

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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COVID update - Over the last week we have seen an increase in positive COVID cases and household contacts having to isolate. So far most of these cases don't seem to be related to transmission at school, but we are keeping a close eye on it just in case. On top of that we have quite a few children away with colds (negative RATs) and vomiting bugs. Please monitor for symptoms and keep children at home if they are unwell.

- Please contact the school office if your child is going to be away - office@stfrancis.school.nz
- If your family is isolating please let us know so that we can provide learning support for your child
- Remember that masks are now not compulsory, but are “strongly encouraged” as there are so many illness and bugs going around at the moment
- We are currently experiencing staff issues, with some of our teachers either isolating or sick. Please expect interruptions and absences.

How to wear a face covering safely

Putting on a face covering:



Clean your hands.

Be sure you put on your face covering with clean hands. Wash and dry your hands or use hand sanitizer.



Check your face covering.

Make sure it is clean, dry and not damaged.



Put on your face covering.

Place the face covering over your nose, mouth and chin, and place the loops over your ears to hold the mask in place.



Replace the face covering if it becomes damp, damaged or dirty.

Dispose of single-use face coverings in a rubbish bin. Or store your reusable face covering in a plastic bag until you can wash it.

When wearing a face covering you should avoid:



Touching the front of your mask.



Touching your face.



Moving your face covering.

COVID-19 symptoms to watch for:

- sneezing and runny nose
- sore throat
- body aches
- fever
- cough
- feeling tired
- headache
- nausea and vomiting
- diarrhoea

Managing your COVID-19 symptoms:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Avoid running, strenuous or high impact activities and exercise until you are well.
- Eat when you feel able to.
- Some people find ginger (tea or in food) can help with feeling sick.
- Use a cool face cloth on your face, arms and neck to help cool you down if you have a fever.
- Take paracetamol or ibuprofen to reduce fever, headache and body aches.
- Remember to take any regular medications you are on.
- Try saline nose drops or spray for a blocked or runny nose. Decongestants can provide short term relief.
- For a cough, it is best to stay hydrated (honey and hot drinks may help soothe the cough and sore throat) and avoid lying on your back.
- If you cannot stop vomiting or have bad diarrhoea, talk to your GP.

How to self-isolate Covid19.govt.nz/positive

Household contact
While isolating, your household contacts will need to be tested.

- If a household contact tests positive, they will need to self-isolate starting from the day of their symptoms or positive test result.
- The rest of your household contacts can end their self-isolation at the same time as you.

Monitor your symptoms
Seek advice if symptoms get worse by calling Healthline on 0800 358 5453.
If its an emergency call 111 immediately.

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Unite against COVID-19

Parish News - Childrens' Liturgy is back! Calling parents and all Secondary School kids needing to do Community Hours. After a long COVID hiatus, Children's Liturgy is back during Sunday Masses at 9am. All material / resources and assistance provided and needless to say that participation always looks good on your child's Catholic Secondary School application form. Leaders normally only need to run 1 session per term, so not a big ask time wise. Please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the team.



Year 5 and 6 Mother's Day Breakfast



Sibling Photos - last week we completed the class photos and the individual photos but weren't able to do any sibling photos. This is now booked in for **Wednesday the 1st of June**. If you would like the professional photographers from PhotoLife to take sibling photos (only children attending school please) for your family please email the school office before Wednesday the 1st of June - office@stfrancis.school.nz



Netball - It was a great start to the netball season, the sun was shining and the girls were pumped and excited to get out on courts. Results for 7th May-

- St Francis Year 3 Wolves, POD-Isla
- St Francis Year 4 Apostles, Won 14-1, POD- Khaleesi
- St Francis Year 5 Angels, Lost 14-3, POD- Sienna
- St Francis Year 5 Disciples, Won 14-0, POD- Olive
- St Francis Year 6 Team, Lost 10-0, POD- Emily



2nd hand uniform - If you need anything from the 2nd hand uniform, Lauren or Mark will be in the Whanau Room on Friday mornings before school to help you. Make sure you re-name any 2nd hand uniform that you buy.

St Francis Cross Country - next Thursday, the 19th of May, from midday

This is a family day and parents, grandparents, caregivers and siblings are all invited to come and cheer the children on. It is a fun and exciting day for the children and they are always so excited to have family encouraging them as they run.

PARKING is always difficult on the day due to the number of visitors, so please arrive early. If you are planning to race over from work, leave enough time to walk from wherever you have to park.

Spectators are asked to watch from NEXT TO THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND. There will be a roped off area for you to watch from (with easy access to the FOSF cafe!!).

ALL children need to come to school in their blue St Francis PE t-shirt and black shorts (for junior children black shorts aren't essential, but dark shorts if possible). No school uniform on Cross Country Day.

ALL children need to wear suitable footwear and have a drink bottle.

The approximate times for the races are as follows:
5 year old boys, 12.00pm, followed by 5 year old girls
6 year old boys, 12.15pm, followed by 6 year old girls
7 year old boys, 12.30pm, followed by 7 year old girls
8 year old boys and 8 year old girls run together, 12.45pm
9 year old boys and 9 year old girls run together, 1.00pm
10/11 year old boys and 10/11 year old girls run together, 1.15pm

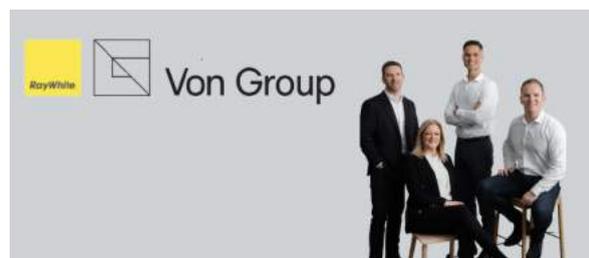
Cross Country Sausage Sizzle for the children - Forms coming out today - Pure pork sausages with no filler, gluten free, are proudly discounted for the School by award winning Grey Lynn Butcher. Also, Countdown Pt Chev have generously donated the Oatlicious toast bread. Price \$2.00 each.

Friends of St Francis Cafe - Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to bake delicious items for our parent cafe. Sausage sizzle, tea and coffee are also available for parents. Bring CASH with you. All money raised goes towards our fundraising for the Canopy.

[St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night](#) - call out to new Dads. The next sensational darts session will be on Thursday, 26 May, from 8pm at the infamous Pt Chev Bowling Club. Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

School Canopy for lower courts - Ray White

We are happy to announce that Ray White Pt Chevalier - Von Group Ltd. (previously known as "the Professionals Real Estate Point Chevalier") have agreed to be a major contributor towards our St Francis School Canopy project should at least one person in our St. Francis network that is looking at selling their property approach Derek von Sturmer of Ray White Pt. Chevalier - Von Group Ltd. directly on 027 533 7357 or Derek.vs@raywhite.com. Accordingly, if you're looking at selling, please contact Derek directly and let him know that you are from St. Francis. Please also let Stuart King know (027 818 2403) so we can keep track of the approaches.



A message from the St Francis Board of Trustees -St Francis Catholic School Re-brand 2022!

Our school brand is key in representing who we are as a school - it should be top of mind when thinking of St Francis Catholic School.

Refreshing a brand every 10 years is good practice and at St Francis, it's been more than a decade since our current brand was designed. Ours is now unfortunately tired, outdated and inconsistent. The Board's agreed, it's time to retire our old look and have a fresh approach. This is an exciting opportunity that doesn't come about very often! It's a chance to make a current, accurate and forward-thinking statement about our fantastic school. We are fresh and relevant, and it's important to attract new students to our wonderful school - and a new brand will help reflect this. Along with our brand, our mission and value statements have not been reviewed for the same period of time. Here's also our chance to revise these, as we go out with our fresh new look.

Creating a new brand is a team effort and this is why we want your help. It's important our school community has their input into our brand. We want to work with our staff, students and school community to make sure we get it right. We know that doing this will have a fantastic positive impact on St Francis, helping energise and revitalise our school.

This will start by inviting our staff to a rebrand planning session this Thursday. We'll also have a parents' rebrand planning session coming up next Thursday. Running alongside this, we'll be asking our senior students for their input. We want to know how you perceive our school, it will help us gain insights and perspectives into St Francis (rebrand or not!).

Parent Evening - next Thursday, the 19th of May 5.30 - 7.30 We would greatly appreciate your input. Please RSVP to lisab@stfrancis.school.nz or prinicpal@stfrancis.school.nz ALL WELCOME!!!!!!! Wine and Cheese on arrival.

Assemblies this term - We are back to having assemblies, but rather than whole school assemblies we are going to have 'team assemblies' for now, as our hall isn't big enough for everyone to feel comfortable if they want to physically distance from others. Parents are welcome to come and celebrate our learning with us.

2.30pm in the school hall. Dates below:

Week 2 - Friday 13 May - Year 5 and 6 - The Senior School

Week 3 - Friday 20 May - Year 3 and 4 - The Middle School

Week 4 - Friday 27 May - Year 1 and 2 - The Junior School

Week 5 - Friday 3 June - Year 5 and 6- The Senior School

Week 6 - Friday 10 June - Year 3 and 4 - The Middle School

Week 7 - Friday 17 June - Year 1 and 2 - The Junior School

Week 8 - Thursday 23 June - Year 5 and 6 - The Senior School (not Friday as that is a public holiday)

Week 9 - Friday 1 July - Year 3 and 4 - The Middle School

Week 10 - Friday 8 July - Year 1 and 2 - The Junior School - the last day of term

Year 5 Swimming Lessons - to make up for our Year 5's missing out on Swimming Lessons when they were in Year 4, they are booked in for: 07/06/22 - 10/06/22 and 13/06/22 - 17/06/22

Year 4 Swimming Lessons - are booked in for: 17/10/22 - 21/10/22 and 25/10/22 - 28/10/22

Year 6 Camp Dates - 26/10/22, 27/10/22 and 28/10/22



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Dates for 2022:

Term 2 – Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July
 Term 3 – Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September
 Term 4 – Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December

Coming Up:

Thursday 12 May - Year 5 and 6 Swimming Inter-School Competition, Father John's Birthday
 Friday 13 May - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Monday 16 May - The Life Education Caravan arrives at St Francis, here for two weeks
 Tuesday 17 May - Year 5 and 6 Rice Day for Caritas
 Thursday 19 May - School Cross Country, Friends of St Francis Cafe open, Sausage Sizzle
 Re-brand Parent Evening from 5.30 - All welcome to attend. Please RSVP.
 Friday 20 May - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Tuesday 24 May - Board of Trustee Meeting 6.30pm
 Thursday 26 May - Inter-Schools Cross Country Day, The Feast of the Ascension
 Friday 27 May - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Monday 30 May - Firewise lessons for Year 1 and 2 all week
 Friday 3 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Sunday 5 June - Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season
 Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday Weekend, no school
 Tuesday 7 June - Year 5 Swimming Lessons, Daily for the 2 weeks
 Friday 10 June - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Monday 13 June - Stepping Out lessons for Year 1 all week (with the NZ Police)
 Friday 17 June - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Thursday 23 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Friday 24 June - Matariki public holiday, no school
 Tuesday 28 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
 Friday 1 July - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
 Monday 4 July - Mid Year Reports sent home
 Wednesday 6 July - Parent Teacher Interviews - bookings available closer to the time
 Thursday 7 July - Parent Teacher Interviews - bookings available closer to the time
 Friday 8 July - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall, End of Term 2

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