



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 3 No:2 Wednesday 9th August 2023



Good afternoon Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

Over the past couple of weeks we have been privileged to watch so many fabulous women and men compete in various sporting codes. The Fifa World Cup Women's football games have been great and the World Cup Women's Netball was very special as well. Soon we will be able to watch the Rugby World Cup and this week Whangārei will host the Olympic qualifying hockey matches between Australia and New Zealand.

But.... probably the most important event of all will be the St Francis Xavier Catholic School Cross Country races, tomorrow, on Thursday!!



Unlike other sporting activities where children get to choose which event they would like to participate in, all children at our school take part in the cross country. It is probably the most looked forward to and the most disliked activity depending on your level of skill and fitness. But what is awesome, is the fact that everyone has a go and does their very best. It doesn't matter if your child comes first or last, does the whole course or some of it. What is important is that over the past few weeks they have increased their level of fitness and on Thursday they will "do their best" and that is what really counts!

1. *Corinthians 9: 24. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.*



IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE: As mentioned, hockey games will be held this week. The first of the games is on Thursday at 4.00pm. It is envisaged that the car park will be used by some spectators and this may cause congestion at 2.50pm pick up time. If you choose to pick your child up at the earlier time of 2.30pm then please do so. You will not need an early pick up pass on this occasion.

Teacher Only Day: Once again we remind you that school will be closed for instruction on Friday the 25th of August while teachers undertake curriculum professional development. A day approved by the Ministry of Education.

Staff only
Day

Nga mihi mahana
Craig McKernan



Welcome to Sanne de Weerd, Gianna Mahachi and Shreya Kevin who have started in our school this term. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

This Sunday's Readings: (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Thought For The Week: "God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other." St. Mary MacKillop

Non-Uniform Days in Term 3

Our next Non-Uniform Day is **Thursday 24th August** with your gold coin donation going to the Cancer Foundation.

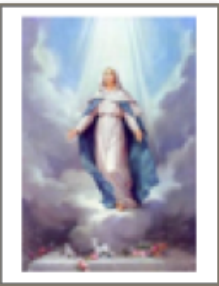
Please wear something yellow!!

Our Bring a Can, Non-Uniform Day is on **Friday 08th 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.



Family/Whanau Mass

Our next Family Mass is on **Sunday 27th August** at 10:00am. **Pukenui Whanau** (Rooms 11, 12, 10 and 8 will be participating). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



Fun Fact

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This day celebrates the mystery that the Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul.

Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. In other words, she is the Patron saint of New Zealand and this week is her feast day.

Sacramental Programme - Ready the Way

Please continue to pray for the children preparing to make their First Holy Eucharist this **Sunday 13th August** at 10 am Mass.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson



**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.

FAMILY SUPPORT ROOM
COME IN FOR A CUPPA!
...AND MEET US TO TALK!

THE Family Support room

- Coffee & bikkies in a toddler friendly space!
(+Breastfeeding friendly zone with seating)
- A friendly, non-judgemental listening ear.
- Space for a confidential chat about anything going on at home.
- Support to find services to best match your personal situation.

Please text, WhatsApp or email Rosie to make an appointment:
021 028 33587
rosie@sfx.school.nz
rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz

For sale - \$5 / wrap
Environmentally friendly
BeesWax lunchwraps - a great alternative to
gladnap & plastic bags in our Litter-Free
Lunchboxes.

Created by our SFX enviro leaders

Please see Mrs Cash in Room 23 if you would like to purchase a beeswax lunch wrap.

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Matariki Celebration



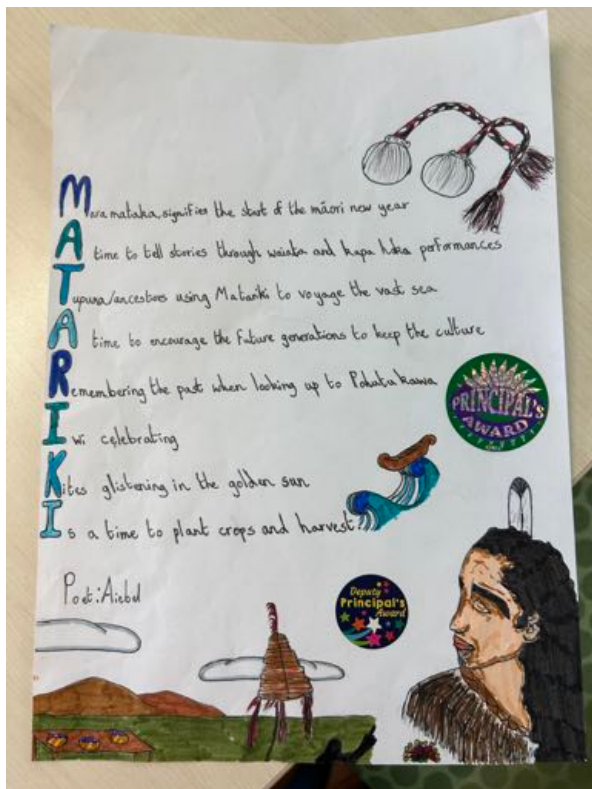
At the beginning of this term the children at St Francis Xavier Catholic school have been super busy learning about Matariki. One way Matariki is celebrated is through communities coming together. It was lovely to see whanau – parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles all coming to share the Maori new year celebration with us last week.

Here are a few images that capture the day.

If you were unable to come to the Matariki celebration and would like to see some of the great learning/work the children have been involved in please copy the link below to view a movie that captures their experiences.

Teachers will also be sharing this link on Seesaw, you will need to have a movie app to be able to view it.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TPzrAyQTkPFpUMjqcMqym77wWUuZRh_E/view?usp=sharing



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SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates and times for events are subject to change.

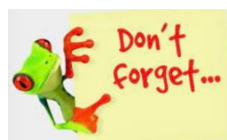
Please check this fortnightly newsletter for any changes.

AUGUST

10th		SFX Cross Country
11th		Yr 6 Youth Summit
15th	1:30pm	Feast of Assumption Mass
16th		PTFA Meeting
17th		Postponement date for SFX Cross Country
23rd		PTFA Sausage Sizzle
23rd	1:30pm	He Kākano 1st visit
24th		Non-uniform Day for Daffodil Day - Gold Coin
25th		Staff-only Day - School Closed
27th	10am	Sunday Family Mass led by Pukenui
30th		WPSSA Cross Country
30th	1:30pm	He Kākano 2nd visit

SEPTEMBER

1st	1:30pm	Father's Day Liturgy
6th	1:30pm	He Kākano 3rd visit
7th	5:45pm	BoT Meeting
8th		Non-uniform Day - Bring a Can- Non-Perishable
13th		PTFA Sausage Sizzle
13th		Vision/Hearing tests for New entrants and transfers
13th	1:30pm	He Kākano 4th visit
14-15th		School Photos
22nd	1:30pm	School Assembly led by Kauika
22nd		LAST DAY OF TERM 3



School Cross Country

10th August - Rain date 17th August

We are looking forward to our cross country this year. It is coming up quicker than we know it. The children are training daily at school for this event.

The cross country is taking place at Kensington Park. The children will need to remember to bring their full school sports uniform, polar fleece jumper and a drink bottle.

The best senior runners will qualify to go through to represent our school at Barge Park on the 30th August.

Parents are welcome to come and watch and cheer on the children.



We do need helpers on the day.

If you are able to help with marshalling, place-getters, recorders, or warming up the runners, please contact Mrs J at glenys@sfx.school.nz

Race start times are approximates and age is on 1st Jan 2023

10:40am	Junior Girls 4yrs on 1st Jan 2023	1 lap
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10:50am	5 year old Girls	1 lap
	5 year old Boys	1 lap
11am	6 year old Girls	2 laps
	6 year old Boys	2 laps
11:10am	7 year old Girls	2 laps
	7 year old Boys	2 laps
11:20am	8 year old Girls	3 laps
	8 year old Boys	3 laps
1pm	9 year old Girls	4 laps
1:15pm	9 year old Boys	4 laps
1:35pm	10 year old Girls	4 laps
1:50pm	10 year old Boys	4 laps
2:10pm	End of events	

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16th August 2023, 7pm, School staff-room.

We would love for you to join us

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