



St Francis Xavier School  
Tawa

## Achievements 2016

**Mission Statement - "To provide a Catholic environment in which children are encouraged to develop their spiritual, academic, physical and social potential".**

### Development

- Children given opportunity to participate in gymnastics, tennis, squash, rugby, soccer, athletics, netball plus aquatic instruction through EasySwim and Tawa Pool.
- Children's fitness developed through school cross country.
- Staff involved in e-learning project through Ministry of Education, Gifted and Talented education, Accelerated Literacy Learning and RE Theology 101 paper.
- Mandarin Language Assistant supporting students at St Francis Xavier School learning language skills.
- Participate in Fonterra's free Milk for Schools Programme.
- Part of Community of Learning cluster with other Tawa schools which aims to further enhance the collaboration and professionalism of the teaching community in Tawa.

### Curriculum Activities

- Our Year 6 students involved in the Young Vinnies through St Vincent de Paul's ethos "People Helping People". Young Vinnies have been involved in baking and gardening for food banks and visiting residents at Tawa's Longview Rest Home.
- Catholic Schools' Day celebrated at Bishop Viard College where children from Holy Family, St Pius, and St Theresa's joined Bishop Viard College students.
- Kapa Haka tuition for all students through Challenge 2000 enabling our Kapa Haka group to perform at a Kapa Haka Festival.
- Ukulele group established using ukuleles purchased through grant from Wellington City Council.
- Celebrated Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Tokelau and Cook Islands language weeks.
- Years 3 and 4 performed at Artplash Concert at Michael Fowler Centre along with other Wellington schools. Our choir also performed at St Mark's Kidding concert.
- Years 5 and 6 students took part in Tawa's Tawa Goes to Town" Music Festival at Michael Fowler Centre.
- Art Exhibition held at school where children's artwork was for sale.
- IT Community Evening held involving presentations on Cyber Safety, Mathematics, Reading Eggs, Blogs, Google docs and Sea Saw App.

### Capital Investment

- Purchase of ipads
- Purchase of chromebooks

### Community Involvement

- BOT Trustee Elections held – Make a Difference Ki te whakapiki.
- Pasifika evening held where staff shared our Pasifika Education Plan.
- Parents help students patrol Tawa's busy Main Road ensuring it is safe for children to cross the road.
- Coffee mornings for parents every Wednesday in school staffroom.
- 5 Next Term party held to introduce New Entrants and their parents to Room 1.
- At a School/Parish Mass 5 year olds from parish were presented with a prayer book.
- Parents & Friends held a very successful Matariki disco "Shine Like a Star".
- Pasifika/Māori potluck dinner held to discuss contributions to school fair.
- Parents & Friends highly successful School Fair which raised over \$24,000.00.
- Farewell Liturgy and informal dinner for Year 6 students and Christmas End of School Year Liturgy.
- Whānau Night held where Kapa Haka group shared their talents and parents had an opportunity to hear about Māori learning over 2016.

***Strength and Gentleness – Tu Maia, Tu Aroha***

### Academic Achievement for 2016

**88%** of all students at St Francis Xavier School are achieving at or above the national Standard in **Writing**  
**85%** of all students at St Francis Xavier School are achieving at or above the national Standard in **Mathematics**  
**83%** of all students at St Francis Xavier School are achieving at or above the National Standard in **Reading**

### Sporting Achievements 2016

St Francis Xavier School has been represented at Tawa Zone Cross Country; Tawa Zone Athletics; Wellington Interzone & Regional Athletics; Tawa Zone Swimming. We have two netball teams who play Saturday netball under the school name during the winter terms. Years 1-6 participates in Sports Day events.

## School Life



EOTC – Somes Island



Holy Week



Space Topic



Cultural Olympic Day



Ukulele club



Space Disco



Kapa Haka