



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.12 Thursday 15th August 2019

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

Despite recent losses at significant sporting events, New Zealanders punch well above their weight when it comes to dominance in sporting events and although we all know that there is more to sport in balancing a person's life we also appreciate that physical activity is good for us.

Every year, children at St Francis Xavier train and participate in various sporting events and it so happens we are training for the school and inter-school cross country event at present.

On Tuesday, the children had a practise on the cross country course and they all did exceptionally well. It was great to see that our students really gave it their best shot and that is what we asked of them. As teachers, we couldn't help but think of the verse in the Bible, "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith." Timothy: Chapter 4.

What was even more inspiring was watching children who were either reluctant or found the activity challenging in 2018 were now striding out and achieving a much better result because they had been putting effort into their training. Their faces were beaming and it was obvious that they had achieved a personal milestone, whilst building up this personal resilience.

As we approach the school cross country champs let us all be reminded that we do not know what the future holds but if we all give it our very best then who knows where our perseverance might lead us.

Craig McKernan
Principal



**Isla Aydon, Connor Field,
Jiaan Parmar and
Hartley Te Puni who started
recently in our school.**

Photos from Baptism Day

There are photos available to view and order at the school office of the children, and their families, who were baptised on the 30th June.

There are 2 sizes available,

4x6 are \$2 each.

5x7 are \$4.50.

Cash only please.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Readings: (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

Thought for the day:

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"And from that time forth all knew that the spotless and precious body had been transferred to paradise"
(John the Theologian, The Falling Asleep of Mary;
400AD

Our focus in Religious Education is on the Sacrament Strand.

*Y1 focus is Holiness. People are reminded of the holiness of God through places, times, objects and rituals. We can discover God in the world, which he created and gifted to the people to care for and enjoy. The Eucharist is a time to gather in worship and praise of God who is Holy.

*Y2 focus is Welcome. Baptism, like all sacraments, is a time in which we encounter Christ in a special way. In the rite of Baptism with its rituals and symbols people are welcomed into the Church and given a share in the Tapu and Mana – the holiness and life of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Yr 3&4 focus is Forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance-Hohou Rongo restores our friendship with God. It is an experience of forgiveness and healing, a means of taking responsibility for personal sin and expressing sorrow and repentance. Sin is an offence against God and violation of tapu – the holiness and dignity of people – that of our own and of others. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation tapu is restored.

*Yr 5&6 focus is Healing. Each Sacrament makes present its own special grace, or gift from God. There are times in the lives of all people when they are in need of healing in body or soul. The Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, bring people graces of reconciliation, healing, strength and people.

Family Mass

It is wonderful to see many families supporting the whanau Masses. Even if your children do not belong to the whanau that is helping with the Mass, please come along and support our whanau. We are all part of one family.

Our next Family Mass is on **Sunday, 25th August at 10:00am**. Kauri Whanau (Rooms 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be participating).

Daffodil Day Mufti Day

The Cancer Society's Daffodil Day is on **Friday 30th August**. The children can wear mufti to school. Your gold coin donation will be donated to the Cancer Society.

Father's Day Liturgy

Our Father's Day liturgy will be held on **Friday 30th August at 1:30pm**, in the church. Dads, please keep this date free!

First Communion Sacramental Programme 2019 / 2020

Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion. For baptised children who will be 8 years of age, or older by Easter 2020 (12 April). Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office. The first session is on Sunday 15 September at 4pm in our Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Classes Attending a Tuesday Mass

at 9:00am

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 9am	Class - Year Level
Kauri 20th August Room 1 Room 4	Yr 5&6 Mrs Gunson Yr 3&4 Mrs Schutte
Kauri 27th August Room 2 Room 3	Yr 1 Miss Barber Yr 3&4 Whaea Sammie
Karaka 3rd September Room 20 Room 17 Room 7	Yr 5&6 Mrs Wendt Yr 2 Ms Malone Yr 1 Miss Wellington
Karaka 10th September Room 18 Room 19	Yr 3&4 Whaea Rose Yr 5&6 Mrs Bassett
Karaka 17th September Room 22 Room 23	Yr 5&6 Mrs Hepi Yr 3&4 Mr Werder

Social Justice Week - 8th to the 14th of September

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue. This year, from the 8th to the 14th of September, we focus on fairness.

Na, ko ngā mea katoa e pai ai koutou, kia meatia e ngā tāngata ki a koutou, meatia hoki e koutou kia a rātou.

Matiu 7:12

Do unto others what you would have them do to you.

Matthew 7:12

In the 1920s, Cardinal Joseph Cardijn founded the Young Christian Workers who worked on a range of social justice causes. He developed the See-Judge-Act method as a way to reorient one's life toward social justice and solidarity. This method, grounded in Catholic social teaching, is a way of looking at a situation, analysing it, and taking appropriate action. It can be used by groups, families or individuals with a journal and the Holy Spirit as our guide. It is divided into three sections:

- **SEE – TIROHIA** helps us name what is causing us concern. We observe and immerse ourselves in the lives of those living with injustice.
- **JUDGE – WĀNANGATIA** is a moment of discernment. We analyse the situation and make an informed judgment involving theological reflection, such as Catholic social teaching and scripture, and social analysis.
- **ACT – MAHIA** is making a plan for action, providing resources and ideas on how to act in solidarity and empower those who live with injustice.

We invite individuals and communities to use this methodology to reflect on what is fair and unfair in their own context, and act toward fairness in our world.

Yours in Christ
Maria Wilson

School Cross Country -

Tuesday 20th August



We are all practicing hard for our annual school cross country, to be held at Kensington Park on Tuesday 20th August.

The juniors (5-7 years old) will begin their races at 11am and the older children (8 to 11 years) will start their races at 1pm.

Children will need to make sure they have a water bottle and school sweatshirt that day. Parents are welcome to come over to Kensington Park and watch.

The children will run according to how old they were on January 1st 2019.

The best runners who are 8 years and older will qualify for the Whangarei champs at Barge Park on Wednesday 28th August.

A big thank you to Mr Brent Markwick and Mr Hacker for helping run our cross country this year. Another big thank you to Evar Davis for our medals and all the parents who have agreed to be race marshalls.

School Accounts

You should have received your latest statements this week.

Attendance dues are compulsory and a condition of enrolment at our school. Although these are paid to the school we forward the money on to the Auckland Diocese for the payment of capital works projects and property maintenance.

Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place. If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment, please come and see me.

We would like to remind families that your school account must be paid in full by 17th December 2019.

Deborah Rudolph
Office Manager

Enrolments for St Francis Xavier Catholic School

We are currently organising our roll numbers, and in particular out new entrant numbers for the coming year. If you are planning to send your preschooler to our school in the next two years and have not yet enrolled them, please call at the school office and collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible. Thank you.

Uniform Requests

We have a number of second hand uniforms available.

Do you need an extra uniform for the winter season? Please fill out a request form at the office, our volunteers will deliver the uniforms to your child's class. A donation can be given to office staff once uniforms have been supplied.

Please, please, please name all items of clothing.

If you purchase an item from the PTFA second hand pool, please remove the previous owner's name and add the new owner's name.

PTFA News

Good afternoon families,

You are all warmly invited to attend a special information evening on Thursday 29th August at 7pm in the St Joseph's room. We are delighted to have Lyn Smith from the Catholic Institute in Auckland as our guest speaker. Her presentation will be on the topic 'Encounter Christ in the Here and Now'. Lyn comes highly recommended as a knowledgeable and entertaining presenter. This is an opportunity not to be missed! We look forward to welcoming you. Supper is provided.

God bless,
Serena Ross
Chairperson.

Joint survey between St Francis Xavier and Pompallier Catholic College

Earlier this week you would have received an online survey from both of our schools as to how we can make weekend Mass more engaging, meaningful and accessible for your family.

We would really appreciate your time in filling out this short survey. Here is the link again:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFXandPOMCelebratingMass>

Many thanks for your time.

Netsafe LIVE is coming to Northland and the Far North next week!

Next week Netsafe will be visiting Whangarei talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology and the ways we can help young people to be safe online. Netsafe LIVE events are FREE and offer three sessions - one for school leaders,

one for staff and one for parents and whānau.

- [Thursday 22 August – Whangarei Girls' High School, Whangarei](#)



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

AUGUST

15th	1.30pm	Feast of the Assumption of Mary in Heaven Mass
20th		School Cross Country
21st-22nd		Catholic Schools Character Review
25th	10am	Kauri Family/Whanau Mass
28th		Barge Park Cross Country Champs
28th		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher by 9am on the day)
29th		PTFA Information Evening with Lyn Smith - "Encounter Christ in the Here and Now"
30th		Daffodil Day Mufti Day - please bring a gold coin donation if your child is wearing mufti (non-uniform clothing) on this day.
30th	1.30pm	Fathers Day liturgy

SEPTEMBER

4th	1.30pm	He Kākāno Programme - 1st session
6th		New Zealand Playhouse show - Tortoise and the Hare
6th	1.30pm	School Assembly led by Rimu whanau
10th	6pm	BoT Training
11th	1.30pm	He Kākāno Programme - 2nd session
11th	7pm	PTFA meeting
12th-13th		School Photos
18th	1.30pm	He Kākāno Programme - 3rd session
18th		Northland Cross Country champs
20th		Mufti Day - Bring a can. Please bring a can of non-perishable goods if your child is wearing mufti (non-uniform clothing) on this day.
22nd	10am	Kowhai Family/Whanau Mass
25th		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher by 9am on the day)
25th	1.30pm	He Kākāno Programme - 4th session
27th	1.30pm	School Assembly led by Kauri whanau
27th	2.50pm	Term three ends

Term Dates 2019

TERM 3

22nd Jul to 27th Sept

TERM 4

14th Oct to 17th Dec*

***PLEASE NOTE OUR TERM END OF YEAR SCHOOL DATE IS TUESDAY THE 17TH DECEMBER AND NOT THE 18TH AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.**