



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.3 Term 3 Wednesday-Rāapa 31st August-Here-turi-kōkā 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Our school,

One of the greatest miracles Jesus performed on earth involved multiplication. In Matthew 14:13–21, Jesus multiplied five small loaves of bread and two tiny fish to feed 5,000 men. Including women and children, it's likely there were 15,000–20,000 people Jesus fed with one boy's meagre lunch!

Okay, so we are not expecting miracles but what we have expected is that every child at St Francis Xavier Catholic School has made their very best effort to learn their multiplication times tables. Our Mathathon fundraiser finishes this week and it would be appreciated if your child could bring to the school office the sponsorship form and the money they have raised. As mentioned previously, the proceeds will go towards a new adventure playground and other items that the school has planned for our pupils. We have a few spot prizes for students who contribute to our fund raising effort.

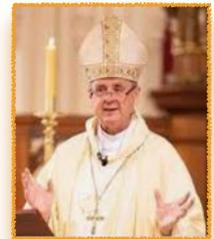
Confirmation:

Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of initiation and this Thursday evening at 6.30pm, Bishop Steve Lowe will travel North and welcome 39 of our baptised children into the Church.

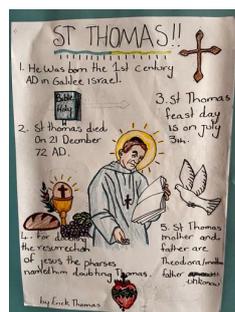
These children made their first Reconciliation last term and now they are to receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be a beautiful ceremony involving candles, laying on of hands and being anointed with Chrism oil. Children have chosen a saint for their Confirmation name. They have made posters about their chosen saint and these are hanging in the Church.

You are warmly invited to come and support our young people on their Confirmation evening.

The Sacramental Programme is run by some of our teaching staff and Fr Trevor. We sincerely thank Mrs Webber, Miss Barber, Whaea Sam and Mrs Withers for the contribution and time that they have given to prepare our new young Catholics.



Craig McKernan (*Principal*)



Religious Education

This Sunday's Readings:

(Twenty-First Third Sunday in Ordinary Time) Wisdom 9: 13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14: 25-33

Thought For The Week:

“ Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.”



***Non-Uniform Days in Term 3**

Thank you very much! We raised \$933.80 for Daffodil Day. Your contribution will be donated to our local Cancer Society.

Our next Non-Uniform Day is a Bring a Can which is on **Friday 30th September**. Please bring an item(s) of non-perishable food on this day. These will be given to St Vincent de Paul and Soul Food.

***Fun Facts**

Pope Francis established the 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, asking the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to “reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handy work which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore God’s help for the protection of creation, as well as God’s pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”



Social Justice Week 2022 runs from September 4-10 and focuses on the topic of racism.

As we journey through this Social Justice Week the key question for each of us to reflect on is: “How are we becoming one in Christ?”

***Happy Fathers Day Prayer - Prayer for Dads**



Lord, please take care of our dads.
Though they are brave and protective,
they must also be frightened sometimes.
When things become difficult or when we need things,
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.
And how much **You** love them.
Amen!

***Sacramental Programme**

Please continue to pray for the children preparing for Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Stephen this **Thursday 1st September** at 6.30pm and First Holy Eucharist on **18th September 12.00pm**.

Remember that the Sacramental Programme preparations sessions are on Sundays from 4pm to 5pm.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

Welcome to our school

Giovanna Correa, Jerome Jose,
Olivia Pepito, Olivia Russell, Lorcan Ryan,
Maeve Ryan, Piata Ryan and
Francesca Stanley
who have started in our school recently.

Reporting an absence from school

If your child is unwell, you are going away on holiday or for any other reason, you **need** to let the school office know that they will not be attending school.

You can do this by either:

*email : absent@sfx.school.nz

*Go onto the school website : www.sfx.school.nz

online forms-report an absence

*Call the school office/leave a message : 094371039

*Call or text the school cellphone : 027 2784303

PhotoLife Shoot Keys

Photo shoot key codes have been distributed to students last week. Photos can be purchased online using the photo shoot key code.

How to view and purchase your photographs:

1. Go to www.photolife.co.nz
2. Click "Order Online"
3. Enter your secure Shoot Key Code (make sure you allow pop ups for the payment process).
4. Click "VIEW ALL" to see all the packages available of your child's photos.

There are more instructions on the website.

To qualify for free school delivery, ALL orders, must be received by PhotoLife before midnight on 11th September 2022. You may still purchase after this date but an additional delivery charge will be added.

If you do not have internet access or prefer not to use the online ordering system, please contact PhotoLife directly with your shoot key code on Ph: 0800-501-040 or email enquiries@photolife.co.nz to arrange alternative payment.



Mathathon:



This week your child will have completed the Mathathon test and their results will be sent home. All children will need to have their sponsor money in by Friday 16th September, week 8.

Please return the sponsorship form with the money in an envelope or snap lock bag. All those who return money will go into the draw for a spot prize. The spot prizes will be announced at our end of term assembly in week 10.

Thank you to all parents for supporting the teaching of basic facts - the foundation of mathematics.

Reading Workshop

Mrs Clegg and Miss Pirrit would like to invite you to a short workshop about reading to your children.

Your child is never too old to be read to. This workshop will provide ideas on what to read, how to use books to spark meaningful conversations and how to adapt the books for all ages.

Appropriate for parents with children of all ages and abilities.

Wednesday, 14 September, 6 pm Staffroom



School Accounts

Thank You!

Many thanks to those of you who have either paid all attendance dues or paid up to and including part of Term 3.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please come and see our Office Manager, Deborah Rudolph. Thank you.





Board of Trustees Elections 2022 Timeline



*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.

These are the candidates:

Mark Hoyles

Naushaba Todd-Jones

Steve Macmillan

Matthew van den Bosch

Renee Proctor

Peter Watts

Please return your voting papers to the office and place in the ballot box on the school office counter. Elections close 4pm on 7th September 2022. Votes will be counted on the 13th September and the Board will take office on the 14th September 2022.

Deborah Rudolph

Returning Officer



SCHOOL EVENT

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

SEPTEMBER

7th		Pukenui Whanau at Kiwi North - Rooms 9, 10, 11 & 12
7th	1:30-2:30	He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session One
7th		SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (<i>please place your order with the class teacher before 9am</i>)
14th	1:30-2:30	He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session Two
14th	6pm	Reading Workshop in staffroom
20th	5:45pm	BOT Meeting in the staffroom
21st	1:30-2:30	He Kākano New Entrant Transition Programme - Session Three
21st		SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 (<i>please place your order with the class teacher before 9am</i>)
23rd		STAFF ONLY DAY - School closed for instruction
30th		BRING-A-CAN Non-Uniform Day - children may wear regular clothes instead of uniform to school, for a donation of a non-perishable item
30th		Full School Assembly
30th		Term 3 Ends