term Three:

22nd July to 27th Sept

Term Four:

14th Oct to 18th Dec

School Timetable

8:45am - 10:25am

Morning session

10:25am - 10.50am

Morning tea

10.50am - 12:30pm

Mid-morning session

12:30pm - 1:20pm

Lunch break

1:20pm - 2:50pm

Afternoon session



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY

12th	Swimming	Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
13th	7pm 7.30pm 1.30pm	Gala Meeting P.T.F.A Meeting He Kākano Programme	
15th		Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
19th	9am Swimming 7pm	Room 16 & Room 13 attending Mass Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15 Board of Trustees Meeting	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
20th	1.30pm	He Kākano Programme	
22nd	Swimming	Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
24th	10am	Puriri Whanau Family Mass	
26th	Swimming 9am	Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15 Room 12 & Room 10 attending Mass	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
27th	1.30pm 7pm	He Kākano Programme Gala Meeting	
28th	5.30pm	Yr 4-6 Swimming Sports Yr 5&6 Camp Meeting	

MARCH

1st	Swimming	Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
	1.30pm	Assembly – Rimu Whanau	
5th	9am	Room 11 & Room 9 attending Mass	
6th	9am	Ash Wednesday Mass	
	1.30pm	He Kākano Programme	
6th	1.30pm-6pm	TRIADIC INTERVIEWS online booking code :	
7th	1.30pm-6pm	TRIADIC INTERVIEWS online booking code:	
8th	Swimming	Room 15 Leave at 9:00 Lesson at 9:30 Room 12 Leave at 10:00 Lesson at 10:15 Room 18 Leave at 11:00 Lesson at 11.15	Room 20 Leave at 9:30 Lesson at 9:45 Room 22 Leave at 10:30 Lesson at 10:45 Room 1 Leave at 11:30 Lesson at 11:45
12th	9am	Room 1 & Room 3 attending Mass	
13th	1.30pm	He Kākano Programme	
16th	9am	GALA DAY	
19th	9am	Room 2 & Room 4 attending Mass	
20th		WPSSA Swim Sports Yr 4-6	
	1.30pm	Reconciliation Yr 4-6 (to be confirmed)	
26th	9am	Room 20 & Room 19 attending Mass	
	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	

April

2nd	9am	Room 18 & Room 17 attending Mass Rooms 12, 20 & 22 are going to Camp Rooms 12,20 & 22 are returning from Camp
5th		Rooms 1, 15 & 18 are going to Camp
8th		Rooms 21, 22 & 23 attending Mass
9th	9am	Rooms 1,15 & 18 are returning from Camp
11th		
12th	2:50pm	Term 1 ends