

# 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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### **This week we celebrate the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop with a liturgy on Friday -**

This week, we remember and celebrate Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop. We all need heroes and heroines to give us HOPE, to CHALLENGE us, and to show us the way to LIVE the Christian life. Mary is a Saint for our times.

**Cross Country** - Yesterday, Tuesday 4 August we held our annual school Cross Country Running event. Due to Covid 19, this year, our event was two months later than usual! We had thought the weather would be colder and wetter at this time of the year, but how wrong could we be? Our children ran so strongly and certainly showed us all that they do have perseverance and endurance! Wonderful days like that require lots of Thank yous:



- To Mrs Milne and the Student Health Team who are testament to the motto when you plan you are less likely to fail, great organising team!!
- To our wonderful parents and helpers on the Sausage Sizzle and the Friends of St Francis Cafe - Emma 'Uhila, Loma 'Uhila, Stuart King, Andy Wilkie, Katie Fisher, Ellie Reyburn, Brigid Kissick, Marisa Johnstone, Monique Vuksich, Donna Harris and anyone else I have forgotten.
- To Dallas Smyth, who organised ice creams for the children and the teachers. Just the perfect day for it!
- To all the supporters of our super fit runners. Your cheering and clapping means the world to the children.

**5 August 2020**

**Term Three Week Three**

The children who were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their age group will receive their certificates at the assembly on Friday the 14 August @ 2.15pm.

The Year 5 and 6 students selected to represent our school at the INNER CITY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY are now continuing to prepare and run with enthusiasm and dedication. Their event will take place on the 20th August, with a new venue, at Cox's Bay. (Detailed notices to follow for those students selected)



**Art Exhibition** - Hopefully you got a chance to visit our art exhibition last week. The children did an excellent job producing such beautiful works of art. The art will now be displayed around the school, and will eventually make its way home for you to treasure forever.



**Exciting News** - St Francis Catholic School has joined the 'Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako'. This 'Community of Learning' includes Marist College, St Mary's College, St Paul's College and St Peters' College as well as 9 other Catholic Primary Schools. Joining this group and developing these relationships more fully will ensure a successful and smooth transition for Year 6 students from St Francis into these Colleges.

- The vision of the Kahui Ako - Our Vision is to create a Community of Learning/Kāhui Ako centred in the Catholic faith that collectively strengthens us to develop the whole child.
- The purpose - The pathway between our schools is very clear, and being faith based allows us to collectively develop the whole child. Working together, we have the opportunity to build on a child's faith from Year 1 to Year 13. We work collaboratively to share effective teaching and learning practice and to ensure positive transitions amongst our primary and secondary schools in central Auckland through our Kāhui Ako. Many of the schools within the community have worked together in the past, so there is already a sense of partnership amongst our schools for us to build on.
- The 2020 - 2022 Achievement Challenges (specific goals of the group):
  - ❖ Primary School Focus - Mathematics Year 4 - 6
  - ❖ Transition between schools Focus - Science Year 5 - 9
  - ❖ Secondary School Focus - University Entrance Passes

**Health and Safety Messages:**

- After some discussion with Auckland Transport representatives regarding the upcoming improvements on Pt Chevalier Rd, the Board of Trustees recommended that: you consider turning left rather than right out of Montrose Street on to Pt Chevalier Rd, if you do need to turn right on to Pt Chevalier Rd please do so carefully and always keep an eye out of pedestrians and bikes.
- A message from a neighbour on Montrose Street: cars do very well at limiting their speed when passing the school but then seem to speed up rapidly once they are safely past. Please maintain a sensible speed the whole way down Montrose.
- And as always, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN OR OVER FATHER JOHN'S DRIVEWAY, EVEN FOR A QUICK DROP OFF.

**Principal's Certificates presented at assemblies** - Usually we ensure that every child receives a Principal's Certificate at some point throughout each year, unfortunately due to COVID19 a quarter of 2020's assemblies were cancelled so we will not be able to guarantee a certificate for each child. Please be assured that if your child doesn't receive a certificate this year it doesn't mean they are "naughty" and "don't deserve a certificate", it is purely a logistics thing and shouldn't be read too much into. Thank you for your understanding.

**A message from the library** - Our Book Week is coming up in Week 8 of this term beginning Monday September the 7th. Two things to think about in preparation:

- Book Swap - could each child please donate a pre loved book in reasonable condition for book swap during that week. Children can bring these books into the library anytime from now. Your child will bring home someone else's preloved book in return.
- On the Friday of Book Week children will be invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

**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](mailto:theuhilacollective@gmail.com)



Thank you to the Rotary Club for donating this wonderful new garden.

**Coming up this term:**

Thursday 6 August - Inner City Rugby Comp At Cox's Bay  
Friday 7 August - St Mary MacKillop Feast Liturgy run by the Liturgy Team at 10.30am  
Monday 10 August - Friday 14 August - Maths Week  
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

Friday 11 Sep - Assembly Room 8 and Room 1 - Welcome (some of the) New Children 2.15pm

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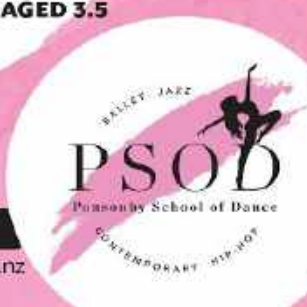
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