



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

No.2 Term 1 Wednesday 22nd February 2023



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

What an experience cyclone Gabrielle gave us all. As you know the cyclone has brought a lot of distress to families in many ways. Our hearts go out to those that have been impacted during this time.

As we clean up the destruction of the storm, we give gratitude to the whenua (land) and our loved ones. We give thanks to the Lord for his gracious love through this time.

*Psalm 46:1 "God is **our protection** and source of strength. He is always ready to help us in times of trouble."*

The return to school last Thursday brought a sense of happiness to our souls when we united together as a St Francis Xavier whanau again. We were extremely lucky our school grounds had minimal damage for which we are thankful. A special thank you to Shaun Hacker, our school caretaker and the staff who worked hard to ensure everything was safe and ready for everyone returning to school last Thursday.

Safety Messages

Car Park

All staff at St Francis Xavier Catholic School aim to make our school environment a safe and happy place. We ask our school whanau for your support. When picking up your child/children from Percy Street please endeavour to not park in the Vege Twins car park. This area has become very unsafe for traffic and our students walking. We encourage parents to use the Marist car park as an alternative option for parking, there is plenty of car spaces and is much safer for all to use.



COVID-19

We have had an increase in numbers of children and staff that are contracting the virus. If your child displays any symptoms including headaches, sore throat, tummy aches, vomiting, diarrhoea, sneezing or coughing please keep your child at home until symptoms have disappeared. If you RAT test when your child is sick, you are more likely to detect covid 19, isolate for seven days and stop the virus from spreading further.

Hats

Another important reminder, in Terms 1 and 4 all students must wear a St Francis Xavier school hat in the sun. This helps them to keep sun-safe during the warmest time of the year. Please ensure your child's hat is named and is at school every day so they can enjoy the fun outdoor activities. No hat - no play!

Learning

In all Year 2-6 classrooms there are now new Active Panels which have been installed and supplied by Active Vision. They are large smart screens and interactive for teaching and learning. We thank the Board of Trustees who have invested \$98,000 in providing the best technology moving forward. We also received \$38,000 in grants. Staff are having professional development to be able to use the amazing applications these offer for our students.



Kia pai te rā
Have a great day

Jennie Dean

Acting Principal



PARENT, STUDENT, TEACHER MEET AND GREET

Today and Thursday 23rd February 1.30 - 6.00pm

This meet and greet involves the student, parent and teacher. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher together and get to know each other better. Each interview is 15 minutes and parents and children are encouraged to attend.

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

Appointments can be made online. Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter the booking code: 22exf

Follow the instructions. If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment please see the school office.

Religious Education

"...no eyes has seen, no ears has heard, no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him"
1 Corinthians 2:9

This Sunday's Readings: (First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Thought For The Week:

"Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our recollection, the seat of meditation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest"

Ash Wednesday

We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mass this morning in the church. It was lovely to see those that were able to attend. What a wonderful way to begin our Lenten journey.

Lent

Lent (which begins today) is a time for renewal and preparing for Easter. The children will be discussing the season of Lent and talking about Lenten promises. A good way to remind your child(ren) about these Lenten discussions is to ask them questions about them.



Faith Fact: The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is one of the two Penitential seasons of the year. It starts with Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days finishing in Holy Week.

It is a time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent is an opportunity for people to reflect on their lives and identify what they need to change. It is a season of preparation for the feast of Jesus' Resurrection which is the greatest feast in the Church's calendar.

Family Mass

During the year, Whanau will be rostered to participate in Family Masses on Sunday at 10:00 am. These Whanau Masses have been a success in recent years and it is a beautiful way of coming together as a school and Parish whanau to celebrate the Eucharist.

Our next Family Mass is on **Sunday, 26th March** at 10:00am. Hatea Whanau (Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be participating). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



Congratulations to the following children who have begun our Parish

Walk in the Light-Hikoi i te Mārama programme:

Raena Croad, Toby Chamberlain, Felix Andra-van den Bosch and Kimberlyn Bradshaw. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they journey toward Baptism.



Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS - Director of Religious Studies



to Jake and Summer Hughes, Dahlia and Joel Lornie, Asher Suman Ramakuri and Kezeah Thomas who have started at our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

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 Accounts 2023

On Friday we emailed out all of the school accounts for the year. Many thanks to all those who have paid their child/ren's school attendance dues and donations in full or have started regular payments. If you haven't received your school account please check your spam or junk folder, alternatively give us a ring. Perhaps your details have changed, and we have the wrong email address.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties at any time during this year, please come and see me, so that we can discuss a confidential arrangement. My door is always open.

Many thanks.

Deborah Rudolph
Office Manager

SFX/Marist netball 2023 Years 1-6

The netball season is about to start again. We managed to play some great netball last year; the girls developed some wonderful skills and had a lot of fun.

Fees are likely to be around \$90:00 (to be confirmed). The netball season usually begins at the start of Term 2 (to be confirmed). If you would like your child to play netball this season please register online as soon as possible, via the Sporty website; www.sporty.co.nz/clubs. We usually only have 1 team at each year group and they fill up very quickly. Y1/2 teams will play on Monday afternoons, Y3-6 teams play matches on Saturday mornings. To enable us to run lots of teams for your children, we must have coaches and managers for each team and for this we need your help parents. We cannot do this without you. There are plenty of online courses and websites with ideas - you do not need to have played to coach young players, just be prepared to have some fun. If you are interested in helping, please indicate this on the registration form and I will make contact with you. Are you interested in sponsoring a Marist netball team? If so, that would be fantastic too and most certainly appreciated. Again, this can be noted on the registration form. Feel free to email or call me with any queries or ask Mrs Clegg at school. Pamela 0275983222 or peterandpamelaplus4@gmail.com



Marist Rugby

Welcome to the 2023 Rugby Season

Upcoming Events

Registration Day 1- 19th February- 11am-2pm

Registration Day 2- 19th March- 11am-2pm

Training Starts for all teams- Thursday 23rd March

Season starts- Saturday 24th April

Welcome Back Whanau

Kia ora koutou, I hope the holidays were good to you. We are looking forward to welcoming back our players, whanau, coaches and managers. Registrations are open for the season. Click [here](#) to register.

Fees have been set as:

- \$55 per player- Under 5- Under 11
- \$65 per player- Under 12 and higher.
- \$85- Seniors

Survey

We would love some feedback about our club. What are we doing well?, what can we do better? Please fill in this short survey.

[Link to survey](#)

Competition

All children registered and fees paid by 5pm on the 20th of March will go into a draw to win the cost of your fees back. One draw per grade!!

Registration Days

Come along and sign up your child up for the season. Ask any questions. All players new to Marist will need to attend one of these days- bring along your birth certificate. Limited uniform stock and merchandise available for purchase. Sausage sizzle and games. (Not compulsory to attend for returning players.)

Girls Tournament

We have had quite a few expressions of interest for this tournament. Please keep them coming in. I would like to confirm our teams and have some trainings from the beginning of March. We are entering teams in Under 7 and Under 10 rippa and Under 13 tackle.

Seniors

Our senior team is looking for more players. Training is at 6:30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Come along and check it out.

Fitness

Time to start hitting the pavement. Please ensure your child has a reasonable level of fitness before training starts.

Uniform

Available from the club on training nights.

- Navy Shorts: \$25-\$28
- Marist or Navy Socks: \$15

Limited merchandise available

Rugby Contacts

All inquiries:

Shelley: 027 2287987
maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com

Senior Team:

Matt: 027 5034079



SCHOOL EVENTS

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

February

23rd 5:30pm

23rd 1:15 - 6pm

24th Swimming

28th Swimming

March

1st 7pm

3rd Swimming

3rd 1:30pm

7th School Assembly - Pukenui Whanau leading. Whole school attending

7th Senior Swimming Champs at Pompallier

7th Swimming

8th Manaia Whanau trip to AH Reed

9th 5:15pm Camp Parent Evening

9th EPRO 8 Challenge

10th Swimming

14th 1:30 - 2:30pm

14th Swimming He Kākano Programme - Session 1 (To be confirmed)

15th WPSSA Swimming

15th 12:30pm School closes at 12:30 for staff to attend Professional Learning

17th Swimming

20th 9am

21st Swimming Rooms 4, 11 & 17 Hatea Loop Walk

22nd 1:30 - 2:30pm He Kākano Programme - Session 2

22nd Vision & Hearing

23rd 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting in Staffroom

24th Swimming

27th Rooms 15, 19 & 23 Hatea Loop Walk

28th to 31st Camp 1

28th Swimming

29th 1:30 - 2:30pm He Kākano Programme - Session 3

31st Swimming

April

3rd to 6th Camp 2

6th Holy Thursday

6th 2:50pm End of Term 1

Board of Trustees Meeting in Staffroom

Teacher, Parent, Student Meet and Greet.

Room 18 Leave at 9:00am Lesson at 9:15am

Room 13 Leave at 10:00am Lesson at 10:15am

Room 22 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am

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Room 22 Leave at 11:00am Lesson at 11:15am

PTFA Meeting in the Staffroom

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