



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 2 No:3 Wednesday 31st May 2023



Dear parents, caregivers and friends of our school,

Whenever I pick up the newspaper or listen to the news there seems to be a plethora of negative news, for this reason I seldom watch the news on TV these days. I can't help but wonder what the feedback would be like if, for just one night, the news focussed solely on the positive things happening in NZ.

Today I want to share with you some of the positive things that impact our lives at St Francis. What is really uplifting is being a part of a school where it's fun to walk through the playground and see children playing, hear music coming from a classroom, watch students participating in kapa haka. It's also great to hear staff enjoying the company of their colleagues and relationships with children in their classroom.

On Friday last week I attended the PTFA Quiz night. The evening was a wonderful success and the organisation was brilliant. Thank you so much to Mrs Renee Procter and her PTFA team. They did an outstanding job and although our team didn't get all the questions right we all had lots of laughs. (Funny how the answers to questions come to you as you drive home!)

Last weekend, I went to the 10.00am Family Mass and watched children in Kauika Whānau share the readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. They spoke clearly, confidently and with sincerity, we were very proud of them. Thank you to the children and teachers of Kauika Whānau.

I also want to acknowledge the many parents who have responded to our requests to not pick their children up before bell time at the end of the day. Teachers are appreciating your effort as it is less disruptive to the end of day routine. Thank you also for avoiding parking on the grass in the Vege Twins car park and for making the effort to park in the Marist/ hockey car park.

As mentioned, we have a lot to be thankful for and we appreciate the support that you give us. There are lots of lovely verses in the Bible about gratefulness and our school tries to uphold these.

Now that was a news bulletin worth reading wasn't it?



School Office Assistant: We wish to appoint an office assistant to assist in our busy school. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to multitask. Experience with Xero would be an advantage. A willingness and ability to uphold the Special Character of the school will be a condition of appointment. A job description and application form are available from the Office Manager, office@sfx.school.nz. Applications close on Wednesday 14th June.

Craig McKernan
Principal

Vision Statement

"Uniting through Christ, Embracing Mana, Enhancing Futures."

Religious Education



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.

This Sunday's Readings: (The Most Holy Trinity)

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Thought For Pentecost:

All of them were filled with the Holy spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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
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

Family/Whanau Mass

We celebrated a beautiful Mass on Pentecost Sunday with children from Kauika whanau.

Our next Family Mass is on Sunday **25th June at 10:00am. Manaia Whanau** (Rooms 20, 21, 22 and 23 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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Ishan Anish who has recently started at our school. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

We have been advised by Scholastic that unfortunately the lucky book orders are at least another week away. They are very sorry for the inconvenience.

Road Safety Week

Last week some of our year 6 patrol monitors took part in Road Safety Awareness Week. They cycled down to the Town Basin and met with other "heroes" such as emergency services who work hard to help keep Northland roads safe. Out patrollers then cycled the loop before returning to school using the city cycle paths.

A special thank you to Mr Hacker who led the ride and our parent helpers. Thank you to our year 6 Road Patrol monitors who help us cross Percy St safely every day.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mathathon
2023

3-2-1... the countdown begins

The children have been busy learning their basic facts for our Mathathon next week.

Our PTFA have put together some wonderful spot prizes for our children.

Seniors Year 5/6

Middles Year 3/4

Juniors Year 1/2

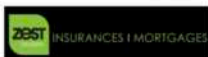


All children go into the draw to win great prizes.

As this is a sponsored event, the money raised will go towards the building of a new playground.

The children will complete their Mathathon test in the coming week (29 May - 2 June). Once your child brings home their results page, they will then need to collect their sponsorship money and take it to the office by Friday 16th June to go into the draw. The class teacher will not collect money.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event and our major sponsor East Insurance's Mortgages.



↓ *Check This Out ...* ↓

Last Sunday I had a Bible quiz. The quiz was for ages 9-16 and I was one of them.

I had to answer many questions from the book of Mark. A while later I got my results and I got second place and three other people got chosen. We were all from Whangarei.

On 13th August me and my team will be going to New Plymouth for the National Bible Quiz. If my team wins then we will go to the Internationals! Many different teams will come to compete against us and we will need to study hard to win.

Esther George Year 6 Room 13



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SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates and times for events are subject to change.

Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

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 1&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
23rd		School Reports to be sent home
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

Accounts

Today is the last day of the month and tomorrow we will be receipting the balance of the May automatic payments. Mrs Rudolph will mail out the statements early next week, so you can see what your balance is.

For those who have yet to make a payment for the attendance dues, it is a condition of enrolment that these are paid. Please, if you are experiencing financial difficulty, to avoid a phone call from the Auckland Catholic Diocese come and see Deborah Rudolph, Office Manager. This meeting will be confidential.

Deborah Rudolph
Office Manager



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

2024 ENROLMENTS

The Pompallier Catholic College Board of Trustees have implemented an Enrolment Policy.

The Enrolment Policy can be viewed on our website:
www.pompallier.school.nz

Preference enrolment applications for 2024:

Open on Thursday 1 June

Close on Friday 4 August

We will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2024.

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.

Enrolment applications received after the closing date shall be added to any waitlist arising from the enrolment process.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams:
09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

PAW PATROL

“Indoor Play Tower”

Including seat, wall climb and slide. Can help with delivery \$250.00

Contact Mr Hacker 02128360470



Remember!



Friday 2nd June - Sausage Sizzle \$2

Place order with class teacher at start of the day.



Monday 5th June - School closed for tuition. King's Birthday.

Join a Fantails Hub today!

Northland FC Fantails

FREE Girls Only Football, Term 3 2023

Wednesdays, Morningside Park, Whangarei
4pm - 5pm, 7th & 8th Grade

Thursdays, Kensington Park, Whangarei
4:15pm - 5:30pm, 9th & 10th Grade

Tuesdays, Bream Bay United FC, Ruakaka
4pm - 5pm Ages 7-12

Contact Liam Martin to register:
02041191946
wdmanager@northlandfootball.net

New Zealand Football

Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ou niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

For children over 5 years,
use a **soft** toothbrush
with a **pea sized**
drop of adult toothpaste

Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



A huge thank you to everyone that supported the PTFA and Saint Francis Xavier Primary School with our quiz night held last Friday! The evening was a great success, everyone had a fantastic time and we exceeded our fundraising goals! The amount is yet to be finalised. All funds raised will be going towards our new school playground and outdoor learning areas.

An extra special thank you to Lee, Brendon and Georgia from the Marist Club and to our amazing sponsors...

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