



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 4 No:3 Wednesday 15th November 2023



Tēnā koutou whānau,

On Sunday the 26th of November, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This feast reminds us that, as Christians, we recognise Jesus as the true centre of our lives and that His reign is eternal. We remember that Jesus is a king of love, forgiveness and inclusion for all people. In our parish of St Francis Xavier we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by wearing national dress to 10am Mass on the 26th. Here at school we are going to reflect this wonderful feast day with a special event.

On Thursday evening we are holding a Cultural Celebration to acknowledge all of the wonderful cultures and students in our school. This special event will start at 5.30pm and you are most welcome to bring your picnic basket, picnic blanket and kai (food). The PTFA are holding a sausage sizzle as well so sausages will be sold. Please note:

- If you are choosing to sit on a fold out chair please do so around the outskirts of the audience so their view is not compromised.
- Children are encouraged to wear their cultural clothing. Otherwise casual clothing is fine and uniform is not necessary. It is more important that you come along!!
- It is going to be a fun, casual and enjoyable evening.
- If it has to be postponed due to the weather we will try again the following week!



We have invited children to perform and we know that many of them have put in a lot of time and practice to get to this evening. Thank you, the parent supporters for your fabulous effort. Please read the attached flyer for more information.

## Class Placements 2024:

Placing your child in a class that will help your child to learn and reach their potential is our goal. Each year a considerable amount of time is given to the placement of children for the following school year.

Consideration is always given to the intellectual, social, spiritual, physical and emotional development of the children.

The Senior Leadership team takes this responsibility very seriously and we do our very best to match your child's learning needs with the teacher and peers where they will achieve their potential. I ask that you recognise the experience of the senior teachers and their ability to place children accordingly. If you are aware of any circumstances that may affect our decision-making please advise either your child's teacher, Ms Dean, Mrs Balks or Mrs Jakicevich before Tuesday the 21st of November. Please note that the final decision regarding your child's placement rests with the school. Once the school year starts your child will not be moved.

If your child is not returning to St Francis Xavier Catholic School in 2024, then please advise us as soon as possible.

Craig McKernan  
Principal

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# Religious Education

**This Sunday's Readings: 19th November 2024**

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30*

**Thought For The week**

*"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers" Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.*

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**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.

**Final School Assembly:** Our final school assembly, (Year 6 Prize Giving), will be held on Wednesday 13th December in the church, commencing at 9am.

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Rosary beads are still in the school office to purchase for \$1:50.

Yours in Christ  
Mrs Maria Wilson  
DRS- Director of Religious Studies

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# S.F.X Yr 5 & 6 Athletics Day

A great time was had by all at the Whangarei Athletics track on Monday morning. Our year 5 and 6 pupils competed against each other in a variety of athletics events and "have a go" challenges. The weather was beautiful, the parent helpers were fantastic and everyone enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all those who came along and helped run the event. We could not do it without you!

Some of our children will go on to represent SFX at the Whangarei Schools Championships later this month. These students will be advised by letter in the coming days.

## Results:

### Shot Put

#### **Year 5 Girls**

1st place: Maeve Ryan  
2nd place: Imogen Gillespie  
3rd place: Ariya Beuker

#### **Year 6 Girls**

1st place: Mikaela Davis  
2nd place: Cheryl-Rose Bristowe  
3rd place: Ahramhis Granada

### Long Jump

#### **Year 5 Girls**

1st place: Ariya Beuker  
2nd place: Maeve Ryan  
3rd place: Dylan-Rose Pene

#### **Year 6 Girls**

1st place: Lottie Dickson  
2nd place: Matilda Butler  
3rd place: Mikaela Davis

### High Jump

#### **Year 5 Girls**

1st place: Ariya Beuker  
2nd place: Amani-Lyn Collins  
3rd place: Dylan-Rose Pene

#### **Year 6 Girls**

1st place: Lottie Dickson  
2nd place: Matilda Butler  
3rd place: Mayson Telfer

### 100m Sprint

#### **Year 5 Girls**

1st place: Ariya Beuker  
2nd place: Dylan-Rose Pene  
3rd place: Santanah Te Hau

#### **Year 6 Girls**

1st place: Matilda Butler  
2nd place: Lottie Dickson  
3rd place: Mayson Telfer

### 600 m

#### **Year 5 Girls**

1st place: Dylan-Rose Pene  
2nd place: Amani-Lyn Collins  
3rd place: Winnie Johnston-McCluskey

#### **Year 6 Girls**

1st place: Matilda Butler  
2nd place: Gia Fernandes  
3rd place: Ruby de Weerd

#### **Year 5 Boys**

1st place: Jack Ratu  
2nd place: Koby Evans  
3rd place: Abel Manoj

#### **Year 6 Boys**

1st place: Teddy Anderson  
2nd place: Ifeoluwa Falope  
3rd place: Marco Doctor

#### **Year 5 Boys**

1st place: Lachlan Whyte  
2nd place: Taylin Williams  
3rd place: Koby Evans

#### **Year 6 Boys**

1st place: Teddy Anderson  
2nd place: Adam Frazerhurst  
3rd place: Ifeoluwa Falope

#### **Year 5 Boys**

1st place: Asher Te Ao  
2nd place: Taimana Choat  
3rd place: Jacob Haines

#### **Year 6 Boys**

1st place: Teddy Anderson  
2nd place: Hamish Lenssen  
3rd place: Ifeoluwa Falope

#### **Year 5 Boys**

1st place: Koby Evans  
2nd place: Jacob Haines  
3rd place: Taniora Stevens

#### **Year 6 Boys**

1st place: Teddy Anderson  
2nd place: Ifeoluwa Falope  
3rd place: Aadhya Randunu Pedige

#### **Year 5 Boys**

1st place: Jacob Haines  
2nd place: Taniora Stevens  
3rd place: Brooklyn Markwick

#### **Year 6 Boys**

1st place: Ifeoluwa Falope  
2nd place: Teddy Anderson  
3rd place: Aadhya Randunu Pedige



Thank you to our helpers.





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Welcome to Seaton Douglas who has started at our school recently. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

## Enrolments for St Francis Xavier Catholic School

If your pre-schooler is not yet enrolled, or your son/daughter is leaving at the end of the year (not including year six students) then please notify our school office as soon as possible.

## Thanks to our sponsors

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 - WATERMAN'S 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 & PETE GORDON FROM NOVUS  
McKENZIE CONTRACTING.

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

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



## LOST PROPERTY

Please, please, please come and look through the lost property in the foyer at the end of Rm 1. There is a mountain of un-named and un-claimed items.



## SFX Book Amnesty is on again

Please look for any journal books, readers or library books at home or in school bags. We are doing our annual stocktake and need these books in as soon as possible.



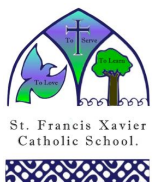
## Accounts

Statements were sent out last week. Please make payments towards your attendance dues which must be paid for the year by the 1st December. Thank you to the many that have made payment or arrangements for automatic payments. This is appreciated. Should you have any concerns please let me know or come and see me in person. This will be strictly confidential.

Deborah Rudolph  
Office Manager

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# SCHOOL EVENTS

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

## NOVEMBER

|                |               |  |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| 15th           | 1:30 - 2:30pm | He Kakāno Programme - Session 1  |
| 16th           | 5:30pm        | Celebration Evening  |
| 21st           |               | Year 6 children to Pompallier Catholic College   |
| 22nd           |               | <b>PTFA Sausage Sizzle \$2- Please place order with your class teacher at start of day</b> |
| 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       |

## 2024 TERM DATES

### TERM ONE:

30th 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

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.



If you have any spare paper bags at home we are in need of them. If you could drop them into the office that would be appreciated.



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
**CULTURAL EVENING**  
THURSDAY, NOV 16TH  
ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS 5:30PM  
COME AND CELEBRATE THE DIVERSE CULTURES OF OUR SCHOOL.  
BRING ALONG YOUR PICNIC DINNER.  
MUSIC DANCE PRAYER  
PTFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE - \$2  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR CULTURAL DRESS

A fantastical magical musical extravaganza based on the Dr Seuss stories  
**Seussical**  
Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS  
Book by CHRISTOPHER YOUNG  
Costume Designer LYNN AHRENS  
Set Designer LYNN AHRENS  
Based on the work of DR. SEUSS  
**RIVERBANK CENTRE**  
17 Nov-2 Dec  
TICKETS & SHOW TIMES:  
WHANGAREITHATRECOMPANY.ORG.NZ

**NORTHLAND SINFONIA**  
Proudly Sponsored by **CREATIVE NORTHLAND**  
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  
Sat 9th Dec 2023, 1pm  
St Francis Xavier Church  
63 Park Avenue, Kensington, Whangārei  
Tickets via Eventfinda or door sales (cash only)  
Adults: \$25  
Seniors: \$20  
18 years or under: FREE