



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

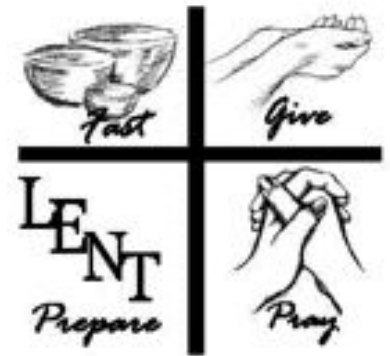
To Love, To Learn and To Serve
Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu

No.2 Thursday 27th February 2020

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of the school,

Yesterday morning we had a Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season. It's a time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving (giving to those less fortunate than ourselves) and it lasts for 40 days. Lent is a time for people to reflect on their lives and identify what they need to change. It is also a time of forgiveness and compassion. It is a season for preparation for Easter and Jesus' resurrection which is the most joyful time for all Christians.

As Catholics, Lent is a time that we might give up something and so, in addition to my other failings, today I've decided to give up on jumping up and down about the carpark. Instead, I would like to thank you all for reading the flyer and discussing with whanau and friends the expectations that the school holds. In addition to this, I would like to remind you that the gate access to the hockey facility is open after school so children can walk through the hockey grounds and meet parents in the hockey carpark. This assists in relieving congestion.



Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

Our meet and greet for parents, teachers and students is next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday. We encourage you to make an appointment following the instructions below.

On these days, classes will finish at the earlier time of 1.15pm and you are welcome to collect your child then. For students who are not collected, they will remain at school and be supervised until the normal finish time of 2.50pm.

If you wish for your child to scooter, bike or walk home unattended at 1.15pm please contact the school office and advise us. If we receive no prior notification then these students will not be released until 2.50pm.

Craig McKernan
Principal

PARENT TEACHER MEET AND GREET

TUES 10th and WED 11th MARCH

1.30 - 6.00pm

This meet and greet involves 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: **(k6fv3)**

Follow the instructions.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Readings: (First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Thought For The Week:

Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our recollection, the seat of meditation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest.

Ash Wednesday

We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mass. What a wonderful way to begin our Lent journey.

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.

Family Masses

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. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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.

| WEEK | Date | Tuesday Mass 9am | Class - Year Level |
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| 5 | 03 Mar | Kauri Room 1 Room 3 | Yr 5 & 6 Jane Gunson Yr 1 Sam Diamond |
| 6 | 10 Mar | Kauri Room 2 Room 4 | Yr 1 Tracey Barber Yr 3 Madelein Schutte |
| 7 | 17 Mar | Karaka Room 20 Room 19 | Yr 5 & 6 Sharon Wendt Yr 2 Emily Malone |
| 8 | 24 Mar | Karaka Room 18 Room 17 | Yr 5 & 6 Jenny Bassett Yr 4 Rose Johnson |

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

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Maria Wilson DRS - Director of Religious Studies

We welcome these new students into our school ...

*Eyie Doell, Nikolas Halliday,
Joash Thomas and Alec Uy*



Is your child turning 5 years old this year?

If so, have you enrolled them at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School? In order to ensure a place in our wonderful Catholic school, please contact the school office on 4371039, or visit our school website: www.sfx.school.nz



You are Invited to our Silver Anniversary Celebrations

Please join the St Francis Xavier Catholic School (Whangarei) family as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our school.

We will begin with a thanksgiving liturgy on Friday 3rd April at 9:30 at St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei.

This will be followed by morning tea at 10:20 in our school staff room. After morning tea, guests are welcome to walk through the classrooms and see the developments we have made in our grounds.

We hope you can be with us as we give thanks for the past, present and future of St Francis Xavier Catholic School,

Kind regards,
Craig McKernan
Principal

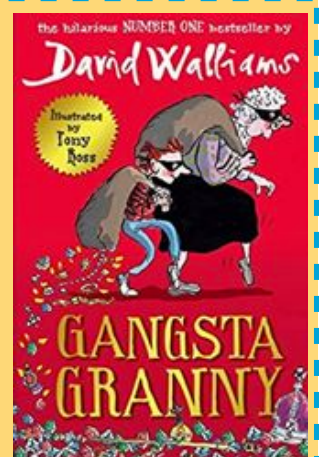
RSVP to Glenys Jakicevich
glenys@sfx.school.nz

Literacy Tips

Literacy Tip #2: Write with a purpose!

Children often enjoy writing if they have a purpose for it. Writing grocery lists, notes and reminders allow children to practice their handwriting and spelling skills in real-life situations. Emails can also provide a great writing opportunity. Your child could write emails to their friends, grandparents or other family members. When children write at home it is important to focus on the message and content of the writing. This will encourage risk-taking and confidence. This will also reinforce the fact that the purpose of writing is to share a message.

Book of the week: *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams (Chapter Book)

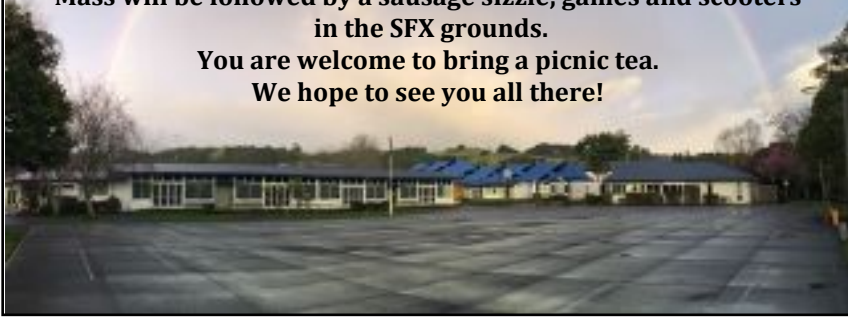


Summer Time Mass

Come along to the third of our Summertime Masses on
Sunday 15th March at 5 pm.

Bring your family and friends and join St Francis Xavier families and
Pompallier Catholic College families as we celebrate together.
Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle, games and scooters
in the SFX grounds.

You are welcome to bring a picnic tea.
We hope to see you all there!



UPDATING INFORMATION

Have your personal, residential, emergency contact or
email details changed? Are there aspects of your child's
health or medical needs that may need updating on our

School accounts.

Statements were emailed on Tuesday. Please come to the office,
if you did not receive the statements. We will check we have
your correct details.

Many thanks to those who have paid on-line already, or made
arrangements for payment. This is very much appreciated. If
you have a query regarding your account or if you are
experiencing any difficulties in making a payment at any time
during the year, please come and see me, preferably early
rather than later, so that we can discuss a confidential
arrangement.

Many thanks
Deborah Rudolph
Office Manager

SICKNESS

If your child is complaining of not feeling
well, please keep them
home and let us know.
With this heat, bugs are
spreading fast.



Maori Community Whanau Evening - tonight, 5.30pm
in the staffroom. A warm invitation is extended to
all of our Maori families, and their extended whanau,
to come along and share in an evening of
whanaungatanga. Bring a kai to share.
Nau mai, haere mai.



Swimming Sports

A reminder to our year 5 and 6 pupils that our
swimming sports will be held at Pompallier
Catholic College pool on Monday 2nd March at
9:30 am. All children should have returned
their permission slips.
Please make sure you have your togs and towel
on that day.
Thank you to all the parents who have
agreed to help. Other parents are welcome to
come and watch.



Marist Sports Club are
holding a registration day at
the club on the 3rd of March
from 3pm to 6pm. **All codes**
will have contacts there to
answer any questions or to
assist with registrations – all are
welcome. Gary Younger President Marist
Sports Club Whangarei Park Ave,
Kensington. 021 467 514 [https://
www.facebook.com/MaristWhangarei/](https://www.facebook.com/MaristWhangarei/)



..... To two of our students,
**Te Rauroha Paki and
Kees Tamboer**
who competed in
Northland Age Group Swimming
Champs and the Dargaville Long
Course Carnival during the school
holidays and placed well in a
number of events. Well done on your efforts boys. Recently, Te
Rauroha Paki also participated in the Northland Secondary Swimming
competition. He placed 3rd in the Boys 100 LC Meter Freestyle and 2nd
Boys 50 LC Meter Butterfly. A huge achievement, swimming well
above his age group.

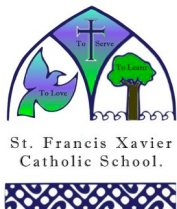
Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community
and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will
donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

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ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply.
Eligibility criteria: Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020.
For this promotion to apply, you must make mention of it during the home loan application.
Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum
of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will
be made to the chosen school on complete drawdown of the home loan. Excludes lending through
brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exceptions, terms and conditions are available at
asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school/2020/

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SCHOOL EVENTS

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

February

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| 27th | 5.30pm | Maori Whanau Community Evening |
| 28th | | Swimming Years 5 & 6, swimming times: Rm 22 - 9am, Rm 15 - 9.30am, Rm 20 - 10am, Rm 18 - 10.30am, Rm 12 - 11am, Rm 1 - 11.30am |

March

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| 2nd | | Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports at Pompallier Catholic College (postponement date 9th March) |
| 3rd | | Swimming Years 5 & 6, swimming times: Rm 22 - 9am, Rm 15 - 9.30am, Rm 20 - 10am, Rm 18 - 10.30am, Rm 12 - 11am, Rm 1 - 11.30am |
| 6th | | Swimming Years 5 & 6, swimming times: Rm 22 - 9am, Rm 15 - 9.30am, Rm 20 - 10am, Rm 18 - 10.30am, Rm 12 - 11am, Rm 1 - 11.30am |
| 10th and 11th | 1.30-6pm | Parent Teacher Meet and Greet |
| 13th | 1.30pm | School Assembly - Puriri Whanau |
| 16th | 3.15 - 6pm | Parent Teacher Meet and Greet for Room 2 only |
| 18th | | Reconciliation Yrs 5 & 6 (some Yr 4) to be confirmed |
| 18th | | WPSSA Swim Champs |
| 18th | | Vision/Hearing Testing |
| 21st | | SCHOOL GALA DAY |

April

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| 1st | | <i>PTFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day)</i> |
| 3rd | 9.30am | St Francis Xavier Catholic School 25th Anniversary Liturgy |
| 8th | 9am | Holy Week Reenactment |
| 9th | 2.50pm | End of Term One |

Gala Day - March 21st, 2020

Term Dates for 2020

Term One:

3rd Feb to 9th April

Term Two:

28th April to 3rd July

Term Three:

20th July to 25th Sept

Term Four:

12th Oct to 16th Dec (to be confirmed)

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