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Newsletter No 38

Quality + Support + Values



Dear Parents  
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

*Thank you all very much for your wonderful partnership, help and support throughout this year. Families assist in so many ways including transport for trips, classroom help, sports teams, PTA lunches, fundraising, camp and participating on our PTA and Board of Trustees committees.*  
**Thank you all.**

### **Shared Prayer**

Room 5 will lead us in Shared Prayer tomorrow. All welcome to join us in the Church at 2.40pm.

### **End Of Year Assembly**

We have our final School Assembly to farewell our Year 6 pupils at 11.15am next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Friends and families are invited to join us in the Church where we will gather to sing Christmas Carols and farewell our pupils. School finishes at the conclusion of this Assembly.

### **Welcome**

We welcomed Lily McLaughlan to Room 1 on Monday. Lily has a sister, Sarah in Room 3. Happy school days Lily.

### **Reports**

Written reports of pupil's progress and achievement were issued today. Look out for this report in your child's bag. Please discuss the report with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

### **Wacky Hair Food Appeal**

Thank you for your donations of food items for Aged Concern. The items have been collected and are being prepared for distribution.

### **Beach Education Days**

All children received a notice earlier this week about our Beach Education Days on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, next week. If that notice did not find its way home, the information on the days is:

- Rooms 1, 2 and 4 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30a.m. to 2.30p.m.
- Rooms 3 and 5 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30a.m. to 2.30p.m.

All children will need the following:

- Sun hat
- Sunblock
- Lunch
- Drink bottle
- Suitable clothing for the beach
- Wet suit if possible
- Togs and towel
- Warm jacket
- Body Board (optional)

### Picnic Lunch

Next Wednesday, all classes are going to watch the Christmas Pantomime at Kavanagh College. The show finishes at 12.30pm. After the performance the buses will drop the children off at Mornington Park where we will have lunch. Families are welcome to join us. We will walk back to school after lunch and a play. **NOTE: No PTA lunch next Wednesday.**

### Congratulations

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the fifth teacher position for 2010 has been awarded to Marnie Waaka. We look forward to Marnie's continued participation at St Francis Xavier School.

### St Francis Xavier Day

We enjoyed St Francis Xavier Day last Thursday, with Family Group games in the morning and a Mass at 1.30pm. At the Mass we reflected on the great missionary work St Francis Xavier carried out in India, Japan and China.



### Sports Draws

- **Touch** – Today Thursday 21<sup>0</sup><sup>th</sup> December  
SF Xperts vs. Kaikorai on field 10 at 4.00pm  
SF Xtremes vs. Halfway Bush on field 9 at 3.30pm  
SFX Ultimates vs Concord on field 9 at 4.30pm

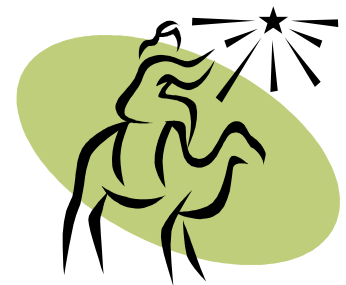
- **T Ball** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

SFX Giants (Bruce Carey)	vs. Cavy	Diamond 3	9.00am
SFX Strikers (King/Kubala)	vs. Maori Hill	Diamond 8	9.00am
SFX Youngs	vs Musselburgh	Diamond 9	11.00am
SFX Minis	vs. Warrington	Diamond 12	11.00am
SFX Midgets (Kirkness)	vs. St Clair	Diamond 15	11.00am

- **Flipperball** - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

The draw and information sheet has been sent home to all children this week.

SFX vs. East Taieri Eels at 4.50pm in the Main Pool. ***We are playing for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place.***



### **Reading Recovery**

Katie Galt is training as a Reading Recovery Teacher in 2010. For a training year a teacher is required to teach 4 pupils a day. Andrea Christophers will release Katie while she carries out Reading Recovery.

We thank Teenaka for carrying out Reading Recovery so splendidly over the last 6 years, and Leanne Mason for providing excellent release this year.

### **Library Books**

Please return all school Library Books by Monday next week. Wendy is busy accounting for all books children have out and getting the library sorted for the end of the year.

### **Art Gallery Visit**

Rooms 1, 2 and 4 are visiting the Art Gallery next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't already done so, please let your child's teacher know tomorrow if you can help out with transport.

### **Southern Sinfonia**

The children were entertained by the Southern Sinfonia Ensemble yesterday. The children enjoyed learning about the different instruments and listening to the various songs.

### **Class Organisation 2010**

- Room 1 – New Entrants (Katie Galt)
- Room 2 – Year 1 and 2 (Teenaka Kennedy)
- Room 3 – Year 2 and 3 (Marnie Waaka)
- Room 4 – Year 4 and 5 (Megan Kitto)
- Room 5 – Year 5 and 6 (Pauline Kearsley)



### **Year 6 Rafting Trip**

The Year 6 children have their fun day rafting trip on the Taieri River today. We trust they are having a great time.

### **Dates to Remember**

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| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | - 2.40pm - Shared Prayer led by Room 5   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December    | - Beach Education Day for Rooms 3 and 5  |
|                                     | - Art Gallery Visit for Rooms 1, 2 and 4   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Beach Education for Rooms 1, 2 and 4   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December | - Whole School visit Kavanagh College Pantomime and picnic lunch at Mornington Park at 12.30pm |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December  | - 11.15am Farewell Assembly. School closes for the year following this assembly                |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | - 2010 school year begins  |

### **Holiday Programmes**

There are a number of brochures for holiday programmes in the blue folder on the office notice board.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all this Christmas  
Craig Ward

### Room 3 Puppets

Thank you to those who gave egg cartons, cardboard rolls and stockings for our puppets. The children had fun making the many interesting puppets. Also thank you from Room 3 to all those parents who have helped with the many trips throughout the year. *Megan*



### Year 6 Reflections

My time at St Francis Xavier School has been a good time. I have made lots of friends who support you and care for you. I have liked lots of things about this school like the DARE programme, Monarch and art gallery trips, sports and being a Family Group leader. I also enjoyed the musicals we did. I liked the teachers because they help you with everything. I have had a great time at this school. *Saba*

This school was the funniest school ever. I have made lots of friends this year. It's awesome because some of my friends are going to Kavanagh next year too. The teachers are amazing and they are lots of fun. Camp this year was the best thing I have ever done. I am going to miss the little kids and my friends in Room 5. They are all amazing and the most caring people I have ever met. I love Family Groups because I love the little kids who have fun in the family groups. I am going to miss all the funny times at this school. I am going to miss you all. *Brittany*

Over the years I have enjoyed heaps of things like camp. The best thing I liked at camp was the yachting. I enjoyed all the fun sporting things especially athletics even though I didn't make it into any of the finals. I have made heaps of friends and the teachers are nice to me. *Jordon*

I have enjoyed my time at this school because I have made lots of new friends like Tom, George, and Kaleb. I have enjoyed this school also because of all the opportunities like being a Family Group leader. All the teachers have been really good to me especially Mr Ward and Mrs Kearsley for helping me learn and giving me great opportunities. I hope that I have a great time at Kavanagh. *Ellery*

Over the years at St Francis Xavier I have enjoyed a lot including all the school trips like when we went on the Monarch and we went to the Art Gallery. I have also enjoyed all the teachers, especially my final years with Mrs Kearsley. We have just come back from camp and I enjoyed that heaps. As you know we had a school musical last year and we all had to practise hard but it really paid off. *Declan*

I have really had lots of fun in the past six years. I have enjoyed all the school trips like the museum, Monarch and the art gallery. I have made a lot of friends here at this school. I have loved praying with them and doing stuff with them. I also liked doing the school musicals. When I first started I was scared of all the big kids. I am going to miss coming to this school and all of my friends. *Eli*