



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.3 Term 2 Rāpare-Thursday 9th June - Pipiri 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

*Kia ora / Namaste / Kamusta / Talofa / Hola / Ciao / Mauri / Ni'ha'o / Bufo / Hallo*

Recently, a Principal colleague and I met to discuss an initiative to support the migrant families in our schools. In order to apply for funds we needed the Ministry of Education data to determine the schools in Whangarei that had significant numbers of ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages funding). To receive ESOL funding children have to be identified by a strict set of criteria.

Not surprisingly, St Francis Xavier Catholic School has the largest number of Malayalam (Indian) speakers in Whangarei. There are 58 children in this category and a further 24 Filipino children who are currently on the ESOL programme. When children are proficient with the English language they no longer qualify as ESOL students. In total we have 108 ESOL registered children. The school with the next highest number of students is Maunu Primary with 36. Out of all the 21 schools in Whangarei there are a total of 209 children on the ESOL register so over half of them come to St Francis.

You might ask why I'm sharing this information with you and the reason is that I want to celebrate our unique ethnic diversity. The ethnic composition in our school has changed considerably over the past few years and this diversity has added something very special to the relationships, cultural appreciation, tolerance and respect that we have as a school.

On Sunday during his homily, Fr Brian talked about what society would be like if cultural groups were kept in paddocks with little opportunity to interact. Some paddocks might be fenced, some may have walls and some may have glass ceilings. The underlying message was that we want to break these fences so that there are no barriers for cultures to come together. We want to remove glass ceilings so that we can all aspire to be the best that we can be and walk seamlessly between cultures. When we do this we are in communion with each other. Let's do this together.

Staff Only Day: Last Friday our school staff were involved in a professional development workshop entitled "Understanding Behaviour and Responding Safely." The course is designed to assist teachers and support staff to help children de-escalate and control behaviours which may be harmful to themselves or others. We thank the Ministry of Education facilitators for this training.

Craig McKernan - *Principal*



*Welcome to Caleb Elliot, Jared Laurico, Mia Matich, Xia Sainty and Hayley Mariya Sijo who started in our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.*

# Religious Education

## This Sunday's Readings:

(THE MOST HOLY TRINITY) Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5; John 16: 12-15

## Thought for the Week:

“ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst”

1 Corinthians 3:16

### \*Non Uniform Days

Thank you very much!! Our non uniform day on Friday 27th May raised \$718.90 for Caritas. Our funds will be added together with all the other Catholic schools in New Zealand to help support Laura Vicuna School in Bethlehem.

Our next non uniform day which is a 'Bring a Can', is on **Friday 1st July**. Please bring an item(s) of non-perishable food on this day. These will be given to Soul Food and also St Vincent de Paul, who help make food parcels. These are distributed to those in our community who are in need.

Thank you!



### \*What is Caritas

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the NZ Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. They work on behalf of New Zealand Catholic Bishops for a world free of poverty and injustice through community development, advocacy, education, and emergency relief. They are part of Caritas International, an international confederation of 160 Catholic aid, development and social justice agencies. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

### \*Pentecost

Happy Birthday!!

The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day' in Greek. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon disciples as tongues of fire. It also makes the end of the Easter season and is often called the Birthday of the Church as it was from this event that the disciples went forth and spread the good news.

### \*Fratelli Tutti - a letter from Pope Francis

Fratelli Tutti is a letter from Pope Francis to all people. In this letter, Pope Francis would like us to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution and inclusion of all people and institutions. Here is a link which explains this more simply, especially for our children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWpoIo3mlgk>

### \*Preference Enrolment applications for Pompallier Catholic College 2023

**Please note the closing date is Thursday 1st September.** No applications will be accepted after the closing date.

Consequently, Pompallier cannot offer places to non-preferential students for 2023. If you have any queries regarding 2023 enrolments, please contact Kelli Adams at Pompallier Catholic College [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)

You can also view the enrolment information online on the Pompallier Catholic College website.

<https://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz> It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read the Enrolment Policy prior to applying. Parents/Caregivers will be informed by the end of Term 3 on the outcome of their application.

### \*Reminder for Sacramental Programme Children

The second Sacramental meeting is this coming **Sunday at 4pm** in the Parish Hall. Bring a picnic or something to share.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies





# SCHOOL BOARD 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 either mailed or emailed to you by Friday 15th July 2022. Learn more at [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz)

## Board of Trustees Elections 2022 Timeline

- \*We will call for nominations Friday 15 July 2022.
- \*Nominations will close 12pm on Friday 5 August 2022.
- \*Voting papers issued Wednesday 10 August 2022 if election required.
- \*Voting closes 4pm Wednesday 7 September 2022.
- \*Accept postal votes Monday 12 September 2022.
- \*Votes counted and results declared on Tuesday 13 September 2022.
- \*Board take office on Wednesday 14th September 2022.

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

Deborah Rudolph  
Returning Officer



# SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates and times for events are subject to change.

Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

## JUNE

10th		Yr 5 & 6 Whangarei Library Trip - Rms 18 and 22
15th	1:30-2:30pm	He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session 1
17th		Yr 5 & 6 Whangarei Library Trip - Rms 13 and 16
22nd	1:30-2:30pm	He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session 2
22nd	5.45pm	B.O.T Meeting in Staffroom
<b>24th</b>		<b>Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
29th		He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session 3
29th	7pm	PTFA AGM in the Staffroom

## JULY

1st		BRING-A-CAN Non Uniform Day - children may wear regular clothes instead of uniform to school, for a donation of a non-perishable item
6th	1:30-6 pm	Student Learning Conversations
7th	1:30-6 pm	Student Learning Conversations
8th	2:50 pm	Term 2 Ends

## ENROLMENTS

The Pompallier Catholic College Board of Trustees have implemented an Enrolment Policy, which will take effect for 2023 enrolments and onwards.

The Enrolment Policy can be viewed on our website: [www.pompallier.school.nz](http://www.pompallier.school.nz)

**Preference enrolment applications for 2023:  
Open Wednesday 1 June  
Close Thursday 1 September**

*No applications will be accepted after the closing date*

As the College roll has grown rapidly recently, we will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2023.

Enrolment application forms are available at the College office, or on our website.

**Note:** Enrolment application forms have already been posted direct to Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students currently attending St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)

## 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

## 2022 TERM DATES

### TERM TWO:

2nd May to 8th July

### TERM THREE:

25th July to 30th September

### TERM FOUR:

17th October to 16th December

## TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND

Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park.

**Mondays : 4:30pm - 6:00pm Boys & girls, ages 6-16 yrs**

**Tuesday : 4:30pm - 6:00pm GIRL'S CLUB**

Cost : \$50 (Primary & Intermediate children) \$70 (Secondary School Pupils) subscription for a year or \$5 casual fee per session.

We have bats for sale. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn.

Contact : Naina Suri 022 538 2035 email: [ttsportnorth97@gmail.com](mailto:ttsportnorth97@gmail.com)

