



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 2 No:2 Wednesday 17th May 2023



Dear parents, caregivers and friends of our school,

Over the last week we have all been deeply affected by the passing of people in our whānau, school community and wider community. Many of us are feeling the loss of someone close to us. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to all of our school whānau who are coping with grief at this time. As a school community we rejoice with each other in good times and lean on each other when times are tough. If you or your children need extra support at any stage of the coming days and weeks, please reach out to us. We are very lucky to have Mrs Rosie-Ponifasio Hughes as our school family worker. Rosie is very adept at working alongside families who may need extra awhi (care) from time to time. Rosie can be contacted through our office or rosie@sfx.school.nz Similarly, our teaching and management team are always there to listen and support in anyway we can.

Our Christian faith reminds us, even on the darkest days, we are a people of hope.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

Dr Sarah Ferguson PTFA Guest Speaker: Tonight the PTFA is hosting Dr Sarah Ferguson. Sarah will be speaking to us about building resilience in children. The staff at our school have had an opportunity to listen to Sarah speak before and we found her session to be very informative. We are increasingly aware of the fragility of some of our students and we know that strategies to increase resilience are very important. I encourage you to come along to this event in the St Joseph's Room at 6.30pm. The event is fully sponsored by the school PTFA. (Check the notice that appears later in this newsletter.)

Craig McKernan
Principal

If your child is not attending school for any reason please contact the school office.

EMAIL ADDRESS for STUDENT ABSENCES

absent@sfx.school.nz

You may still call the school to leave a message on
Ph: 094371039,
and call or text the school mobile on
Ph: 027 2784303.



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

Term Dates for 2023

Term Two:

26th April to 30th June

Term Three:

17th July to 22nd Sept

Term Four:

9th Oct to 15th Dec

Vision Statement

“Uniting through Christ, Embracing Mana, Enhancing Futures.”

Religious Education

This Sunday's Readings: (The Ascension of The Lord))

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Thought For The Week:

Proverbs 31:31: “Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

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 a Tuesday morning.

Week	Whanau	Classroom	Date	Teacher	Year
5	Pukenui	Room 8 Room 11	23 May	Karyn Marnitz Whaea Rose	Yr 1 Yr 3&4
6	Kauika	Room 13 Room 7 Room 14	30 May	Sharon Wendt Whaea Sam Daniella Niede	Yr 5&6 Yr 1 Yr 2
7	Kauika	Room 15 Room 16	6 June	Carika de Wet Deb Hepi	Yr 3&4 Yr 5&6
8	Parihaka	Room 18 Room 17 Room 19	13 June	Kathy Pirrit Sharyn Smith Karwyn Werder	Yr 5&6 Yr 3&4 Yr 3&4
9	Manaia	Room 23 Room 21	20 June	Sarah Cash Teresa Webber	Yr 3&4 Yr 2
10	Manaia	Room 22 Room 20	27 June	Jenny Bassett Tracey Barber	Yr 5&6 Yr 1

Non-uniform Days:

One of our Non-uniform Days for this term is this **Friday 19 May**. It is our Bring a Can, no uniform day. Please bring an item(s) of non-perishable food on this day. These will be given to St Vincent de Paul and Soul Food.



Family/Whanau Mass

Our next Family Mass is on Sunday, **28th May** (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:00am. **Kauika Whanau** (Rooms 7, 13, 14, 15 and 16 will be participating). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Pastoral Care Basket

Our Pastoral Care basket is situated underneath the statue of Mary, in the school office area. Non-perishable food items placed in this basket go towards a family in need, in our community.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

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Welcome to all the new students and their families to our school. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community. Our new students are Yvannah Caubat, Joan Manoj and George Morgan.



SFX PTFA Free Parent Information Evening with Dr. Sarah Ferguson

To be held in the St Joseph's Room at School, 6:30pm tonight.

Our PTFA is providing this evening free of charge, we believe Dr. Ferguson's message is vital in raising our children to flourish with resilience in an ever changing and sometimes scary world. Come along and join us for supper and learn about building resilience in our Tamariki. We hope to see you there!

Non-uniform day

This coming Friday we wear non-uniform clothes to school. Non-uniform days are when children may wear regular clothes instead of their school uniform, for a donation of a non-perishable item to help St Vincent de Paul food bank.

Sickness



If your child is complaining of not feeling well, please keep them home and let us know either by phoning the school office, sending a text or email or via the school website.
This week we have a number of children home who have vomited in class.

Mathathon

The Basic Facts are the tools children need to use when mentally solving number problems. The purpose of this event is to enhance children's ability to recall these Basic Facts and at the same time give the children the opportunity to raise money for our school. As this will be a sponsored event, the money raised will go towards the building of a new playground. Sponsorship forms and practice sheets were sent home last week.

We encourage all children to learn these Basic Facts at home to enhance their ability to have instant recall.

Dates : Weeks 1-5 : Children continue to learn and practice Basic Facts.

Week 6 : Administer test during the week and send home result sheets.

Weeks 7-8 : Money to come back to school by end of week 8. 16th June.



School Accounts

Your school statement was e-mailed out on Monday. If you did not receive an account please contact the school office and we will re-print a statement or try to work out why you didn't receive it. If your details have changed please let us know immediately.

Winter Uniform

Do you need items of winter uniform? Email Mrs J glenys@sfx.school.nz with any requirements for your child and she will see what she can do. Alternatively, pop into the office and fill out a uniform slip. Our wonderful PTFA are only too happy to help!

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SCHOOL EVENTS

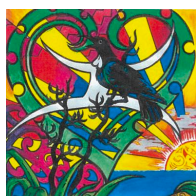
Dates and times for events are subject to change. Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

MAY

17th	6:30pm	PTFA Parent Information Evening
18th	11am	Patrol children to Loop
19th		Non-uniform day - Please bring a can
19th		Vision and Hearing
26th	6:30pm	PTFA Quiz Night
28th	10am	Kauika Whanau Mass. Rooms 7,13,14,15 & 16 attending
31st	1:30pm	He Kākano Programme - Session 1
31st		Yr 5&6 WPSSA Winter Sports

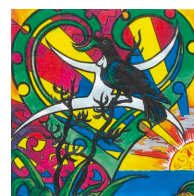
JUNE

2nd		Sausage Sizzle- \$2 Please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day
5th		King's Birthday - School closed
7th	1:30pm	He Kākano Programme - Session 2
14th	1:30pm	He Kākano Programme - Session 3
15th	5:45pm	BOT Meeting
21st	1:30pm	He Kākano Programme - Session 4
21st		Sausage Sizzle- \$2 Please place your order with the class teacher at the start of the day
23rd		Non-uniform day - Gold coin donation
28th	1:30-6pm	Triadic Meetings
29th	1:30-6pm	Triadic Meetings
30th	1:30pm	Whole school assembly - Kauri Whanau leading
30th	2:50pm	Last day of term 2



Sore Throats Matter

Preventing Rheumatic Fever



With winter on its way there are so many bugs - we are hearing that a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats - For our Maori and Pacific tamariki sore throat's can hurt hearts. If your tamariki has a sore throat please get a throat swab from your Practice nurse at your GP practice or at a participating pharmacy from mid-June if you tamariki are: Maori or Pacific, 4-19 years old.

*Otaika Pharmacy

*Buchanans Pharmacy

*Kensington Pharmacy

All children are at risk of developing strep throat, however research has shown that the risk for this leading to Acute Rheumatic fever is predominantly higher in Māori and Pacific tamariki, this is the reason for the eligibility criteria in the throat swabbing programme.

Community Clinical Services / Te Tai Tokerau / Northern Region

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTFA
PRESENTS**

Quiz night

WITH LIVE BAND

"CAKE AND EAT IT"



THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSOR Whangarei Gourmet Meats

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
SPONSOR THIS AWESOME
EVENT?

We would love table sponsors,
auction items, prize sponsors
and more. If you think that you
could help please

GET IN TOUCH WITH RENEE
0273132142 or
Reneeprocter82@gmail.com

All funds raised from
the Quiz Night will go
towards our new school
PLAYGROUND and
surrounding play and
meeting spaces!!

FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM

Marist Clubrooms

39 Park Ave

Kensington

\$25 per person

6 People per Team

Price incl. Table Platter.

Bring along cash for the bar and
extras that you won't want to miss!

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED &
WINNING TEAMS!!**

Tickets and Tables are limited so
complete the booking slip to get
your place.

To get your slip and entry please contact
Renee - 0273132142