

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010



Newsletter No 22

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents  
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

*Welcome to term 3. We look forward to another enjoyable and stimulating term at St Francis Xavier School.*

*Thank you all who helped with the Junior Classes resources last Wednesday. It was great to have so many willing helpers to sort out resources during the holidays.*

### **Assembly**

We will have a School Assembly on tomorrow Friday at 2.30 in the Parish Centre.

**NOTE:** The Keeping Ourselves Safe meeting for all parents and caregivers is being held at 2.30pm in Room 5 also.

### **Shared Prayer/Assembly Timetable for Term 3**

|                            |        |                              |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July      | 2.30pm | Assembly                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July      | 2.40pm | Shared Prayer lead by Room 2 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> August     | 2.30pm | Assembly                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> August    | 2.40pm | Shared Prayer led by Room 5  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August    | 2.30pm | Assembly                     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> August    | 2.40pm | Shared Prayer led by Room 3  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | 2.30pm | Assembly                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 2.40pm | Shared Prayer led by Room 1  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> September | 2.30pm | Assembly                     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September | 2.40pm | Shared Prayer led by Room 4  |

### **SCHOOL - FAMILY MASS**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
9.30am**

Note this date on your calendar  
*Please make a special effort to attend this Mass – we only have a school-family Mass once a term.*

### **Confirmation – Change of Date!!**

Bishop Colin has asked us to change the date for Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will now be celebrated at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We therefore also need to change the Parents Evening. This will now be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Our apologies for the changes but Bishop Colin has been called overseas.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

We are holding Parent/Teacher Interviews during Week 3 of this term. Interview times are offered on a variety of afternoon and evening times to cater for different work times.

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August: 2.15pm – 5.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August: 3.15pm – 5.00pm

***NOTE:** School finishes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August for a 2.15pm start time for interviews.*

Interviews are an opportunity to follow up on the written reports issued at the end of last term and together to discuss next steps for your child's learning.

Please return the yellow Interview Reply Slip as soon as possible.

### **Gymnastics**

Thank you to all the gymnastic helpers.

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 started their programme today and have a total of 4 weeks.

Rooms 4 and 5 begin their gymnastics lessons next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July and will have a four week block. We will be going to the Otago Gym Club in Willis Street. We will leave school by bus at 12.10pm and return by 1.45pm. If you are able to help out with any of these sessions please let Pauline or Megan know. We will travel by bus and parent helpers would be most welcome. ***All children must bring along their sports uniform to do gym in and will change into it at lunchtime. – trousers or shorts and a polyprop under their spots top would be great as it is cold there. Any questions see you child's teacher.***

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)**

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme is delivered to all classes every second year. Police Education Office, Jeanette Parcell leads this programme. With today's newsletter is a separate notice for the Junior and Senior classes. This gives more details of this programme.

***Please note that there is a meeting for Parents and Caregivers tomorrow Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm in Room 5, with Constable Parcell to explain the programme and answer any questions. Please make an effort to attend this meeting.***

### **Preference Forms for Kavanagh College Enrolments**

Our new Parish Priest, Fr Ciprian, will make himself available in the Parish Centre for appointments for our Year 6 parents. His secretary will phone you to make appointments. If contact is not made, please ring him on 476-4361 or 0212114032.

### **Kavanagh College Open Night**

Kavanagh College is holding an Open Night for prospective pupils on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July. The time will be included in the individual invitations.

### **Wee Kids Wednesdays**

Our Weekids Wednesdays programme for 4 year olds will not be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August due to staff being on courses.

### **National Standards**

The Ministry of Education has just issued posters about the National Standards. Copies are posted in each classroom.

**Health Education Consultation**

Every two years the Ministry of Education requires schools to consult families about their school’s Health Education Programme. The current curriculum has four main elements –

1. Hauora (overall well-being)
2. Attitudes and Values (personal and collective responsibility)
3. Economic Perspectives (understanding interrelationships in our society), and
4. Health Promotion (developing and maintaining healthy environment)



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**HEALTH EDUCATION OVERVIEW**

To support the P.E. programme the following Health programme sits alongside the Physical Education overview. Whenever possible Health topics and health concepts will be integrated with P.E. or maybe part of an Inquiry based learning unit or Religious Education.

| <b>YEAR A</b>  | <b>YEAR B</b>   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kia Kaha</li><li>• Riding By/Stepping Out</li><li>• Healthy Eating</li><li>• Physical Activity for Health</li><li>• Relating to Others</li><li>• First Aid / Keeping Ourselves Safe Outdoors</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DARE to Make a Choice</li><li>• Caring for the Body</li><li>• Keeping Ourselves Safe</li><li>• Coping with Feelings, Change, Loss &amp; Grief</li><li>• Body Image</li><li>• Firewise</li><li>• Road Safety</li></ul> |

*I have the following comments to make about St Francis Xavier School’s Health Education Programme: (please return to school)*

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**Consultation**

Thank you for your responses to our hand drying options and playground equipment questions. These will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

### Meetings

- PTA – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 in the staffroom
- Board of Trustees – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in Room 4  
All welcome to attend.

### Maori Language Week

Next week is New Zealand Maori Language week. Classes will carry out Maori language work in addition to the usual greetings, counting, learning mihimihi's, etc. Here are some phrases that are good to use:

Kei te pehea koe? - How old are you?

Kei te pai ahau - I'm good

There is a website with lots of ideas – [www.korero.maori.nz](http://www.korero.maori.nz) Check it out!

### Sports Draws

Netball – Draw for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

- SFX Youngs vs. Bradford Demons on Court 9 at 3.30pm
- SFX Shooters vs Waikouatit Red on Court 12 at 4.10pm

Hockey

- Not yet received for next week

Ministicks – Games from 1-2pm on Saturdays. Children need to have shin-pads, mouth guard and a stick. The hockey shop at the turf will be open for you to purchase gear. Parents are asked not to go onto the turf during coaching and games but to stay outside the wooden fence or watch from the upstairs pavilion.

Miniball – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (today)

- SFX Bullets (seniors) vs. Andy Bay Red 3.30pm on Court 4
- SFX Nuggets (juniors) vs. MHS Magic Red 3.30pm on Court 1

**PTA LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**American Hot Dog - \$2.00**  
*(with mustard or tomato sauce)*  
**Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$1.00**

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00am

### Thought for the Week

“Whether you believe you can do a thing or believe your can't, you are right.” ..... *Henry Ford*

Arohanui  
Craig Ward