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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. To assist families, we have the option of automatic payments throughout the school year to cover all charges and contributions. To assist you in determining how the annual account is proportioned we have explained the various charges below.

	<u>1 child</u>	<u>2 children</u>	<u>3 children</u>
Attendance Dues	452.00	904.00	1,356.00
Special Character Contribution	50.00	100.00	150.00
Proprietors Capital Development Donation	<u>35.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total cost for the year	\$ 537.00	\$1,074.00	\$1,576.00

The account can be paid in full, or paid off during the year, by cash, eftpos or direct credit, but must be paid no later than the 1st December 2021. Our school bank details are at the end of this letter and also appears on your fee statement.

Swimming: The Year 3-6 children will have 8 lessons at the Aquatic Centre with the Swim Magic instructors. Currently our Year 5 and 6 pupils are swimming. In Term 2, our Year 3 and 4's. We are very grateful to the Oxford Trust Grant for their support with this programme. There is no swimming charge this year due to our school electing for the School Donation scheme.

Attendance Dues: School Attendance Dues are collected by the school on behalf of the Proprietor, the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, so at the beginning of the year you were sent an account for school donations plus Attendance Dues for the full year. The Attendance Dues have been set at \$113.00 per term per child. Please note that the Attendance dues are a condition of enrolment of your child at our school and are a legally enforceable charge. We pay these dues to the Diocese of Auckland, for school buildings, and other property development and other costs.

Proprietor's Special Character Contribution: This is a voluntary payment of \$12.50 a term for each student. It pays for the work done by the Catholic Education Services Board staff. These services include professional development for teachers teaching Religious Education, the external Catholic Special Catholic Reviews of schools, support to Principals, teachers and Board of Trustees in Catholic Special Character matters. Your contribution to this important work is greatly appreciated and it will assist your child to receive an education based on Gospel values in a Catholic faith community. This is not covered under the School Donation Scheme as the funds raised are on behalf of the Proprietor.

Proprietor's Capital Development Donation: This donation will assist the development of new capital projects such as our St. Joseph's room. The funds are deposited in our Proprietors Account and can be drawn on to build new facilities for our students. This is also not covered under the School Donation Scheme.

Parent Donation: In 2019, the Government offered schools free fees for children and the Board of Trustees accepted the offer. We will no longer request Parent Donations or RE Resource

costs, a total of \$46.70. Additionally, parents will no longer be asked for payment towards school trips and some shows. If you would like to know more about the scheme please follow this link: <http://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/issue-specific-releases/schooldonations/>

Year 5/6 School Camp:

Once again the Year 5/6 camp will be held at Kawau Island. We are grateful to the school PTFA for their donation of \$15,000.00. As the school receives funds from the Ministry of Education Donations Scheme we cannot ask for a fee from parents. However, we can request a donation from each child to assist in meeting the camp expenses. Your support would be very much appreciated when it comes to help paying for the camp. Rooms 1, 12 and 18 leave on Monday, March 29th and return on Thursday, April 1st. Rooms 15, 20, and 22 will leave on Tuesday, April 6th and return on Friday, April 9th.

Contact Details: Do we have your current contact details? Last year, we minimized the time spent phoning parents in the event that their child had not arrived at school. Should this be the case you will receive a text or occasionally a phone call. In the event of an emergency at school or if a school wide communication is required then a text will be sent to all parents alerting them of the issue. Your current details are necessary for this system to be effective. Please contact us if your home/work situations have/will change.

P.T.F.A: The P.T.F.A have allocated funding to the Board of Trustees to help pay for various capital items, E.O.T.C and school shows. This donation has been possible due to fundraising efforts such as raffles and the School Gala. We thank you and the P.T.F.A for assisting us to raise this money so we can now pass some of the benefit on to you. Membership is open and you are very welcome to join the P.T.F.A.

Pastoral Care: On a more personal note, please contact the school office if you have any problems with these charges. Your enquiry will be treated with utmost CONFIDENCE. There is assistance available for Preference families who may have difficulty paying Attendance Dues. Please contact the Principal, the Office Manager, Deborah Rudolph or our Parish Priest if you need any information about this support.

If, you are interested in sponsoring or supporting one of our families with the payment of Attendance Dues or school donations please contact Mr. McKernan or Mrs. Rudolph. Alternatively, you could complete the tear off slip below and return it to school.

When making automatic payments for your child's fees:

Our School Direct Credit details - St. Francis Xavier Catholic School – ASB – Account No. 12-3101-0077924-00

Please ensure you put YOUR CHILD'S NAME as a Reference.

Yours sincerely,

Craig McKernan
Principal

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I am prepared to assist in the payment of dues / fees for
another child. Please tick Attendance Dues
Proprietor's Special Character Contribution
Proprietor's Capital Development Donation.

Signed.....