



# St Francis Xavier Catholic School

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

Term 2 No:2 Wednesday 22nd May 2024



## Principal's Message:

Annyeonghaseyo, Malo e leli, Talofa, Kia ora, Habari, Hello, Sawadee, Kia orana, Dia duit, Ma muka chini, Kumusta, Namaste, Ciao, Bula, Buongiorno!

## PTFA Quiz Night

Happening this Friday! A huge thank you to all the sponsors and supporters for our Quiz Night. We are truly grateful. Once again our amazing PTFA team have organised and coordinated a fabulous community event that ultimately benefits all of our students. If you have a team attending this Friday, good luck and have fun. There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs.

## School Polices and Procedures

School Docs is where you can find our school policies on a large range of topics.

Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> and search for your school bar, then type in St Francis Xavier Whangarei. From here you can read our school policies and procedures. This way you can see our guidelines, learn how to follow any processes such as Concerns & Complaints, or look at processes for sharing information.

## Month of May

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. May is a time to show our devotion and honour to Mary as the mother of Jesus. She said yes to a call. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour our Mother Mary.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*



## School attendance & lateness

Why is school attendance important in NZ?

Attendance affects achievement. The evidence shows that attendance is directly related to how well learners achieve. The more learners attend, the higher their achievement and the more learning traction they will gain. There is no safe level of non-attendance, even missing just a few days a term can be linked to lower achievement. This applies to lateness also. Vital learning and setting up for the day occurs in the morning when teachers brief their students on what is happening and prepare them for their day. Consistent lateness leads to a child feeling unprepared and rushed, which may mean they take longer to settle or focus on their learning. The mornings are the most efficient time for young minds to absorb and retain new learning. Thanks to those parents and caregivers who are ensuring their child is on time for the start of school. If you know your child is likely to be absent for a few days for reasons other than sickness, please talk with your child's teacher on how best to continue to support them with their learning until they return to school. Each day of learning at school builds on the next. It is cumulative, so each day matters. Children learn in different ways and at different speeds but individual progress is dependent on frequent school attendance.

Please inform the office if your child is absent or if you are doing an early pick up from school. Also, advise the office of any changes to emails, phone numbers or addresses.



## ARRIVING AFTER 8.45AM

Although we discourage children arriving late, children need to report to the school office if they arrive after school starts at 8.45am. Office staff will issue children with a late pass for the class teacher then electronically mark the child as present.

**It's vital that children are here on time, ready to start the day before the 8.45am bell goes.**

## STUDENTS LEAVING DURING CLASS TIME

**BEFORE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD:** ALL parents and caregivers must report to the school office and collect a pass if you are collecting your child early or taking your child out briefly for an appointment. Please have your child report back in at the office when they return. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child during school hours, who would NOT normally do so, please contact the school well in advance of their arrival otherwise we will need to call you to verify this arrangement BEFORE releasing your child.



**YOUTH WEEK**  
20th May - 24th May 2024

Tamariki and communities need our support.  
Each of our kura are contributing to a charitable organisation within their local areas.

All donations will be collected by your school for distribution  
Canned foods, dried foods, washing powder, toiletries




**Date of Collection: 20-24 May.**

The Charity we are contributing to is:  
Our local community and school families.

## June 24th is a non-uniform day for our students!

The purpose of this Youth Week Collection is for our local youth to contribute to our local communities who are in need. St Francis Xavier Catholic School is part of the Whangarei Kahui Ako that has initiated the drive.

Please check what each Whānau is asked to contribute. This way we will ensure a good spread of which goods are needed by the local Whangarei community. The local community also includes those in need within our St Francis Parish and School community.

<u>Whānau</u>	<u>Items to Collect</u>	<u>Examples</u>
<b>Pukenui</b> Rooms 8,10,11,12	Breakfast / Spreads / Drink items	<b>Breakfast cereals</b> in packets - cornflakes, weetbix, rice bubbles, muesli, oats, instant porridge packets. <b>Spreads</b> - peanut butter, jam, marmite, vegemite, nutella <b>Drinks</b> - Coffee, Tea, Milo
<b>Hatea</b> Rooms 1,2,3,4	Packet Foods	Pasta, soup mixes, ready-made food mixes (just add water), noodles, rice, rice cups, rice risotto, macaroni cheese, instant mashed potatoes in a bag.
<b>Kauika</b> Rooms 13,14,15,16	Food for lunch boxes	Muslie bars, fruit jelly cups, snack foods-small bags of chips, biscuits, crackers etc. Raisins, dried fruit etc that are already packaged into smaller bags.
<b>Parihaka</b> Rooms 9,17,18,19	Toiletries	Toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, washing powder (Rosie is prepared to bag these into smaller portions.)
<b>Manaia</b> Rooms 20,21,22,23	Canned Food	Not so much baked beans or spaghetti-needing canned tuna, salmon, pasta sauces (canned or glass jar), soups, casseroles in a can (beef stew), canned vegetables, creamed rice, canned fruit.



### Support Staff Appreciation

Last week was support staff appreciation week. A time to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our office staff, librarian, learning assistants, migrant workers, caretaker and family worker and our Priests, and all those who work in our school to make a difference for our learners in so many ways.

*Thank you all and God bless. We appreciate you!*

### Goat Island Trip - The Unfortunate Weather Cancellation

Thank you to all parents and family that offered their time and support for the Marine Reserves experience at Goat Island. WE are VERY GRATEFUL and APPRECIATE YOU!

We hope our next experience is one we can enjoy joyfully in the SUN together!

God bless,  
*Bernie Hall*  
Principal



Luna Simpson who has recently started at our school. We hope that you are enjoying your new school and community.

## Vision Statement

*“Uniting through Christ, Embracing Mana, Enhancing Futures.”*

# Religious Education

### This Sunday’s Readings:

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

### Thought for the Week:

“You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth”. James 1:19b “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

### Non-uniform Days:

Our first non-uniform day this term is **this Friday 24th May** - Youth Week. Please bring a grocery item from your whanau’s example list on page 2.

Our second non-uniform day is **Friday 7th June** - YCC DAY (Caritas). For YCC Day in 2024, Holy Trinity Primary School in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, where 340 students are studying. The school is currently facing significant challenges, they are particularly in dire need of classroom equipment, specifically desks and chairs for students. Additionally, there is a shortage of textbooks, exercise books, and basic writing and art materials in the classrooms.

### Family/Whanau Mass:

Our Family Mass is on this Sunday, **26th May** (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:00am. **Manaia Whanau** (Rooms 20, 21, 22 & 23 participating). ALL ARE WELCOME.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Maria Wilson

DRS – Director of Religious Studies

## This week’s student space is brought to us by ... Room 21

Lots of amazing reading was done over the holidays leading to awesome reading award achievements in Room 21.

It is so great to see and hear that our tamariki are reading so well. Reading mileage is so important to help develop language, understanding and imagination.



The junior school has also enjoyed learning hockey skills with Courtney from Northland Hockey.

## Motto

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## [Reporting an absence](#)

Please use one of the following ways to report a student absence:

Email - [absent@sfx.school.nz](mailto:absent@sfx.school.nz)

Text Message - 027 2784303

Telephone - 09 4371039

Website - [www.sfx.school.nz/report-an-absence](http://www.sfx.school.nz/report-an-absence). PLEASE make sure you change the students room number in the drop down menu as shown otherwise it will go to Room 1.

Student 1's Name \*

Student name

Student 1's Room No. \*

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## [Sickness](#)



If your child is complaining of not feeling well, please keep them home rather than sending them to school. We appreciate their keenness to learn and be with their friends but staying away when we are unwell is best for everybody. We have many different illness popping up with the change in weather and we certainly don't want to spread germs.

## [Road Safety Week](#)

Road Safety Week is May (20-26). The theme is **BE A ROAD SAFETY HERO**, recognising everyone who helps to make our roads safer and support people after a crash, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. As part of promoting and recognising this annual event, Bike Northland has teamed up with other members of Northland Road Safety and local bike shops to run a design a helmet competition. If your child wants to design a helmet they can ask their teacher for details and a helmet template.

<https://bikenorthland.co.nz/design-your-own-helmet-2/>

Have you noticed our fabulous Year 6 Patrol monitors in the church car park this week?

We have been promoting Road Safety Week. Thank you to all our whānau who use the crossing, use the footpaths and follow the rules in our very busy car park.

Please STOP at the stop sign as you leave the car park. This is there for everyone's safety. With the change in weather, please slow down and look twice before pulling out of our carpark and from Percy Street.

Thanks to Steve Macmillan from our Board of Trustees and the NZ Police for supporting Road Safety Week at our school.



## [Winter Uniform](#)

It's great to see so many of our tamariki wearing their winter uniform with pride. Do you need items of winter uniform? Email Mrs J [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@sfx.school.nz) with any requirements for your child and she will see what she can do. Alternatively, pop into the office and fill out a uniform slip. Our wonderful PTFA are only too happy to help!

## [School Accounts](#)

Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place.

*Thank you*

## [Withdrawing from St Francis Catholic School](#)

Please notify the Principal, in writing or in person, when your child is leaving our school to transfer to another school, either in New Zealand or overseas. You also need to ensure the return of library books or class readers.

# SCHOOL EVENTS:

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



## MAY

23rd		Vision & Hearing
24th		Giving back to the Community, non-uniform day. Children may wear regular clothes instead of uniform for a donation of a grocery item.
24th	6:30pm	<i>PTFA Quiz Night</i>
26th	10am	Manaia Whānau Mass. All welcome
29th	9:15 - 2:30pm	Winter Sports Day for Yr 5&6
29th	7pm	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening
30th	8:45am	<i>Sausage Sizzle \$2- Place your order with teacher at the start of the day.</i>

## JUNE

<b>3rd</b>		<b>Kings Birthday - School closed</b>
7th	9am	Feast of Sacred Heart Jesus Mass
7th		Caritas, non-uniform day. Children may wear regular clothes instead of uniform for a donation of a gold coin.
13th	8:45am	<i>Sausage Sizzle \$2 - Place your order with teacher at the start of the day.</i>
14th	1:30pm	Whole School Assembly - Manaia Whanau leading
18th	9:15 - 10:15am	He Kākano Programme - Session One
25th	9:15 - 10:15am	He Kākano Programme - Session Two
27th	1:30pm	Whole School Assembly - Parihaka Whanau leading
27th		Open Day Matariki

## 28th

**Matariki - School closed**

## JULY

2nd	9:15 - 10:15am	He Kākano Programme - Session Three
3rd	1:30 - 6pm	Triadic Meetings - Parent, student & teacher conversations
4th	1:30 - 6pm	Triadic Meetings - Parent, student & teacher conversations
4th	8:45am	<i>Sausage Sizzle \$2 - Place your order with teacher at start of the day</i>

**For sale at SFX - \$5 / bees wax wrap**  
Environmentally friendly  
BeesWax lunchwraps - a great alternative to gladwrap or plastic bags in our Litter Free Lunchboxes.




*Created by our SFX enviro leaders*

Also for sale - \$5 / pot

Mixed Flora Honey  
Produced by bees lovingly tended by the middle school bee group at SFX school.



Please see Mrs Cash in Room 29 if you would like to purchase a beeswax lunchwrap or a container or two of honey.

Thank you  
Whangarei Gourmet Meats.  
Thursday 30th is our next  
Sausage Sizzle Day



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**



Please pay your teacher the correct money at the start of the day.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PTFA & WHANGAREI GOURMET MEATS!





**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL P.T.F.A**

**PRESENTS**

# Quiz night

**THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONATED TO OUR AUCTION!!!**

Whangarei Aquatic Centre, Jewellery by Maree, Jessie Rose, Kensington Pharmacy, The Warehouse, Pahlia Accommodation, Bethells, Mitre 10, Greenfingers, Glo Golf, Flip!, Office Products Depot, Rotorua Canopy tours, Whakarewarewa Wonderland, 3D Trick Gallery, Natural Timber Co, Tikipunga Rental, Whangarei Theatre Company and Takapu Cottage Russell.

All funds raised from the Quiz Night will go towards our school resources, class trips, library, upgrading our play areas and much, much more!  
**THANK YOU!!!!**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS!!!**



Whangarei Gourmet Meats

Property Brokers Whangarei

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**THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING TABLE SPONSORS!!!**

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