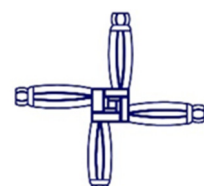


St Francis Xavier School Newsletter
Thursday, 13 April 2017 – Term 1 Week 11
“Strength and Gentleness – Tu Māia, Tu Aroha”

Our Mission

To provide a Catholic environment where children will be encouraged to develop their spiritual, academic, physical and social potential

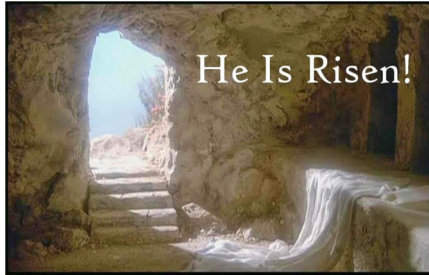


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Mālō ē lelei, Hola

Easter



Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following

his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter and if you are travelling we wish you safe travels. We are looking forward to the start of Term 2 on Monday 1 May 2017.

Congratulations to staff

IT'S A GIRL



Congratulations to Cayne and Nic Wright on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter, Quinn Nicola. Quinn was born on Monday and weighed 3.2kg.

Also congratulations to Kate McLean who today is attending her graduation ceremony in Christchurch. Kate has graduated with a BA in Education and Psychology.

Classroom Upgrade

Over the last week Tawa class have been in the library while their classroom is prepared to have the walls relined with autex wall covering. This will provide insulation and sound proofing as well as display space for children's work. The children are looking forward to returning after the holidays to their new look classroom.

Parents and Friends

Our Parents and Friends committee are excited to announce the building of the new covered deck area outside the hall kitchen. Work is due to take place over the school holidays. If you are a builder, plumber or roofer and you are able to help with construction, give guidance or advice please contact Simon Mallon 021 940 626.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to all our winners in our Easter Raffle. Thank you for your support with this raffle, approximately \$1,500 was raised.



Second hand uniforms

We will be having a second hand uniform sale during the second week of Term 2. This will be on Tuesday 9 May in our foyer from 2.45 to 3.15pm.

Important Dates

Term 1 2017

April

25 Anzac day

May

1 **Term 2 begins**

9 - 11 Year 5/6 Camp

19 Pizza lunch - \$1.50

June

5 Queen's Birthday

23 Pizza lunch - \$1.50

July

7 **Term 2 ends**

24 **Term 3 begins**

September

29 **Term 3 ends**

October

16 **Term 4 begins**

23 Labour Day

December

15 **Term 4 ends**

Pokemon Cards

While we appreciate that children enjoy playing with Pokemon Cards, recently we have had a number of issues with these.

We ask you support us by making sure children do not bring them to school.

Thank you for your support with this.



Are you one of the faithful ‘parish regulars’?

You always attend mass every Easter and Christmas; you had your children baptised and put them through the sacramental programme?

Is this what your faith is about, or is there more to it than this, something for all the other weeks of the year? Alpha is an informal, low-key, basic introduction to Christian faith that can become “your greatest adventure” ever.

There is a FREE, NO-OBLIGATION DINNER on SUNDAY 7th MAY at 6pm at Emmaus Centre (Behind St Christopher’s church) Main Road, Tawa to see if following the Alpha is just what you need.

The course will run from 14th May – 9th July and is presented by Tawa Catholic and Anglican parishes. It is open to people of all denominations or with no faith at all to come and see. It will be held on Sunday evenings in Tawa and also in small groups on different days in Tawa and Titahi Bay.

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND. Please invite your family and friends to come with you if you think Alpha is right for them.

To help with catering, please phone to give numbers attending 232 5338

For more information about Alpha, see alpha.org.nz







Exciting News for Term 2

Hello everyone!

Parents and Friends are pleased to be able to continue to offer Friday school lunches in Term 2. **Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers!!**

Next term will see the following exciting changes:

 <p>Pizza Friday’s on 19 May and 23 June Pizza will be available to order on 19 May and 23 June for \$1.50 a slice. The available flavours will be: Simply Cheese – lots of mozzarella (vegetarian) Hawaiian – smoked ham, pineapple and mozzarella Pepperoni – lots of pepperoni and mozzarella</p>	 <p>Popcorn New Zealand Kettle Korn snack bags will be available in term 2 for \$1 a bag. The bags will be given to the children when they order in the morning. This popcorn is 100% New Zealand made and lab certified to be peanut, dairy, gluten and soy free.</p>
<p>10 “Trip” Tickets</p>  <p>Will be available for purchase from the start of Term 2 to save parents the hassle of trying to find change every Friday. \$15 for sausages and \$10 for popcorn. These will be kept at school to avoid them getting lost and your child will be reminded to let you know once they have used the 10th “trip” The sausage 10 “trip” tickets can also be used on the pizza days.</p>	<p>Ideas/Feedback</p>  <p>Do you have any feedback or ideas about school lunches and how we can make them better? If so, please e-mail Juliette Anderton who will be the coordinator this year on julietteanderton@gmail.com</p>

From the parish

Easter@ Church – Our Lady of Fatima, Tawa

Palm Sunday 9 April at 8.30am

This Sunday we will have a procession with Jesus and the donkey and then a special Holy Week video for the children.

Good Friday 14 April 3pm

There will be a Holy Week video and activities for the children across the road in the Emmaus Centre.

Easter Sunday 16 April 8.30am Family Mass