



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 3 No:5 Wednesday 20th September 2023



Good afternoon Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

If you happened to be walking through our school this week you will have noticed that work has started on the new landscape and playground development. Today the children were queuing up outside the safety fencing to watch the digger remove the big yellow slide.



This is a fun and exciting time for all of us as we watch the demolition works. It is also a time for us to reflect and remember the many years of fun that past pupils enjoyed in the old playground where new friendships were forged.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Trustees and PTFA for their perseverance and support of the new development. It has been several years in the planning stages but now we can see the vision being realised.

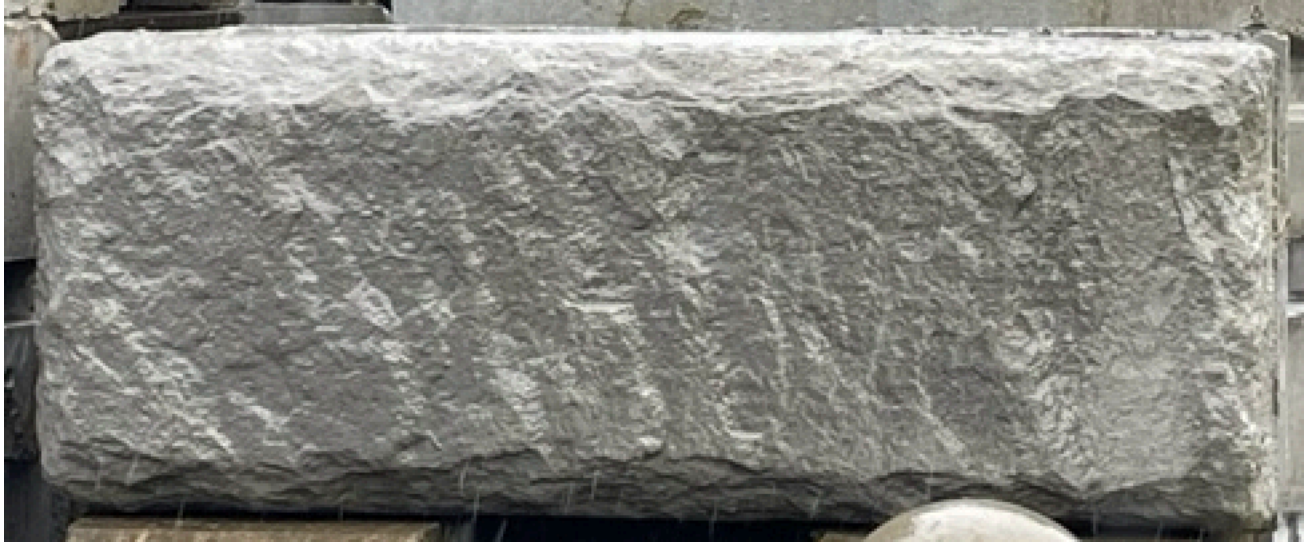
The building of the new playground, shade and stage area is very expensive and rather than stage the development the Board has decided to see the whole project through to completion by the end of 2023.

The PTFA is actively supporting the project and we have come up with a new fundraising idea to see the children's dream become a reality. Around the outside of the Te Manawa space, which is a large artificial turf surface and stage area, we are going to install some large concrete blocks which can be used for seating. We are also going to include a stage area.

We would like to invite sponsors, businesses and parents who might be keen to donate a block to register with the PTFA. The blocks are approximately \$200 each and in appreciation of your sponsorship the business or family name will be acknowledged in each of our school newsletters between now and the end of the year. If sponsors would prefer not to be acknowledged, then that is fine as well. It's a fun way to support the school and help us to raise the funds we need. Several people have already expressed a willingness to support us so we are off to a good start.

Please note that sponsors names will not be written on the blocks.

### Sponsor a "Rock"



Please email Mrs [Renee Proctor](mailto:reeneeprocter82@gmail.com) on [reeneeprocter82@gmail.com](mailto:reeneeprocter82@gmail.com) or phone the school office on 09 4371039.

**RUBBER PLAYGROUND MATTING TILES:** If you are interested in laying some repurposed rubber playground tiles around your section then please let our school office know. The tiles are selling for \$2.00 each and could be used as garden paths, boat wash down areas etc.

**END OF TERM 3:** It seems hard to believe that when we return from the school holidays we will be in the final school term for 2023. I wish to thank you all for your continued support of our school and all the various activities over the past few weeks.

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION EVENING:** On November the 16th at 5.30pm we have planned a school Cultural Celebration Evening. Several families and groups from within our school have offered their willingness to take part so we have items from our Kapa Haka group, the Filipino and Indian communities and also an item from one of our wonderful Samoan families. Make sure you put the date aside and come along to enjoy a fun evening with us.

Nga mihi mahana

Craig McKernan  
*Principal*

## Vision Statement

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

## Religious Education

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

*Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16*

**Thought For The week**

*"The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone solve his" Philippians 2:4*

*"Let each of you look not at your own interests, but to the interests of others."*

### October the month of the Rosary

For the first **few weeks of term 4**, we will be praying a decade of the Rosary on Tuesdays at 1:30pm and Thursday mornings, at 9am in the church. Children may bring their Rosary beads to help them pray. If you are able to come and join us on a Tuesday or Thursday please feel free to do so.

**Rosary beads will be available to purchase from the school office, in term 4, for \$1.50.**

DATE	MYSTERY	WHANAU
Thursday 12th October 9am	3rd Joyful Mystery - The Nativity	Parihaka
Tuesday 17th October 1:30pm	1st Luminous Mystery - The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River	Pukenui
Thursday 19th October 9am	1st Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection	Hatea
Thursday 26th October 9am	5th Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion	Manaia
Thursday 2nd November 9am	All Saints Day/All Souls Day Liturgy	Kauika



### Sacramental Programme

**Congratulations** to all the children from this year's Sacramental Programme, who will complete their programme by having Reconciliation tomorrow at 6:00pm.

May God bless you all!

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you in Term 4!

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS- Director of Religious Studies



## Rite of Baptism for Children over the age of 7



If you are interested in the rite of baptism for your child, who is over 7 years of age, please note this programme, called "Walk in the Light", will start this year, probably in December to tie in with Advent, and continue until Easter 2024.

The Walk in the Light group meets every Sunday after 10am Mass, from 11 am until about 12 here at school. There will be more information early next term, but if you have any questions, please contact Mrs J- [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@sfx.school.nz)

## Motto

*To Love, To Learn, To Serve - Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu*



## Vision Statement

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



Welcome Evelyn Jay Alexander and Mia Matich  
who have started in our school recently.

### ACCOUNTS

For those who have yet to make a payment for the attendance dues, it is a condition of your child's enrolment that these are paid. Please start now or make an appointment to see Deborah Rudolph, Office Manager if you are experiencing financial difficulties. This meeting will be confidential.

Deborah Rudolph  
Office Manager.

*An evening for our year 5 & 6 girls*

*On Thursday the 19th October at 5:30pm, the year 5 and 6 team along with Rosie, our family worker, will host an information evening for our year 5 and 6 girls and their parents, caregiver or support person.*

*We will be discussing menstruation and the changes young women can expect when their period starts.*

*This will be in the St Joseph's Room. We hope to see you there.*

## Changing over to Summer uniform

After the school holidays, students may start wearing their summer uniforms. This means sandals instead of socks and shoes and our hats need to be worn at break times and during outdoor activities. Our green and white check tunic dresses are an option along with our shorts and skirts. Long hair must be tied back in black, green, or neutral clips, ties, and scrunchies.

**Please, please, please name all uniform items!**

Lost property currently is **OVERFLOWING!!!**

There is so much it has overflowed onto the Support Hub floor.

We currently have: 20 school jumpers      2 hats  
2 PE shirts      2 pairs of shorts  
1 school shirt      2 non uniform jackets  
5 pairs of shoes  
More socks than I want to touch or count

Add to this drink bottles, containers, a hood from a jacket, a blue croc,  
hair ties and face mask.

If you have a child missing something please remind them to check lost property as the clothing will be washed and go into the cupboard next week. It's a good time to remind parents to label everything including next terms summer uniform.



## Motto

*To Love, To Learn, To Serve - Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu*

## Vision Statement

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



## SCHOOL EVENTS

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

### SEPTEMBER

22nd 1:30pm

School Assembly led by Kauika Whanau

22nd

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

### OCTOBER

9th

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

12th 9am

Rosary - Parihaka Whanau leading. Whole school attending.

13th

SFX & WPS Shield Challenge

17th 1:30pm

Rosary - Pukenui Whanau leading. Whole school attending.

19th 5:30pm

Yr 5 & 6 Girls Evening

19th 9am

Rosary - Manaia Whanau leading. Whole school attending.

20th 12:30-2:30

Ukulele Festival WPS

23rd

Labour Day - School Closed

26th 5:30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting in Staff Room



### What's on offer here?



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 or email Rosie to make an appointment:  
**021 028 33587**  
rosie@sfx.school.nz

...OR JUST DROP IN ON THURSDAYS  
8.30-9.15 & 1.30-3pm  
My door is open & no appointment is needed!



The stop and drop in the Church carpark is a **STOP AND DROP NOT** a stop and park!

Please refrain from parking there as this is causing queues.



We are receiving complaints from residents in Park Avenue who can't travel up Park Avenue at peak pick up and drop off times because the road is blocked.

Now that summer is coming (hopefully) could you please park in the Marist / Hockey car park and walk to meet your child if the Church car park is full? It would be very much appreciated.

## Thank you

Thank you so much to all of the new 'Sizzlers', it is amazing to have more people on the team!  
If you are interested in joining us please contact Lisa on 0210678076 and let her know if you are available to help out on a Wednesday, your support is hugely appreciated!!



Once again a HUGE thanks to Michael and Gemma from Whangarei Gourmet Meats for their generous sponsorship.  
Make sure you check out their awesome butchery  
167 Kamo Road and support local!!

Kind Regards from the KFTA

## Motto

*To Love, To Learn, To Serve - Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu*

### **\*Junior Athletics Season Opening**

Tuesday 10th October at 4pm at the track, Park Ave, Kensington.

Ages 5yrs - 12yrs, all inclusive, of all abilities.

We hope to see you there.

Senior athletics 12yrs up at 5.30pm.

Club nights: Tuesday.

### **\*Table Tennis Northland Holiday Programme**

Learn and play table tennis.

Register online: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/232278> Last date of registration-30th September 2023

Cost- \$20 per session, for members \$15 per session.

Dates- 2nd to 6th October for Primary and Intermediate school kids.

Timings- 8:30am to 12:30pm

Contact - Nina Suri, Coach (M) 0225382035, [naina@tabletennisnorthland.co.nz](mailto:naina@tabletennisnorthland.co.nz)

### **\*Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme**

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Spring School Holidays on Tutukaka Coast.

This is free for 11-18 year olds. | Under 11yrs \$150 | Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Tutukaka Coast | 25-29 September 2023

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment. Limited spaces. Please email to book [surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz) [www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz)

### **\*Futsal School Holiday Programme**

Monday 25th to Friday 29th 8:30 to 4pm

For further details and registration contact Christian on 021 2467328 [christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](mailto:christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)

### **\*Playball Holiday Programme**

At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learn environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports, such as tennis, hockey, football, basketball - and just about any other sport you can imagine! A special trip to FlipOut is included at the end of the day.

Location-Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)

Dates- 3-5 October 9am to 2:30pm Ages 4 to 9 yrs Bring morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle

Enrol at- [playballkids.com/franchise/northland](http://playballkids.com/franchise/northland)

### **\*Multicultural Whangarei Holiday Programme**

Spaces are limited. Please register online.

Multicultural Whangarei - 37 Bank Street - Whangarei - [info@mwhg.org.nz](mailto:info@mwhg.org.nz) 09 4300571

Friday 29th September 10am to 12:30pm Puppet Making - Parents and children are welcome. Bring your recycled goods like cardboard boxes, socks, plastic bottles and ideas to create your puppet.

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October 10am to 12:30pm - 2 day workshop for reading Manga through drawing and creative writing.

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October 10am to 12:30pm - Paint your favourite Whangarei location on canvas.

2 sessions available.

## **Motto**

*To Love, To Learn, To Serve - Kia Aroha, Kia Akona, Kia Aro Atu*