



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 4 No:2 Wednesday 1st November 2023



Good afternoon Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our School,

Whether you are a rugby fan or not you have to agree that the end of match message that the South African Captain, Siya Kolisi, shared was one of hope and delight for his country. He said people outside his country might not know what winning meant to South Africa. "Our country goes through such a lot and we are the hope they have," he said. "It shows if we work together, anything is possible."

We know that this message is repeated often but the sincerity and honesty in the way the message was passed on must have given the country a boost.

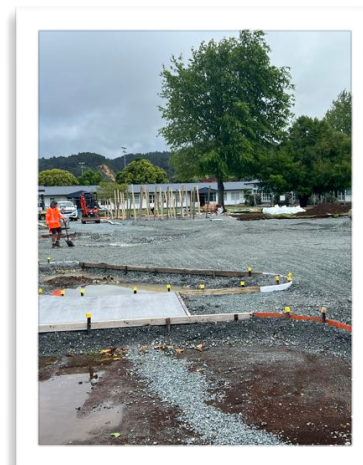
In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 it is said that "Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him."

Some of us, for whom the rugby final is still in fresh our minds, could also draw some parallels with this. We know that 15 players is better than 14 and as much as our national team rallied it was not quite enough. We also heard team mates of our captain say that New Zealanders need to get in behind our captain and that is a message well worth cheering about.

Playground update: The contractors are making good progress on the landscape development and it is great to see things taking shape. The playground installers have started today so our students will enjoy watching that being built.

The Board of Trustees, students and staff would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the number of businesses and individuals who have supported our request to sponsor seating and the stage development in our Te Manawa space. We especially want to acknowledge the following

ALLENS GROUP
GENNA & DAVE GILLESPIE - TMG Whangarei
URBAN SEA
HAINESCO
RACHEL AND MATT WATERMAN - WATERMANS SOLUTIONS
ALICE AND TIM ANDERSON - ZEST BROKERS
BACKHURST M & B - CO BUILD
MAREE AND SHANE COVICH
JOHN RYAN
TIGER TURF
MIKE PROCTER REAL ESTATE
ANGE and PETE GORDON from NOVUS
McKENZIE CONTRACTING.



In addition to this we are adding LEVI ANDERSEN-CREWETHER from T8 TREE SERVICES who removed trees in the grounds to make way for the project.

If you are need of some services please remember to support our sponsors.

Gumboot Friday: On Friday, we are going to support the Gumboot Friday appeal. A gold coin donation would be very much appreciated to help raise funds for mental health and counselling services to support our youth. Children are welcome to wear their gumboots if they have a pair but there is certainly no pressure to purchase gumboots if your child doesn't have any. If your child does have a pair of gumboots and they wish to decorate them then there will be some spot prizes for the zaniest pairs. Gumboot Friday at St Francis Xavier is all about having fun and the funds raised are a bonus.

Craig McKernan
Principal

Vision Statement

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

Religious Education

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

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9; Matthew 23:1-12

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: Rosary beads are still available to purchase at the school office for \$1:50

DATE	MYSTERY	WHANAU
Thursday 2nd November 9am	All Saints Day/All Souls Day Liturgy	Kauika

An Invitation

An Invitation to the Sacrament of Baptism for Children between the ages of 7-12. Walk in the Light- Hikoi i te Mārama is based on the Sunday Gospel and the programme will run after 10 am Mass on Sundays until 12:30. There is an expectation that at least one parent will accompany the child/children to Mass and to the sessions. The programme will be as follows: 10 am Mass 11 am - Gather in the St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Morning tea. 11:00-12:00- Learning session. The dates will be as follows: December 3rd and 10th; February 11th, 18th, 25th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. Baptism on Easter Sunday 31st March. Queries to glenys@sfx.school.nz. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

Advent

What is Advent? Advent is the Church season just before Christmas. It is considered a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, a time for conversion, anticipation, hope and thanksgiving. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November 30th, the feast day of St Andrew the apostle. Since the start date changes yearly, so does the length of the Advent season. This year, Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December. The word Advent means "the coming" in Latin. Advent has been a time of good cheer and spiritual reflection as early as the fourth century. It was originally a time when converts to Christianity readied themselves for baptism. Today, many Christian families have adopted the tradition of lighting the candles on an "Advent Wreath" and using the "Advent Calendar" to count down the days until Christmas. During this time the school will focus on Advent in their classes, where they will reflect on members of Jesus' family.

Dates to Remember

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.**

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Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS- Director of Religious Studies

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Welcome To Our School

Welcome to Amy Alias,
Aloushy Alais Meloth,
Bodhi Bidois and Eden Samual
and their families who have
started at our school recently. We
hope that you are enjoying your
new school and community.

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

Do you own this or maybe
know who does.



There is a large bag of very
expensive hockey goalie gear in
Mrs J's office. It was left behind
after the SFX v WPS shield
challenge on Friday 13th October.
Does this belong to you or your
hockey club????

Tai Tokerau Kiwileles Festival



What a fantastic turn out!
Combining schools with Matarau, Parua
Bay, Morning Side School and
Whangarei Primary our hosts and
playing 8 songs together in
combination. A fantastic celebration of
whānau and students collaborating
together to create this Northland event.

Thanks to the Music teacher, Brittany
McKenzie, Ms Malone, Ms Dean and our
wonderful whānau for helping.
You can follow the Nation wide event on
facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/nzukulele>



Accounts

We are now in Term 4 and you should
by now have either paid or nearly
paid off your child's school accounts.
If you feel you have not received an
account from us please contact the
school office immediately.
The Catholic Diocese of Auckland may
have contacted you by now if you
have yet to make payments. Payment
of your attendance dues is a
requirement of your enrolment. To
avoid a phone call from personnel in
the Catholic Diocese of Auckland
please make arrangements to start
payments immediately or come and
see Deborah Rudolph, Office Manager
at the school office.

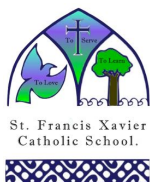
Deborah Rudolph
Office Manager

What do Caleb Clarke, Portia Woodman and Rieko Ioane all have in common?
They all did athletics while they were at school. The skills you learn in athletics are the
perfect foundation for almost any sport. Our local Whangarei athletics club is welcoming
new members now. They provide everything that you need to give it a go.
To find out more contact your local club at athletics.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club/



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SCHOOL EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER

2nd	9am	All Saints/All Souls Day Liturgy - Kauika Whanau leading. Whole school attending
3rd		Gumboot Day - children may wear gumboots to school
8th		PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2- Please place order with your class teacher at start of day
13th		Yr 5&6 Athletics Day
15th	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 1
16th	5:30pm	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		Yr 3&4 Matokohe Island Trips
29th	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 3
29th		WPSSA Athletics
30th	5:45pm	BOT Meeting in Staffroom
30th		Vision & hearing
30th & 1st Dec		Year 6 Retreat

DECEMBER

4th to 6th		Year 6 Beach Ed
6th	9:30am	Nativity for Parents
6th	1:30 - 2:30pm	He Kakāno Programme - Session 4
7th	1:20 - 2:15pm	Reconciliation for Yr 4-6 students
7th	6pm	Hatea-Loop Choir
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

The Junior Twilight Football Season is scheduled to run from 2nd November to 14th December, every Thursday from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Registrations are currently open, with a nominal fee of \$60 per team. For registration details and further information, please reach out to Dennis at 0225466472.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

"Join Us for Breakfast Fellowship"

This is an opportunity for Catholic women of all ages to enjoy socialising over breakfast. Regardless of whether we are conservative or liberal, charismatic renewal or traditional, we are all Catholic women. Let's celebrate this!

* 11 November 2023

9.15am — 11.15am

Whangarei Cruising Club, Kissing Pt, Riverside Drive

\$25 (includes catered continental style breakfast with selection of sweet pastries and savouries + hot or cold drinks) gluten free options

TICKET ONLY ENTRY

Available from Parish office (cash only). Or contact Karen Sturge: 0274360206 (after 5pm) email: karensturge@gmail.com.

Please advise at time of booking whether you are gluten free

2024 TERM DATES

TERM ONE:

31st January to 12th April

TERM TWO:

29th April to 5th July

TERM THREE:

22nd July to 27th September

TERM FOUR:

14th October to 16th December

NORTHLAND SINFONIA Presents
Saint-Saëns – Cello Concerto No. 2 (Soloist: Purotu Martin)
Mozart – Rondo in D for Piano & Orchestra, K.382 (Soloist: Atsuko Fukuoka)
Mozart – Symphony No. 39, K.543
Conductors: Naotake Fukuoka, Atsuko Fukuoka

CREATIVE NORTHLAND

Sat 9th Dec 2023, 1pm
St Francis Xavier Church
63 Park Avenue, Kensington, Whangarei

Tickets via Eventfinda or door sales (cash only)
Adults: \$25
Seniors: \$20
18 years or under: FREE

EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY
12 NOVEMBER 10AM - 2PM
KENSINGTON PARK WHANGAREI

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:
All Police, Fire, and Emergency Services in Whangarei District
Whangarei District Council
Whangarei District Chamber of Commerce
Whangarei District Business Association
Whangarei District Education Trust
Whangarei District Health Board
Whangarei District Housing Board
Whangarei District Libraries
Whangarei District Maritime Harbour Board
Whangarei District Museum and Art Gallery
Whangarei District Parks and Recreation Board
Whangarei District Transport Board
Whangarei District Water and Sewerage Board
Whangarei District Wastewater Board
Whangarei District Waste Management Board
Whangarei District Youth Board
Whangarei District Zoning Board
Whangarei District Planning Board
Whangarei District Environment Board
Whangarei District Cultural Board
Whangarei District Heritage Board
Whangarei District Historical Society
Whangarei District Historical Trust
Whangarei District Historical Foundation
Whangarei District Historical Society of Women
Whangarei District Historical Society of Men
Whangarei District Historical Society of Children
Whangarei District Historical Society of Elders
Whangarei District Historical Society of Young People
Whangarei District Historical Society of All Ages

www.facebook.com/emergency-services-family-fun-day

A fantastical magical musical extravaganza based on the Dr. Seuss stories

Seussical

by STEPHEN FLAHERTY and LYNN AIRS
Booked by LYNN AIRS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Produced by LYNN AIRS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Directed by LYNN AIRS
Set Design by LYNN AIRS
Costume Design by LYNN AIRS
Hair and Makeup by LYNN AIRS
Lighting by LYNN AIRS
Sound by LYNN AIRS
Music by LYNN AIRS
Dance by LYNN AIRS
Stunts by LYNN AIRS
Special Effects by LYNN AIRS
Visual Effects by LYNN AIRS
Post-Production by LYNN AIRS
Executive Producers by LYNN AIRS
Producers by LYNN AIRS
Co-Producers by LYNN AIRS
Associate Producers by LYNN AIRS
Casting by LYNN AIRS
Catering and Craft Services by LYNN AIRS
Transportation by LYNN AIRS
Location Management by LYNN AIRS
Production Office by LYNN AIRS
Production Office Address: 17 Nov-2 Dec
TICKETS & SHOW TIMES:
WHANGAREI THEATRE COMPANY.ORG.NZ

Tahiri
OPEN DAY
Saturday 4th Nov (9am - 3pm). Rain or Shine!
Welcome to Tahiri... experience biodiversity at its best.

EXPLORE 30 hectares of a multi award-winning conservation and nature sanctuary with our guided walks.

ENJOY Delicious Rd Pizza and fresh coffee, honey and native plants for sale as well as pony and Clydesdale horse wagon rides.

LEARN about our honey and food, coffee, honey and native plants for sale as well as pony and Clydesdale horse wagon rides.

1804 Patana North Rd, RD 5, Whangarei
tahiri.com

Country Fair 2023
Saturday 4th November
10am - 2pm
Plenty of parking on the Pompallier school field

Activities: Rides, Food, Fun

Sponsors: Paul Sumner & MEYER REAL ESTATE, Metalcraft Roofing, JORDAN IT BOOKING LTD, GREEN GABLES Narelandpools, bridge laboratory, G4 Gardens, NTONIO, PAPERMAKERS, LAYTON, KAYAKS, ADVANTAGE, HILS, ADVOCATE

Thanks to our sponsors! Keep up to date on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/countryfair2023/

WHANGAREI Fireworks Spectacular
Great Family Night Out
Saturday 4 November, 6pm
Semenoff Stadium

Live music from Ralston Bar and Blind Eye
Delicious food & beverage for sale
Fun, free activities for all ages

Tickets available from Eventfinda and from the gate on the night
Adults \$14, Child \$7, Family \$30 (2 Adults, 2 Children & 2 Kids, 4 Children, includes parking fees, under 5 FREE.

Sponsors: NORTHLAND, Oxford, Whangarei, COMPASS, HILS, ADVOCATE