



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No. 2 Term 4 Rāpare-Thursday 24th June - Pipiri - 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

Last week's Gospel was the story of Jesus and his apostles being out on the sea of Galilee. Jesus was tired and he lay down in the front of the boat for a nap. As he slept, a storm whipped up and the apostles became afraid. The boat was rocking, the waves were crashing and they were convinced they were going to drown! "Lord save us," Jesus' friends cried out. And he did. Jesus calmly stood up and ordered the storm to cease. Everything became peaceful again.

From time to time we experience these stormy days at school. Our students test the waters and push the boundaries. Reminders about rules may be necessary. When behaviour does not match up to our expectations and values, we all need to play our part in calming waters and addressing needs. We really appreciate support from family and whanau about having these conversations with your children at home, so everyone is on the same page. We value your continued support to develop the values and attitudes that will stand our pupils in good stead for the future.

When Jesus calmed the storm, the apostles were amazed and asked, "Who is this man? Even the wind and waves obey him?"

Well, we know who he is - Jesus Christ; Son of God. Jesus Christ; our Lord. Jesus Christ; the very heart of our school.

\*Vege Twins: You will have noticed that the owner of Vege Twins has recently erected a sign saying "Customers only." We can appreciate Sean's concerns as the car park is overflowing with parents picking up their children. This is beginning to impact his clientele and business. We appreciate that car parking is difficult to find at 2:50 pm. Please consider parking at the hockey carpark in Park Ave and walking the short distance to school to collect your child. There is always PLENTY of parking there. It is really important that we are good neighbours to our Percy St community.

\*The issue of car parking was discussed at this week's Board of Trustee meeting and I have mentioned that we could consider some other options such as a "walking bus," "bicycle buddies" etc. If you are interested in being involved with these initiatives in Term 3, please let me know.

Craig McKernan - Principal

## Cell Phones at School

If your children must bring a phone to school for any reason, they are to be placed in Mrs J's office for the duration of the school day. Children may collect them at the end of the day.

If you need to contact your child during the day, please use the class Seesaw or contact the office. We are happy to pass messages onto the children if need be, therefore, they do not need access to their own phones during school hours.

## Religious Education

This Sunday's Reading: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5: 21-43

Thought for the Week:

**True faith and courage are like a kite - an opposing wind raises it higher**

Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### Our next No Uniform Day - Mufti Mania - Caritas

Since 2007, Catholic schools around New Zealand have held a special mufti day each year to support small school communities around the Pacific.

For Non-Uniform Day in 2021 we are supporting a school in West Papua called **Kristus Raja School**. The students at this small school have felt the impact of the pandemic and they have been in lockdown since March 2020! The majority of students come from poorer families and have found remote learning a real challenge. The school was built back in 1970 and the buildings are wearing out. Funds raised this year will help repair toilets and bathrooms and provide new desks, chairs, and resources for students for when they come back to school.

Our Non-Uniform Day is **on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please bring a gold coin donation.**

### Family Masses

Our next Family Mass will be **this** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. Rimu Whanau (Rooms 8, 21, 22 and 23 will be participating in the Mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### Sacramental Programme

Please continue to pray for the children preparing for Confirmation on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 6:30 pm and First Holy Communion on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

### Earlier Saturday Vigil Mass Times for Winter

St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Vigil Mass time is 5pm in June, July, and August. Whangarei Heads Saturday Vigil Mass time is 5pm, July, August, and September.

### 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 Tuesday morning.

Week 9: 29<sup>th</sup> June Rimu, Rm 8 Michelle Matthews & Rm 22 Deb Hepi

Week 10: No classes attending.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS - Director of Religious Studies

## **MID-TERM REPORTS**

On Friday 2 July, your child will bring home his/her mid term report. This report gives you an overview of your child's performance and achievement for the first half of this year.

You are invited to discuss your child's report at parent meetings scheduled for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please see below for details to book your appointment with your child's teacher.

### **PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT MEET AND GREET**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> and THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 1.30 - 6.00 pm**

This meeting involves the student, parent and teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's next steps in learning. Each interview is 15 minutes long.

**Classes will end at the earlier time of 1.15 pm on these days.**

Appointments can be made online.

Go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Enter the booking code: **2aej6**

Follow the instructions.

## Detour on Park Ave Tuesday 29th July

North Power have advised the school that Traffic Management will have a detour in place where traffic will not be able to turn into Park Ave from Kensington Ave, however, traffic will still be able to exit Park Ave onto Kensington Ave.

## Uniform

Please note; tights or stockings are not part of our uniform. There are plenty of socks available in the second-hand uniform pool.

Email Mrs J- [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@sfx.school.nz) - if you need help with any uniform items.

## Congratulations

*Te Rauroha Paki competed in the ASA Junior Swimming Champs on the 11th, 12th & 13th of June. He had four 1st placings, one 2nd and two 3rd placings. Congratulations on a successful weekend.*

Welcome to Oliver Fortune who started in our school recently.



## 2022 ENROLMENTS COLLEGE OPEN DAY Sunday 15 August Commencing at 2.00pm

Meet the teachers, meet our students and see class displays on a tour of the College.

### 2022 enrolment packs will be available

Preference Enrolments close Monday 20 Sept  
Non-Preference Enrolments close Friday 3 Sept  
We will have the Parish Priest available on the day to discuss any queries relating to eligibility for Preference enrolment.

## School Holiday Programmes

\*Futsal ...and so much more! - Mon 12th - Fri 16th July. Kids aged 7-13 years. 8.30am to 4.00pm. 1 day: \$45 per day 3+ days: \$40 per day. 10% discount for siblings @The Home of Northland Futsal Excelled College Kamo. Info & Registration [www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz) or contact Christian 021 2467328

\*Playball Northland - For children aged 4 to 9 years. 19th July - 23rd July (week 2) 9am to 2pm at the Northland Badminton Hall, Porowini Ave. To sign up go to [www.playball.co.nz/northland](http://www.playball.co.nz/northland) or contact Dean 021 1054484



## SCHOOL EVENTS

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

### June

27th 10:00am Rimu Whanau Mass - Everyone welcome

30th 1:30pm He Kākano Programme

### July

2nd No Uniform Day-Non-uniform days are when children may wear regular clothes instead of uniform to school, for a donation of a gold coin.

7th 1:30pm He Kākano Programme

7th 1:30 - 6pm Parent, Teacher, Student Meet and Greet

8th 1:30 - 6pm Parent, Teacher, Student Meet and Greet

9th 1:30pm Whole School Assembly

9th Last day of Term 2

26th 8:45am Term 3 Starts

**STAFF ONLY DAYS FOR TERM 3 TO NOTE: 27th & 30th August**