



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 2 No:4 Wednesday 14th June 2023



Dear parents, caregivers and friends of our school,

A quick visit to some of our classrooms this week has prompted me to write to you about the learning that is happening in these rooms. As always, the curriculum is changing and developing, new maths strategies and programmes, new NZ history curriculum, and a new literacy programme. Very soon we will also be starting on a new “curriculum refresh.”

For teachers of primary age children the changes are huge and sometimes overwhelming. As evidenced in our classrooms they are all doing very well to embrace the changes and deliver quality learning opportunities for your children.

Next week, your child will come home with a report that will give you an indication of his/her progress and attainment. I encourage you to read the report and have a discussion about the learning with your son/daughter. Remember that it is really important to give positive feedback and then identify the areas where they can work hard to achieve better results. Too often we focus on the challenges without looking at all the wonderful things our children can achieve.

After many years of being involved in schools there are several points that I continually witness that make a difference for a child and I have listed some of them here.

LEARNING:

- Give them support and encouragement.
- Read to them and let them read to you.
- Practise the basic facts.
- Do fun activities, play together and let them be curious.
- Find learning opportunities for eg. Set the table and ask how many knives do I need? How many forks? How many in total? If guests arrive how many extras will I need?

BEHAVIOUR:

- Set boundaries and make expectations very clear.
- You are the parent. You lead.
- Be consistent.
- Demonstrate respect for others and expect the same from your child.
- Give praise.

PARENTING:

- Be understanding.
- Encourage independence and self control.
- Put your phone away and talk to your child.
- Show affection and appreciation.
- Turn TV off at dinner times and use this time to talk about your child's and your day.
- Model good behaviour and positive relationships.
- Share with them the love of Jesus.

School Policies: A reminder that all of the school policies are available on the schooldoc web site. Go to SchoolDocs <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username: sfx. Password: school

This month the new Restraint Law came into effect. I draw your attention to this policy and encourage you to read it. Simply put Minimising Physical Restraint in the search box.

Craig McKernan
Principal

Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

This Sunday’s Readings: (Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Exodus 19: 2-6; Romans 5: 6-11; Matthew 9: 36-10:8

Thought For The Week:

“When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage, speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way, that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.” – St. Francis de Sales.

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
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

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 Internationalis, an international confederation of 160 Catholic aid, development and social justice agencies. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

Our next No Uniform Day – supporting Caritas

All Catholic schools across Aotearoa NZ will be joining in to help Oecusse School in Timor-Leste by having a fun non-uniform day for a gold coin. Our bishops are excited supporting this school, which Caritas supports. Your gold coin will help provide working toilets for Oecusse School, which has more than 800 students and no working toilets. It’s in great need of support to repair and replace broken, unsanitary toilet bowls; repair hand washing stations in the toilet facilities; and fix water pipes for supplying water to different areas in the school.

Our No-Uniform Day for Mufti Mania is **on Friday 23rd June**.

Family/Whanau Mass

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**

Pompallier Catholic College 2024 Enrolments

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 and 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 our website. Enrolment applications received after the closing date shall be added to any wait list arising from the enrolment process. For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS - Director of Religious Studies

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William Bristowe, Nathan Corbett, Haunaki-Niha Ionangi-Clark and Cadence Shoebridge who started at our school this week. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

PARENT, STUDENT, TEACHER MEET AND GREET

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June 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: **nsehf**

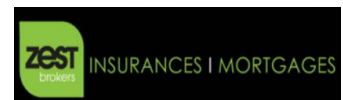
Follow the instructions. If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment please see the school office.

MATHATHON DONATIONS

*Teachers saw great success with the students basic facts progress last week. Well done to everyone who put in all the time and effort to learn them! Reminder to return your Mathathon donation to the school office before the end of **this week - June the 16th**. There are some great spot prizes to be won. The draw will be drawn on Friday 23rd of June. Please see the playground below, it's getting exciting now!*



Thanks everyone for your support and generous donations.



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SCHOOL EVENTS

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

JUNE

- 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



The SFX PTFA would like to thank NEW WORLD REGENT and GJ GARDNER WHANGAREI for their generous sponsorship towards our recent quiz night and auction fundraiser. With their support, alongside our other wonderful sponsors, we have exceeded our fundraising goals. We are so excited to see our new school playground and outdoor learning spaces starting to take shape soon!

PAW PATROL



“Indoor Play Tower”
Including seat, wall climb and slide. Can help with delivery

\$250.00 Contact
Mr Hacker 02128360470



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SICKNESS

With the weather changing we have a lot of children unwell with sore throats, fevers and sore stomachs to name a few. If your child is complaining of not feeling well, please keep them home and let the office know.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

DATE: **Wednesday 21st June**

\$2.00 PER SAUSAGE

Please pay your teacher the correct money at the start of the day.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PTFA & WHANGAREI GOURMET MEATS!