



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.4 Term 2 Rāpare-Thursday 23rd June - Pipiri 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

Matariki is our Aotearoa Pacific New Year. Matariki, the seven-star cluster also known as Pleiades, rises over the horizon in late May. At the time of the first full moon after Matariki first appears, the Māori New Year begins – this year on June 27.

The word Matariki can be translated as Mata Riki (Tiny Eyes) or Mata Ariki (Eyes of God). These eyes watch over the land and her people. Matariki is a special time to celebrate our connection to the whenua (land) and admiration for Papatuanuku, our mother earth. It is time to remember our history and roots. Matariki is a time of growth and change, a time to celebrate what we have and what gifts we have to use. Matariki is a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people. (From the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington)



During the next fortnight students at our school will be learning more and celebrating this special event. It will be a wonderful sharing time.

## Have Your Say – COVID-19 Support Survey

Northland DHB has launched a two-week survey to get public feedback on how well the support system is doing to help those isolated at home with COVID-19.

There have been positive experiences of people who received food parcels or were helped by getting prescriptions dropped off.

It would be good to capture what is going well and what people found helpful. We would like to hear about whānau experiences, praise where it is due, and things that could be done better.

Have you got ideas for us to help improve the level of support? YES, then we would like to hear from you.

The short survey can be completed on your phone or device. Click on this [link to complete the survey.](#)

[Te Tai Tokerau COVID-19 Support Survey \(office.com\)](#) You can copy and paste this into Google to get you to the link as well.

COVID-19 Care in the Community has been coordinated through a Northland DHB regional hub.

There are four local Kaupapa Māori Hubs, the Ministry of Social Development 0800 Welfare Line and community connectors, a Clinical Hub through Mahitahi Hauora, and a network of Māori and community providers to reach whānau across Northland, Te Tai Tokerau region.

This support network worked alongside GP practices, providing clinical oversight of their patients. In addition, Mahitahi Hauora followed up with those not enrolled in a GP practice needing assistance. Many people managed well on their own and did not need either manaaki support or clinical assistance.

We want to reach people as far and wide across the region to hear about their experiences and understand if information, resources and support have been practical. The Northland DHB team encourages as many people as possible to complete the survey. Please pass on the link to your friends, whānau and colleagues.

The survey closes on 1 July 2022.

If you have difficulties completing the survey, please text 021 751 086, and one of the Northland DHB COVID-19 Regional Support Team will call you back.

[Craig McKernan - Principal](#)



Welcome to Leah Allen, Beauden Butcher, Lucas Butcher, Cassidy Jane Gevera and Hazel Schreurs who started in our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

## Religious Education

This Sunday's Readings:

(Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Galatians 5: 1, 13-18; Luke 9: 51-62

Thought for the Week:

"The bridge you burn now may be the one you later have to cross." Romans 12: 18  
If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peacefully with all.

### \*Non Uniform Day

**BRING A CAN** non uniform day 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.

### \*Reminder for Sacramental Programme Children

We have a meeting this coming **Sunday at 4pm** in the Church.



### \*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 marks 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)

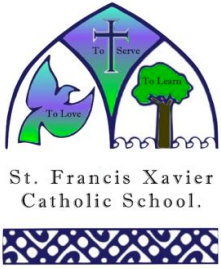
You can also view the enrolment information online on the Pompallier Catholic College website.

<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.

Yours in Christ

*Mrs Maria Wilson*

DRS – Director of Religious Studies



## Job Vacancy

A permanent position for a Teacher Aide is being advertised. The position starts at the beginning of Term 3. As a Catholic School, an obligation is to support and uphold the School's Special Character. A police vetting check is also required for employment.

If this is of interest to you, please email the Office Manager for an application form. Application forms are available from the school office, please email: [office@sfx.school.nz](mailto:office@sfx.school.nz).



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

## MID-TERM REPORTS

On Friday 1st 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 6th and Thursday 7th July.**

Please see below for details to book your appointment with your child's teacher.

## STUDENT LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

**WEDNESDAY 6th and THURSDAY 7th 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: **thcm5**

Follow the instructions.



## ARRIVING AFTER 8.45AM

All children need to report to the school office if they arrive after school starts at 8.45am. Office staff will issue children with a late pass for the class teacher then electronically mark the child as present.

**It's vital that children are here on time, ready to start the day before the 8.45am bell goes.**

## STUDENTS LEAVING DURING CLASS TIME

**BEFORE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD:** ALL parents and caregivers must report to the school office and collect a pass if you are collecting your child early or taking your child out briefly for an appointment. Please have your child report back in at the office when they return after an appointment.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child during school hours, who would NOT normally do so, please contact the school well in advance of their arrival otherwise we will need to call you to verify this arrangement BEFORE releasing your child.



# SCHOOL EVENTS

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

## JUNE

- 24th** **Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 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
- 25th 8:45am Term 3 Starts

## 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)



## TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND



### School Holiday Program

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- BASIC FITNESS
  - BASICS OF TABLE TENNIS
  - FOOTWORK
  - HAND AND EYE CO-ORDINATION
  - FUN ACTIVITIES
- 11th to 14th July
  - 18th to 21st July
  - Timings- 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon
  - Age- 6 to 16 years

**Cost- \$10 per session**

Please Register online- [www.sporty.co.nz/northlandtt](http://www.sporty.co.nz/northlandtt)  
Last Date Of Registration- 09th July, 2022



Contact: Naina Suri, Sport Development Officer  
E-mail- [ttsportsnorth97@gmail.com](mailto:ttsportsnorth97@gmail.com) (M) 0225382035

97 Western Hills Drive, Kensington, Whangarei  
Adjacent to Sport Northland Building



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

After School Care and Sports Tuition rolled into one programme!

**\$39 per day. This includes:**

- Pick-up from school
- Sports tuition
- A nutritious morning-tea
- Homework and/or creative time in our upstairs learning area
- Care from school pick-up through to 5:30pm



**Pick-up Schedule**

**Monday:** Glenbervie, St Francis Xavier, Whangarei Primary & Maunu Primary  
**Tuesday:** Glenbervie, St Francis Xavier & Whangarei Primary  
**Wednesday:** TBC  
**Thursday:** Huruapaki & Kamo Primary  
**Friday:** Huruapaki & Kamo Primary

For more info visit our website: [www.activeattitude.co.nz](http://www.activeattitude.co.nz). To book contact us on [admin@activeattitude.co.nz](mailto:admin@activeattitude.co.nz) or Ph 09 9454876

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### FUTSAL FOCUSED - BUT SO MUCH MORE!

For kids aged 6 - 16yrs

Monday 11th - Friday 15th July  
8:30 - 4:00pm

For details and registration visit our website  
[northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)

[admin@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](mailto:admin@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)  
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