



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 3 No:3 Wednesday 23rd August 2023



Good afternoon Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

As you are aware, we have a Teacher Only Day this Friday. This is an opportunity afforded to us by the Ministry of Education to develop a greater awareness of the Refreshed Curriculum and to break open the changes we can expect to see as we move forward.

We all appreciate that change is inevitable and in many circumstances change is required. The challenging aspect is how we cope with continuous change and to some degree uncertainty. In an election year a lot of promises are made by various political parties and it seems that this is the case in the current time.

As teachers, we want the very best education for your child and in order to do this we need to be continuously upskilled. At St Francis Xavier Catholic School we are currently involved in a literacy contract, a numeracy contract, technology (STEAM) and work with consultants around the theme of Wellbeing. In addition to this, teachers in the junior school are being instructed about an approach to reading called the Better Start Literacy Approach.

On Friday, we are going to hear more about further curriculum changes such as the Arts and Science in 2024. This week we have heard that there will be a certain way that we will teach literacy and numeracy and we know that this will involve more professional development. In each subject, learning progressions are going to be reviewed and this will ultimately necessitate a change as to how we will report to parents.

All of this change is interesting and for some of us, mainly the more experienced, it is cyclical. From a personal perspective it is all positive but the most important thing is relationships.

These relationships are rich and varied, relationships with whānau, teachers, staff and our whole school community. Overarching all of this is our relationship with God and God's relationship with us. God delights in our love and we, in turn, are blessed to be his children.

We thank you for supporting our staff and the need for them to be upskilled.

Nga mihi mahana

*Craig McKernan*

**Principal**



**TOMORROW IS NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR DAFFODIL DAY**  
**Please bring a gold coin to donate to the Cancer Foundation.**

**FRIDAY IS OUR TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**The school will be closed for instruction.**

## Vision Statement

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# Religious Education

**This Sunday's Readings: (Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

*Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20*

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### Non-Uniform Days in Term 3:

Our next Non-Uniform Day tomorrow, **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 08<sup>th</sup> 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 this **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 10:00am. **Pukenui Whanau** (Rooms 11, 12, 10 and 8 will be participating). **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### Creation Season:

Pope Francis established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, asking the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore God's help for the protection of creation, as well as God's pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."



The Season "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. The theme this year is Let Justice and Peace Flow.

### Social Justice Week 2023:

Imagine Peace for All: Peace Begins with You? Social Justice Week runs from 3 - 9 September 2023.

For the next three years, the focus of Social Justice Week will be on peace and responding to conflict.

The overarching tagline is: 'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'.

The focus for 2023 it is: 'Peace begins with you! / Ka tīmata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe! "Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa".

### Sacramental Programme - Ready the Way:

Please continue to pray for the Sacramental Programme children preparing to make their First Reconciliation on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Happy Fathers Day - Prayer for Dads:** School Fathers Day Liturgy will be held on Friday 1st September at 1:30pm in the Church. Lord, please take care of our dads.

Though they are brave and protective,  
they must also be frightened sometimes.

When things become difficult or when we need things,  
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;  
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.  
And how much **You** love them.

Amen!

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson



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# SFX School Cross Country 2023

We had a fabulous day on Kensington park on Thursday 10th of August. The races were exciting and everyone did their best. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Hacker and Mr Markwick who set up a great course.

Here are the results of our top three placings :

Junior Girls - 1st Place Mia Keogh 2nd Place Liana Funhanda 3rd Place Cadence Shoebridge

Junior Boys - 1st Place Oliver Franks 2nd Place George Morgan 3rd Place Kiwa Kite- Poutai

5 Year old Girls - 1st Place Deziray Haami-Dayberg 2nd Place Amelia Brown 3rd Place Kiara Panoho-Herewini

5 Year old Boys - 1st Place Keegan Salis 2nd Place Hunter Halliday 3rd Place Kaia Pere

6 Year old Girls - 1st Place Lani Ponifasio 2nd Place Maddie Backhurst 3rd Place Natalie Maglasang

6 Year old Boys - 1st Place Austin Shaw 2nd Place Joseph Price 3rd Place Jake Ogle

7 Year old Girls - 1st Place Indie Hill 2nd Place Scarlett Anderson 3rd Place Giselle Correa

7 Year old Boys - 1st Place John Paul Crawford 2nd Place Charlie Franks 3rd Place Riley Gilbert

8 Year old Girls - 1st Place Millar-Rose Brown 2nd Place Katerina McGovern 3rd Place Ashley Lenssen

8 Year old Boys - 1st Place Harry Chapman 2nd Place Jayden Dong 3rd Place Cooper Bradley

9 Year old Girls - 1st Place Layla Bennett 2nd Place Ruby de Weerd 3rd Place Mikaela Davis

9 Year old Boys - 1st Place Jacob Haines 2nd Place Brooklyn Markwick 3rd Place Taylin Williams

10 Year old Girls - 1st Place Tilly Butler 2nd Place Milla Lovell 3rd Place Gia Fernandes

10 Year old Boys - 1st Place Ife Falope 2nd Place Ollie Runciman 3rd Place Teddy Anderson

Well done to everyone that participated!





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Welcome  
to our  
school

Alexis and York Dichos,  
Kaylie Dong and Kara Henderson  
who have started in our school  
recently.

Class and individual photos are  
on Thursday 14th  
and Friday 15th  
September.



## SCHOOL EVENTS

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

### AUGUST

23rd		PTFA Sausage Sizzle
23rd	1:30pm	He Kākano 1st visit
24th		Non-uniform Day for Daffodil Day - Gold Coin
25th		Staff-only Day - <b>School Closed</b>
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

Warmest congratulations to the following children  
who recently made their First Holy Eucharist.

Calvin Bautista, Ava Bourke, Kimberly Bradshaw,  
Quinn Buxton, Amelia & Scarlett Currie, Juan De Wet,  
Charlie Franks, Tanner & Imogen Gillespie,  
Sofia Guglielmetti, Sebastiaan & Daniella Hanekom,  
Evaan Jerin, Ophélie Marie, Jemma-Rose Marnitz,  
Asher Mathew, Everlyn McDermott,  
Flynn McKenzie, Alena & Amelia Milner,  
Matthew & Sharyn Muthurajah, Skylah Salis,  
Zander Tangalin, Hartley Te Puni, Alec Uy,  
Felix Andrae-Van Den Bosch, Matthew Watts and  
Joseph Wood.



## Just a reminder about phones and communication devices at school

Thank you to those pupils who hand  
their phones and smart watches into the  
office every morning, and collect them  
each afternoon.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask  
you to do so through the office and our great staff will pass  
messages on. Children do not have phones or smart watches with  
them during learning and playing times. Many thanks.



### For sale - \$5 / wrap

Environmentally friendly  
BeesWax lunchwraps - a great alternative to  
gladwrap & 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.

For sale - \$5 / pot  
Mixed Flora Honey  
Produced by bees lovingly  
tended by  
the students at SFX  
school.



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pot of honey.

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