

NEWSLETTER

St Francis Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

“Providing a catholic education
that develops the whole person”

Vision Statement

“To provide challenges for all students
enabling them to develop as well rounded
individuals and socially responsible
catholics”



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Sacramental Preparation



Message from the Parish Office - 2020 Parish Sacramental Programme

Update: NB: This notice supersedes advice sent out earlier this week through newsletters or emails. We apologise for the error and any confusion or angst caused.

Thank you to all our families who registered their children as candidates before and during lockdown. We thank you for your patience in these unprecedented times and your continued commitment to your child's faith formation. With time restrictions and our usual overall coordinator not being available this year, we are only able to offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We currently have a list of 42 children who had pre-enrolled. Fr John and Parish staff are currently reviewing those registrations and will be in contact directly with the families involved. Unfortunately having limited resources and time, we may have to postpone some of our younger pre-enrolled candidates to next year. We hope you understand. The time frame is tight so it is important that every class is attended as we don't have the resources to cover catch up classes. If you know from the dates advised below that you and your child are unable to commit to all the classes or would prefer for your child to receive all 3 Sacraments (including Confirmation) in the same year, being next year, please advise the Parish Office.

The dates confirmed are:

Reconciliation classes: Sundays July 26, August 2 and August 9, with first Reconciliation Rite 1 held on Tuesday 11th August at 6pm

First Holy Communion Classes on August 23, August 30, September 6 and September 13, with First Holy Communion Mass on 20th September at 11am.

Any queries, please feel free to email the Parish Office stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz

A message from the St Francis Board of Trustees - Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic Review Survey

Kia ora Families and Whānau, now that New Zealand is at Alert Level 1, the St Francis Board of Trustees would like to ask for your feedback on St Francis Catholic School's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The areas that we are particularly interested in are: health and safety, the communications from the school and your family's experience of remote learning.

We are grateful to the teaching staff for their strong support over this dynamic and challenging time. We would like to reflect on this period and seek your feedback to help the school to improve Pandemic Plans and processes and overall emergency preparedness.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. All responses are confidential. Please respond by Friday 24 July. Here is the survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID_FAMILYES

We are truly grateful for your honest feedback.

Catholic Special Character External Review Report - This week's excerpt from our review report. If you are interested in reading the whole document it has been published on the school website.

Growth in Knowledge - Te Whakatupu ma te Matauranga: *Teachers use formative teaching and deliberate 'learning' talk, modelling the language needed for learning. They give clear instructions and learning boundaries. Students have access to resources and students are engaged across the school. The Reviewers saw a variety of authentic and creative learning tasks being used in lessons and in the students' Religious Education Journals.*

These books were bright and attractive, the work was well marked and there were pertinent comments by the students, their families and the teacher. These books serve to provide the link between the school and the home and to provide a springboard for discussion.

Classrooms are attractive learning environments. There are many spaces conducive to outdoor experiences. In living the Franciscan charism of the school the Garden to Table programme is a special focus.

Next Steps:

- Continue to develop effective assessment and tracking of Religious Education
- Investigate ways to connect or integrate the wider curriculum with the Special Catholic Character and the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Health and Safety - Please don't park over / turn around in our neighbours driveways, especially Father John's!!!



Pyjama Day, Walking School Bus and Sausage Sizzle this Friday -

- Wear pyjamas/dressing gowns/slippers to school - no uniforms
- Donate a new pair of pyjamas to 'Jammies in June', or a gold coin - if possible
- Sausage Sizzle - order forms went home yesterday - due tomorrow
- The Pyjama Day Walking School Bus (weather depending) leaves the school grounds at 8.00am and arrives at Walker Park at 8.15am. We should return to school by 8.30am. Please join us!!!!!!

A message from our Junior Team to parents - The Junior School, Nga Teretere, teachers would love families to consider holiday activities with your children which involve colouring, cutting, drawing, folding, moulding, pasting, sorting and other fine motor skills as a break from devices and screens. Fun fine motor activities help develop writing, persistence and coordination. Some ideas - origami, colouring in books, collage, papier mache, playdough, baking or scrapbooking. Thank you. Ms Wishart and the Junior School Teachers.

A message from the library - Thank you to all the families who ordered books through the Scholastic Book Club this term. Due to Covid 19, many books ordered haven't arrived in the country. In those cases a replacement book and voucher for the amount was sent. These vouchers can be redeemed during Book Week next term. I apologise that some children were disappointed but the situation was out of our control. The 8 children in Room 12 whose box did not turn up with the rest of the school order were very accepting. Thank you Kata, Sophie, Natalija, Lily K, Stella, Joshua, Jax and Georgia.

Congratulations to Room 2 and Room 11 - The children from Room 2 and Room 11 will have their art included in the New Zealand Franciscan Schools Art Exhibition at the St Francis Friary in Hillsborough. The exhibition is to celebrate the anniversary of the Franciscan Order (which was postponed due to lockdown). You are invited to view the Art Exhibition on Wednesday the 15th of July from 9.00am - 5.00pm, St Francis Friary 50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.

A message from the Children's Community Dental Clinic - Due to their COVID-19 recover plan we will be taking children of the highest clinical need before routine check-ups can be offered. We apologise in advance for the delays this will cause. In the meantime, if your child is in pain or you have immediate concerns with their teeth please phone 0800 TALK TEETH.

2nd hand Uniform - We are in desperate need for more good quality 2nd hand uniforms. Please send anything you have to donate to school. For more info please contact Emma: 021 525 214 theuhilacollective@gmail.com

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TERM 3 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

TUESDAYS 4.30 - 6.00 PM	28 July - 15 September (Suitable for ages 5-12yrs)
TUESDAYS 6.30 - 8.00 PM	28 July - 15 September (Suitable for ages 12yrs plus)
FRIDAYS 5.00 - 6.30 PM	31 July - 18 September (Suitable for All Ages)

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or for more information Contact us at school@snoplacet.co.nz

St Francis After School Ski Group -

Tuesdays 4.30pm - 6.00pm 28 July - 15 September (Suitable for ages 5 - 12 years). Any questions: chat to Sarah-Jane, Mason's Mum sarahjanelloyd86@gmail.com

Cross Country Day coming up next term - see letter from Mrs Milne attached to this newsletter.

- Thursday 6 August from midday (weather depending)
- Children to wear blue St Francis PE shirt, black shorts, running shoes etc
- Parents and families welcome to attend and cheer on the runners. Friends of St Francis Cafe available - tea, coffee, baking etc
- Sausage Sizzle
- See attached letter for specific times



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<p>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</p> <p>Mon 06 Jul</p>  <p>You are invited to the MadHatters Tea Party. Join us!</p>	<p>NZ BAKE OFF</p> <p>Tue 07 Jul</p>  <p>Make a chefs hat, put an apron on and let's bake.</p>	<p>DRESS UP DAY</p> <p>Wed 08 Jul</p>  <p>Win a prize by dressing up as your favourite character.</p>	<p>LEGO CHALLENGE</p> <p>Thu 09 Jul</p>  <p>Get creative and show us your building skills.</p>	<p>DISCO FEVER</p> <p>Fri 10 Jul</p>  <p>Boogie on down to sKids to show us your moves.</p>
<p>SLUMBER PARTY</p> <p>Mon 13 Jul</p>  <p>It's slumber party time! come in your pjamas and bring your pillow.</p>	<p>ITALIAN DAY</p> <p>Tue 14 Jul</p>  <p>Take out your Lab coats and add some science creation to your holiday.</p>	<p>SCIENCE DAY</p> <p>Wed 15 Jul</p>  <p>Let's make some cool science experiments.</p>	<p>EDIBLE ART</p> <p>Thu 16 Jul</p>  <p>We are making some amazing edible art. You can't miss it!</p>	<p>SURVIVAL DAY</p> <p>Fri 17 Jul</p>  <p>Army face paint, scavenger hunt, roasted marshmallows and more.</p>

Fees are payable for the days booked irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND policy once the holidays start.

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Coming up this term:

Friday 3 July - Last day of Term 2 - Pyjama Day and Sausage Sizzle. Walking School Bus from 8.00am

Coming up next term:

Monday 20 July - First day of Term 3 (as previously scheduled)

Friday 24 July - Mid Year Reports sent home

Tuesday 28 July - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 29 July and Thursday 30 July - Parent Interviews (bookings open closer to the date) and Art Exhibition

Friday 31 July - Assembly Room 2 and Room 10 - Welcome (some of the) New Children 2.15pm

Thursday 6 August - School Cross Country Day from midday

Friday 7 August - St Mary McKillop Feast Liturgy run by the Liturgy Team

Monday 10 August - Friday 14 August - Maths Week

Tuesday 11 August - Proclaiming the Word School Final 2.00pm

Friday 14 August - Assembly Room 6 and Room 7 - Welcome (some of the) New Children 2.15pm

Tuesday 18 August - School Photos Day - Class, Team and Individual Photos - online ordering / payment system

Thursday 20 August - Year 5 and 6 Parent Meeting - Puberty Programme

Tuesday 25 August - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 27 August - Inner City Sports Cluster - Soccer Comp - Seddon Fields TBC

Friday 28 August - Assembly - Middle School - Sacrament Strand

Monday 31 August - Week 7 - Social Justice Week

Monday 7 September - Week 8 - Book Week

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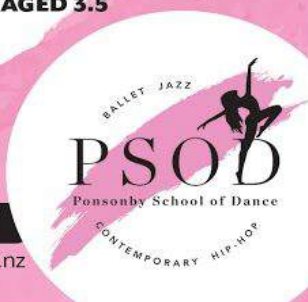
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