



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.6 Thursday 9th May 2019

Tēna koutou katoa. Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the school,

Last Sunday's Gospel is one of my favourites. It's the story of the resurrected Jesus waiting on the shore of the lake at dawn. The disciples had been fishing unsuccessfully all night and were feeling tired and hungry. Jesus told them to cast their nets starboard and suddenly the net was full to bursting. A divine miracle.

Jesus also had the charcoal fire stoked up and had got the breakfast ready. A human action.

Over breakfast, Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. Peter answered that he did love Jesus. Jesus went on to ask Peter the same question three times and by the third time Peter was feeling pretty frustrated - of course he loved Jesus, why ask three times!

Peter must have been suffering from short term memory loss. It was only a few weeks earlier he had denied knowing Jesus at all after Jesus had been arrested.

That's not the only parallel in this beautiful Gospel. A charcoal fire is mentioned specifically twice in the Gospels: once in the denial story, as Peter warmed his hands in the courtyard while Jesus was being questioned, and again in the breakfast story.

By asking Peter the question about love three times, Jesus is giving Peter the opportunity to erase his denial, to be reconciled and whole again. Peter has many weaknesses, but Jesus saw through that and marked him out as a leader. Jesus asked Peter to feed His lambs and care for His sheep - the people of the early Christian church.

Isn't it wonderful that this grace and forgiveness is available to us all. God's mercy and love knows no bounds, even when we, like Peter, show our human weaknesses.

MEASLES

You may be aware that we have had two reported cases of measles in Northland in recent weeks. The Northland DHB has asked us to bring this to our community's attention and ask that parents are vigilant in keeping children home when they are unwell.

Naturally, this raises concerns for our students who are not immunised. These children are at increased risk of contracting measles (and other serious illnesses) and passing them onto other non-immunised children.

If your child is in the least bit unwell, immunised or not, we encourage you to keep them home for their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

It is interesting to note that as adults, we need to be aware of our own immunisation status.

"Note that people born prior to 1969 are considered immune. For any adult born since 1969 in New Zealand who has received only a single dose of MMR in childhood, a second dose is recommended to achieve full protection, particularly against measles. If you were born in 1969 or later, you can get the measles vaccine for free (a practice charge may still apply)." **Northland DHB**

Thank you for taking the time to read the attachment regarding measles and just how serious it can be.

Glenys Jakicevich

Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 13: 14,43-52; Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30

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

Mothers Day Liturgy

Our Mothers Day Liturgy is **tomorrow, Friday 10th May at 1.30pm**, in the church. Mothers, please come and join us as we thank God for the wonderful gift of you, our mothers.

Mufti Day- Sister Rachel Myriam

Our next mufti day this term is on **Friday 17th May**. Your gold coin donation will be sent to Sister Rachel Myriam in the Philippines. Sister Rachel has visited our school and worked with our children on several occasions. She works with underprivileged people in the Philippines.

Family Masses

Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday 26th May at 10am. Karaka Whanau (Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20) will be participating in the Mass.

Classes Attending a Tuesday Mass at 9:00am - see list on right

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

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus School Mass

You are warmly invited to come and join us in celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on **Friday 28th June at 1:30pm**, with a Mass.

Youth News

Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall during term time
 Flame Group (aged 7 to 12 years) are having a break and hope to resume soon. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS - Director of Religious Studies

Kowhai Room 12 Room 9	14 May	Yr 5&6 Mrs Clegg Yr 1 Ms Saunders
Kowhai Room 11 Room 10 Room 8	21 May	Yr 3&4 Mrs Cash Yr 1 Mrs Civil Yr 1 Mrs Withers
Catholic Schools Day	28 May	
Kauri Room 1 Room 4	04 June	Yr 5&6 Mrs Gunson Yr 3&4 Mrs Schutte
Kauri Room 2 Room 3	11 June	Yr 1 Miss Barber Yr 3&4 Whaea Sammie
Karaka Room 20 Room 17 Room 7	18 June	Yr 5&6 Mrs Wendt Yr 3&4 Whaea Rose Yr 1 Miss Wellington
Karaka Room 18 Room 19	25 June	Yr 5&6 Mrs Bassett Yr 2 Ms Malone
Rimu Room 21 Room 22 Room 23 Room 9	02 July	Yr 2 Whaea Jacqui Yr 5&6 Mrs Hepi Yr 3&4 Mr Werder Yr 1 Ms Saunders

FAMILY WORKER

Our family worker, Shelley Crawford, who works with families from our school and Pompallier Catholic College, is available on Ph: 021 028 33587. You may contact her directly or leave a message at the school office that will be passed on to Shelley.

Term 2 Uniform

Next week (week 3) we should all be in our winter uniforms. Our winter uniform includes flat, black shoes. These shoes can either be lace up or Velcro but they must be able to be polished (no suede or canvas please). Last year we introduced long trousers as an option and a zip through sweatshirt. If you have any uniform queries, please see Mrs J

Girls: St Francis Xavier regulation navy skirt or trousers
Jade long or short sleeve monogrammed polo shirt
Navy woollen knee high socks
Regulation flat black leather lace up or Velcro shoes
Long sleeve monogrammed polar fleece

Boys: St Francis Xavier regulation blue shorts or trousers
Jade long or short sleeve monogrammed polo shirt
Navy woollen knee high socks
Regulation flat black leather lace up or Velcro shoes
Long sleeve monogrammed polar fleece

**TIGHTS ARE NOT A PART OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE NAMED AS WE WILL SOON HAVE
APPROXIMATELY 976 NAVY KNEE HIGH SOCKS AND SHOES IN THE SCHOOL!!!**

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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 mailed to you by Friday 10th May 2019.

Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019 TIMELINE

We will call for nominations on the 10th May 2019
Nominations will close 12pm on 24th May 2019
Voting papers issued 29th May 2019 if election required
Voting closes 12pm on 7th June 2019
Votes counted and results declared on 13th June 2019
Board take office on 14th June 2019

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

Deborah Rudolph
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Returning Officer



African Drumming Performance

On Friday 24 May, we will experience the vibrant sounds made by a group known as The African Drummers. There is a small cost for this performance.



Please send \$2.00 to your child's teacher. School funds will subsidize the remaining cost. Many thanks.



YR 5 AND 6 CAMP ROOMS 1, 15 AND 18

A big thank you to all the parents who came on camp with the year 5 and 6 classes last term. Both camps were a huge success and we are so grateful for all the time and energy from our parent helpers.

If it wasn't for our parent community, we simply wouldn't be able to have experiences such as camp. God bless you all!



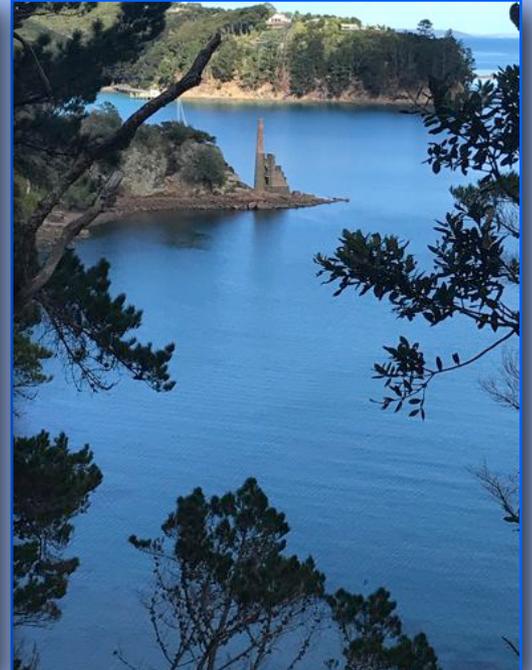
My favourite part of camp was sailing because I got ten points for my group straight away!

Keakealani Seve

Archery was really fun because I was only about a centimetre away from getting a bullseye!. *Noah Blake*

I was really tired on camp because we were so excited that we kept talking when we should have been sleeping. *Marcus McGregor*





I would like to thank the parents who were at camp, especially Mr Hugo who helped me build a raft.

Vansh Patel

I liked Camp Bentzon because it is really fun and the bunk rooms are really cool. *Bella Tarawa*

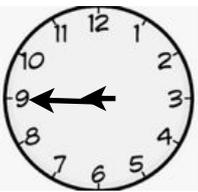


Scholastic Book Club Orders

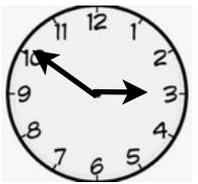
Book club orders are due back at the school office by the 14th of May. Please ensure your order has your child's name and room number on it. EXACT CASH or cheques made out to Scholastic New Zealand Ltd are accepted. For credit card payments you may create an account with Scholastic using the Loop Portal here : <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

Please Note For Term 2:

Although we issue passes for being late and finishing early, it would be preferable if **ALL** our children are here, and finish at the same time so teachers and their classes are not interrupted and children can learn without disruptions.



Morning classes begin at **8:45 am**. It is essential for your child/children to be at school ready to start their learning day before the bell rings.



Classes end at **2.50pm**. **Children should be collected by 3.15pm** unless they are with their parents, attending the After School Care programme or attending sports practice.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Yesterday we began the baptism programme for children who are 7 years and older. This programme is based at school. If you would like to be a part of the baptism programme, please see Mrs J.

Basketball



Games start on May 22nd at Kensington Stadium. Mrs J will send the draw out when it arrives. **Please remember- subs are \$30. Please pay Mrs J.** Ethan Penney takes a practice at school on Tuesdays from 3-4pm for the players who wish to sharpen their skills. Thanks to Ethan and Eugene Bates for coaching the teams. Go Saints! Go Angels!



STUDENT SUCCESS

In the school holidays, Indie Fannin, Talia Dalton and Rosie Hewitt attended the Young Mariners national regatta in Pakuranga. Young Mariners is a girls adventure group.

Along with taking part in the local Anzac parade these girls competed in seamanship, rigging, sailing, kayaking, swimming, ironwoman and shooting activities.

Well done to Talia and Rosie who won the 2019 national JJ lifesaving title!

Term Dates 2019

TERM 2
29th Apr to 5th Jul

TERM 3
22nd Jul to 27th Sept

TERM 4
14th Oct to 18th Dec



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

MAY

10th	1.30pm	Mothers Day Liturgy
10th		Call for Nominations for Board of Trustees
14th	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
15th	9am	Baptism Programme, <i>session two</i>
15th	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, <i>session three</i>
17th		Mufti Day - Sister Rachel Myriam, Philippines, please bring a gold coin donation
22nd	9am	Baptism Programme, <i>session three</i>
22nd	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, <i>session four</i>
24th		African Drumming Show Year 1 & 2: 11.50am-12.30pm. Year 3-6: 1.30-2.10pm
24th		Nominations for Board of Trustees close
26th	10am	Family Mass - Karaka Whanau (Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20) will be participating in the Mass
28th		Catholic Schools Day
29th	1.30pm	He Kakano Programme, <i>session five</i>

JUNE

3rd		<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday - school closed</i>
5th		<i>PTFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day)</i>
5th		Yr 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament
7th		Board of Trustees Election Day - nominations close 12 noon
7th		Mufti Day - Epilepsy, please bring a gold coin donation
12th		Yr 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament - postponement date
12th	7pm	PTFA meeting
14th		New Board of Trustees take office
14th	1.30pm	School Assembly
18th	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
23rd	10am	Whanau Mass - Rimu Whanau (Rooms 9, 21, 22 and 23)
28th	1.30pm	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
28th		School reports go home

JULY

3rd		<i>PTFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day)</i>
3rd	1.30-6pm	Triadic (Parent/Teacher/Child) Interviews - classes will end at the earlier time of 1.15pm
3rd	7pm	PTFA meeting
4th	1.30-6pm	Triadic (Parent/Teacher/Child) Interviews - classes will end at the earlier time of 1.15pm
5th		Mufti Day - Bring a can. Please bring a can of non-perishable goods
5th	1.30pm	School Assembly
5th	2.50pm	<i>Term 2 ends</i>