

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
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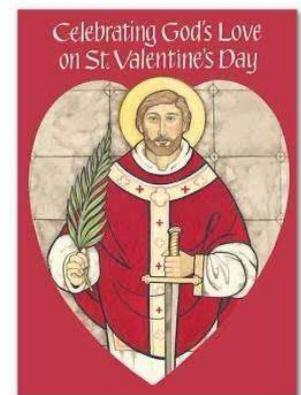
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Valentine's Day: This Friday, the 14th of February, is St Valentine's Day. St Valentine of Rome is the Patron Saint of love, young people and happy marriage. St Valentine preached the Good News in the 3rd Century, and is said to have performed miracles and converted thousands of people to Christianity. He was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and was martyred / executed on the 14th of February 269AD.

Our prayers go out to families who have lost loved ones over the summer, in particular Olivia Halpin who lost her Grandfather, Georgia and Max Skinner who lost their Great Grandfather and Kaiser and Khalessi Tele'a-Sua who lost their Grandmother.

A number of people have expressed interest in anonymously helping others in difficult financial times by paying for their 2020 'stationery costs'. Thank you to those people for their generosity. If you would like to help families in our community please let the ladies in the office know.

A polite request to Parents: Please do not hang around outside the classrooms at pick up time (or just before pick up time). It becomes very distracting for children when there are adults 'peering' into their classroom when they are trying to complete their learning, doing end of day reflections or end of day prayers. Please use this time to chat to other parents and make connections within the community - away from classrooms.



Message from our neighbours on Montrose Street: *"Please take care when driving down Montrose Street".*

There have been some complaints about speeding, particularly at the bottom of the road where we all turn around, and please make sure that you aren't blocking any driveways.

We work very hard to ensure positive relationships with the neighbours. Please don't upset them by making their neighbourhood unsafe and chaotic.

Exciting News: As of Term 2 we will be working with the Music Education Centre who provides 'Music in Schools Programmes'.

This means that professional music teachers will be on site during school hours to facilitate private instrument lessons (initially piano, guitar and drums, with the possibility of violin and flute in the future) to interested Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. Their teaching is high quality (they work in 40+ schools across Auckland) and their prices are reasonable, and most importantly, the lessons will be done during school time (as many of our families are under a lot of pressure with multiple extra curricular activities every evening after school - Hopefully this should ease the burden a little bit!!!).

Timeframe: in early March a representative from the Music Education Centre will take all of the Year 3 - 6 students for a free half an hour music workshop to promote the instrument lessons, and then closer to the end of term brochures and enrolment forms will be sent home so that the lessons can start Week 1 of Term 2.

For a sneak peak at info / prices / testimonials etc - <http://www.musiceducation.co.nz/>



DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiries Communities) Research Projects: For the last year our teachers have been involved with Mathematics Professional Development and learning through DMIC - Massey University. This will continue this year, alongside 3 DMIC research grants that we have chosen to participate in. The first research grant involved the Maths workshops in the recent school holidays and attached to this newsletter is info about the next research grant. Please read through it carefully and send back the 'opt out' form if you don't want your child / childrens data to be part of the study. If you are happy for your child / childrens data to be included you don't have to do anything.

Getting our Year 6's ready for College:

- Baradene College Open Evening Thursday 5 March at 6.30pm. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7 close on Friday 13 March at 3.00pm.
- St Mary's College Open Day Thursday 5 March 2.30pm or 6.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7 close on Thursday 19 March.
- St Peter's College Open Day Tuesday 25 February 9.30am or 1.00pm.

Garden to Table update: Many in the school community will be aware of the amazing Garden to Table programme run at St Francis School for Year 5 and 6 children. This year Rooms 4, 5, 7 and 8 will have two terms of Garden to Table throughout the year - one 'winter' term and one 'summer' term. Garden to Table sessions are on Wednesdays this year, in the first block (9.15am - 11.00am) and second block (11.30am - 1.00pm) and the children alternate with one week in the kitchen and then one week in the garden.



We are looking for volunteers to help - Volunteers are an integral part of Garden to Table. They work closely with small groups of children to answer questions, encourage, monitor and oversee activities. Volunteers can be parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles or next door neighbour- anyone from within our school community who is keen to contribute their time and enthusiasm. No special skills are needed, other than an interest in Garden to Table. See attached document for more information.

Thank you to the Wilkie family for looking after the gardens during the Christmas holidays.

St Francis Father's Support Group - Pub Crawl and

Darts: The inaugural St Francis Father's Support Group Pt Chev pub crawl was a massively successful event where budding up and coming singers were discovered, in large part due to our major sponsor, Wapiti Sports (and Karaoke) Bar. Our next **Darts sessions** at Pt Chev Bowling Club on Dignan Street will be on **27 February** from 8.00pm - all St Francis Dads welcome, contact Stuart King @ stuart_patrick_king@hotmail.com for further details.

Notices from local clubs:

Ponsonby Rugby Club Junior Muster Days

Western Springs Stadium - Thursday 5 March 5pm - 8pm,

Tuesday 10 March 5pm - 8pm , Sunday 30 March 10am -

2pm, Monday 31 March 5pm - 8pm

Archibald Park, Kelston - Saturday 28 March 10am - 2pm

Pt Chevalier Pippins, the most junior section of Girl Guiding NZ has places available for new members, girls aged 5 and 6 years old. We meet on Fridays 4.30pm - 5.30pm at the Moa Road Scout Hall. Please email ptchevpippins@gmail.com for more information.

Western Springs Association Football Club - 2020 Season Registrations Open, closing 29 February. Club Open Day Sunday 16 February. Season starts 27 March.

Friends of St Francis Notices: The Hibiscus Coast Weetbix Tryathlon is on Sunday 22 March at Manly Park in Whangaparaoa. St Francis will have a marquee and BBQ there. It's open to children 6 years + and entry is \$45. It's a great day out! To enter your child: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35585&G=104030>

For more info text Carla Sheldon 021757151

Next Friends of St Francis Meeting - **Monday 9 March @ 7.30pm** in the school Whanau Room. All welcome. Check out the Friends of St Francis facebook page - *Friends of St Francis Catholic School*.

2020 Classroom Teachers email list:

Room 1 - Miss Nisha Nadarajah - nishan@stfrancis.school.nz

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Room 10 - Ms Adele Ryan - adeler@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 11 - Mrs Megan Wishart - meganw@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 12 - Mrs Monica Bergh (with Pip Smith) - monicab@stfrancis.school.nz

Overall Consent Forms: Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received about these forms. It is very appreciated.

Thank you to all the families who have already returned these forms. If you need another form please see the lovely ladies in the office.

**Cooling Down on a Hot Summer Day:**

Attendance Dues:

You will shortly be receiving your invoice for Attendance Dues/ Voluntary Special Character Donations.

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment approved by the Minister of Education under Section 447 of the Education Act 1989 in respect of the group of schools forming part of the Proprietors Co-operative Diocese of Auckland and a condition of enrolment at St Francis Catholic School.

Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand.

Attendance Dues are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues.

Attendance Dues are collected by St Francis Catholic School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The attendance dues collected are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of attendance dues.

Attendance Dues payable for 2020 school year are:

\$112.00 per child per term (\$448.00 per year) including GST.

Attendance Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the school year, per term or by regular instalments.

If you would like to pay your Attendance Dues by Automatic Payment our bank details are as follows

Bank details: ASB 12 3020 0386688 00 Particulars: Attendance Dues Surname.

Voluntary Special Character Donation

The Catholic Special Character contribution is a voluntary donation of \$12.50 per term (\$50.00 per annum) per student.

This contribution provides the main source of funding for all services provided to St Francis Catholic School by the Catholic Education Services Board.

No contributions are made by the Government for these services.

The Catholic Education Services Board assists schools to provide a Catholic education for your child through the preservation and enhancement of the Catholic Special Character in our schools.

* Receipts will be issued and may be used for tax purposes.

Coming up this term:

Friday 14 February: Assembly lead by the Liturgy Team @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 26 February: Ash Wednesday

Thursday 27 February: Inner City Sports Cluster Cricket competition - Year 5 and 6 - Vic Park

Friday 28 February: Assembly lead by Room 5 and Room 12 @ 2.15pm

Friday 6 March: Teacher Only Day - no school - Teacher are on a Professional Development course

Friday 13 March: Assembly lead by Room 4 and Room 11 @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 17 March: St Patrick's Day Walking School Bus Dress Up

Thursday 26 March: Inner City Sports Cluster Softball competition - Year 5 and 6 - Cox's Bay Reserve

Friday 27 March: Jesus Strand Assembly to Welcome New Children lead by the Middle School @ 2.15pm

Sunday 5 April: Palm Sunday

Thursday 9 April: Holy Thursday - Last day of Term One - Assembly lead by Room 6 and Room 7 @ 2.15pm

Friday 10 April: Good Friday

Sunday 12 April: Easter Sunday

Monday 27 April: ANZAC Day

Tuesday 28 April: Term Two begins

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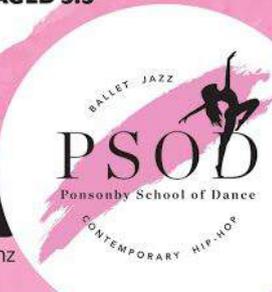
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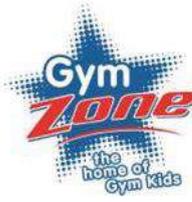
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