



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 4 No:1 Wednesday 18th October 2023



Good afternoon Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,



Welcome to all the new students and their families to our school.
We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

Our new students are Ayaan Aneesh, Eli Azarraga, Emmanuel Chingorivo, Tapiwanashe Gonah, Jadrien Laurico, Rehan Rabin Ranji, Anna Siby, Lukas Tan, Liam and Lucy Whitehouse.

Principal's Message:

During the holidays the contractors started work on our playground, paving and landscape plans and by the time that children and teachers returned after the break there had already been some significant changes.

The school staff and students are amazing at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. They are aware of the challenges that the building work has caused but everyone is just getting on with the day to day work.

Although we are only into the second week of the term you have the feeling that everyone is beginning to think about gearing up for the busy Christmas season. Suddenly, we are in the month of October, when by tradition, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known holy devotions.

On the subject of dates, don't forget that we have a cultural celebration evening on the 16th of November. We have a number of students who are busy preparing for this special evening. It will be fun, so remember to mark this date on your calendar and come along.

Craig McKernan
Principal

A Message from our Board of Trustee Chairperson

Principal Recruitment

We have been undertaking a very thorough process to identify the right person to take on the role of Principal from next year. Just to keep you updated, we are shortlisting candidates towards the end of next week which will be followed by reference checking and interviewing. We will advise you of the outcome as soon as possible.

Joanne Ashby
Chairperson

Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

This Sunday's Readings: (Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Thought For The week

"The heart is happiest when it beats for others". John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend.

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 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



Bring a Can Non-Uniform Day: Our next non-uniform day is on **Friday 24th November**. Please bring an item(s) of non-perishable food. This will be given to St Vincent de Paul and Soul Food.



Year 6 Leavers Mass: Our Year Six leavers Mass (which involves the whole school), will be held on **Monday 11th December** in the church, at **9:00am**.

Nativity: Preparations are quietly underway for the Nativity this year. We are blessed to have the Year 1 and 2 teachers' talents to help create a wonderful reminder of the real 'reason for the season' **We will be holding our Nativity for parents on Wednesday 6th December at 9:30am in the church.**

Please keep checking the events sheet in the newsletter to keep up with the school events.

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 groups 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

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Summer uniform

By the beginning of next week (Week 3)
we all need to be in full summer uniform.

This means we put our socks and shoes away and wear black sandals to school. Our sandals must have a back strap. Hats must be worn during break times. No hat, no play. Our long trousers are not part of our summer uniform.

Shorts, skirts, or our checked tunic must be worn during the summer terms.

Please remember to name all uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles.



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.

FUNDRAISER EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE WEEK!!!

THANK YOU to all those families who have ordered art work!! We have had a few people contact us because they have forgotten to order.

If this is you, it's ok!! We have extended the ordering time for one more week.
SO GET ONLINE AND ORDER NOW!!!

If your child is not attending school for any reason please contact the school office.

EMAIL ADDRESS for STUDENT ABSENCES

absent@sfx.school.nz

If sending a website absent, **please ensure that you enter the right classroom for your child from the drop down as shown.**

Student 1's Name *

Student name

Student 1's Room No. *

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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

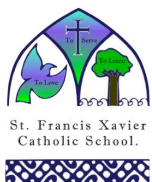
Lunch break

1:20pm – 2:50pm

Afternoon session

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SCHOOL EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

19th	5:30pm	Yr 5 & 6 Girls Evening
19th	9am	Rosary - Hatea Whanau leading. Whole school attending.
20th	12:30-2:30	Ukulele Festival WPS
23rd		Labour Day - School Closed for instruction
26th	9am	Rosary - Manaia Whanau leading. Whole school attending.
26th	5:30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting in Staff Room

NOVEMBER

2nd	9am	All Saints/All Souls Day Liturgy - Kauika Whanau leading. Whole school attending
8th		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2- Please place order with your class teacher at start of day
15th	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 1
16th		Celebration Evening
21st		Year 6 children to Pompallier Catholic College
22nd		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2- Please place order with your class teacher at start of day
22nd	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session Two
24th		Non uniform day - Bring a can or non-perishable item for Soul Food & St Vincent de Paul
24th	1:30pm	Whole School Assembly - Manaia whanau leading
27th to 29th		Year 3 Matokohe Island Trips
29th	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 3
29th		WPSSA Athletics
30th	5:45pm	BOT Meeting in Staffroom
30th & 1st Dec		Year 6 Retreat

DECEMBER

4th to 6th		Year 6 Beach Ed
6th		Nativity for Parents
6th	1:30 to 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 4
7th	1:20 - 2:15pm	Reconciliation for Yr 4-6 students
11th	9am	Leavers Mass in the church
13th	9am	Final Whole School Assembly
14th	11am	Christmas Carols in Parish Hall
14th	12:30pm	School finishes for the year

WPS v SFX Shield Challenge 2023

A great time was had by all at our annual year 5 and 6 "Shield Challenge." SFX was the overall winner this year. Many thanks to the parents who came along to help and support our teams.



There is a bag of hockey goalie gear in Mrs Js office. Is this yours? Please pop in and collect it if it is!

PARUA BAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Sunday 22nd October 2023 - 9am til 1pm

Time for a Spring Clean?
"One persons junk, is another persons treasure"

Come see our local Artists & Crafty's

Grab a bite to eat at one of our yummy food outlets

We cant wait to meet you

CAR BOOT SALE

AYO
4pm, Saturday
14 October
Whangarei Anglican

Tickets from Eventfinda and on the Door
Adult: \$25
Senior: \$20
Student/Child: \$10

Guilmant
Organ Symphony No. 1
Mendelssohn
Violin Concerto in E minor
Beethoven
Symphony No. 9
Missa Solenne
Carriz Johnson
Jack Boerke
James Harrison

Auckland Youth Choir
conducted by David Ingham

Auckland Youth Orchestra
conducted by Anton Poljanich

Beethoven
9th Symphony

RUAKAKA SURF LIFESAVING REGISTRATION
FROM 10AM SUNDAY LABOUR
WEEKEND RUAKAKA SURF CLUB

Country Fair 2023
White Elephant
Food
Activities
Rides

Saturday 4th November
10am - 2pm

Plenty of parking on the Pompallier school field

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