

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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Big News from the Catholic Diocese - A new Auxiliary Bishop to assist Bishop Pat: Pope Francis has announced that Fr Michael Gielen will be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Auckland Diocese. The venue for this ordination is the Vodafone Events Centre, South Auckland. With a seating capacity of almost 3000 our hope is that as many people as possible will take up the opportunity to join this celebration at 11am on Saturday 7 March. Bishop Pat invites all the people of the diocese to join him to fill the Vodafone Event Centre as we gather as one Diocesan family to support Michael Gielen in this celebration of faith. If people are interested in the Fr Michael's story they might like to read the article recently published in NZ Catholic:

<https://www.nzcatholic.org.nz/2020/01/28/my-first-priority-is-supporting-bishop-pat/>

**Bishop-elect Michael Gielen's ordination
Saturday 7 March 11.00 am
Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South
Road, Wiri,
Entrance through Gates 2 and 3.
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME**



Our prayers go out to the Tele'a-Sua family who have lost their Grandfather this week.

Parish News - Sacramental Programme: Parents who are wishing for their children to become fully initiated members of the Church are invited to collect an enrolment form from the school office. The programme is best suited for children Year 4 and above as there is writing, reading and group work involved. Children and at least one parent or caregiver are expected to attend Mass prior to every class. Class discussions will be around what they see and hear Father say in the Mass for that day. Classes start immediately after Mass and last for one hour so children need to be of an age that they can be engaged for two hours. Attendance at all classes is compulsory as well as practices for the ceremonies. Parents can choose to have their children confirmed at a later date but Baptism and Reconciliation is required before both First Eucharist and Confirmation. At least one parent or caregiver is required to attend the adult instruction with Father John which takes place at the same time as the children's classes. Attendance rolls are taken for both adults and children. Though it is tempting to have siblings attend the programme together we encourage you to keep this important part of their faith journey as a special event for each individual child. For further information please contact Marena Hubbers via marena@nzohs.co.nz.



Reconciliation Classes 3rd, 10th, 17th of May
Ceremony Tuesday 19th of May 6pm

First Eucharist Classes 2nd, 9th, 16th August
Practice for the ceremony 19th of September 4pm
Ceremony 20th of September 11am

Confirmation Classes 23rd, 30th of August
Practice for the ceremony 17th of October 4pm
Ceremony 18th of October 11am



Congratulations: to Vincenzo Perera who represented St Francis Catholic School at this year's Paeroa Highland Junior Games. He was the youngest and only competitor aged 7. The events were:

- Scottish Hammer Throw
- Stone Put
- Caber Toss
- Weight for Distance

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.

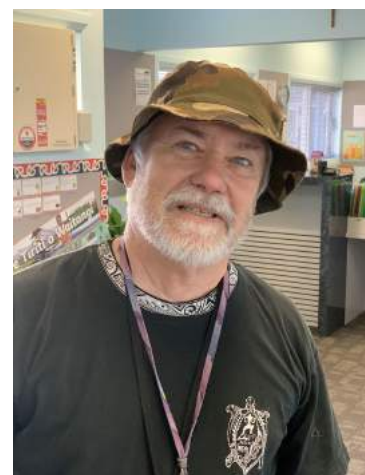


Welcome: Introducing our new Caretaker / Garden Expert - Mr Andrew Wilkie. We are so pleased to have Mr Wilkie looking after our school grounds!!!!

St Francis Father's Support Group - Pub Crawl and Darts: 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*.

Community Notice: ½ size violin with case for sale. Brand new condition. To view ph. Margaret (Registered Music teacher) 02177641. Montrose St, Pt Chev.

Room 12 learning to throw and catch a tennis ball:



Coming up this term:

Wednesday 26 February: Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am - All Welcome
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
Monday 9 March: Friends of St Francis Meeting
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
Tuesday 24 March - Wednesday 25 March - Year 6 Overnight stay at Tawharanui Regional Park
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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