

## 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 days of All Saints (Friday 1st of November) and All Souls (Saturday 2nd of November) and conduct our lessons from the Liturgical Year strand of the Religious Education Curriculum. The Middle and Senior school will join with the parish for Mass this Friday at 9:15am. All are welcome!



**What is All Saints Day?** On the feast of All Saints, we honor those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. Saints are go-getters. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is, not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.

**What is All Souls Day?** On the feast of All Souls Day we remember our family, friends and community members who have died. Through Prayers, Masses, and Almsgiving, the living pay tribute to the dead and hope to help them enter into Heaven, to be with God forever.

As a Catholic community we celebrate these feast days rather than focus on Halloween. This can be difficult for children to understand as Halloween is becoming very popular and is commercialised on tv and in the shops. Let's try to keep in mind that this is an important and Holy time of year.

**Uniform News:** **NO HAT, NO PLAY.** School hats with an emblem are available from Elizabeth Micheal for \$16.00 or plain (without the emblem) hats are available from the school office for \$9.00 (until we run out).



**3 weeks to go!**

**Donations toward ingredients:** Thanks so much for your generous donations! We've raised almost \$900 so we're over a third of the way to our target. Please help us get to our target of \$2,500 so we can cover the cost of ingredients for the amazing families running the delicious food stalls that make this such a special day. Please make payment to the following bank account with reference F&W Festival: *St Francis School*  
12-3020-0386688-000

**Baking:** A reminder that we'll be sending cartons home on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to the oldest or only child in each family by classroom: Cakes - rooms 8 & 7, Slices - rooms 11, 5, 1A & 3, Biscuits - rooms 6, 2, 1 & 10, Brownies - rooms 12, 9 & 4.

**Equipment for loan:** We're still looking for some equipment to borrow as follows: 3 x power boards, 3 x extension cords, 3 x slow cookers, 1 x rice cooker, 1 x wheelbarrows, 10 x sun umbrellas for tables, with stands if possible, 5 x chilli bins, 2 x ice cream scoops, 5 x roasting dishes, 2 x 40L pots, 2 x gas ring burners, 2 x gas bottles. Please contact Lisa on 022 121 9537 or [lisa.dixon01@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dixon01@gmail.com) and she will advise when to drop off to school or we can organise collection.

**Pre-loved toys and books:** A reminder to please bring any good quality toys and / or books that your children may have grown out of. High quality used condition only please. Please drop off to the hall stage on Monday to Fridays 8.15 – 8.45.

**Help us set up!** We're looking pretty good for stall management now, and are still short some volunteers to help with set up. We'll be at school from 8am and would love help to put up tents, move trestle tables, peg out boundaries etc. The beauty of this job is you're done by the time the festival starts so can kick back and enjoy the day! Please email [stfrancispta@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancispta@gmail.com) with your contact details if you can help and we'll send information.

**Thank you! For helping to make this year's Wine and Food Festival a great success.**



**Friends of St Francis Update:**

DISCO - this Friday the 1st of November  
Year 1 - 3: 5.30pm - 6.15pm,  
Year 4 - 6: 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

**Year 4 Swimming:** Lessons will be held over the next two weeks - Thursday 31/10 (unless on the Aratki Trip), Friday 1/11, Monday 4/11, Tuesday 5/11, Wednesday 6/11, Thursday 7/11.



Inner City Sports Cluster Basketball Tournament at the Trusts Stadium:



**Thank you:** Last week our Junior classrooms said thank you to all the Parent Helpers who have volunteered MANY hours to PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) over the last two terms. A special thank you to Kelly Rasch for coordinating the parents and Cooper Schaumkell and Hendrix Cox for their hard work setting up the equipment every week - what a great example of Servant Leadership!

**Coming up this term:**

Wednesday 30 October and Thursday 31 October Year 3/4 Arataki Trip

Friday 1 November - Middle and Senior School All Saints Day Mass at 9.15am

Friday 8 November - Room 2 and Room 10 Assembly at 2.15pm

Wednesday 13 - Thursday 14 November - Special Character Review

Saturday 16 November - Wine and Food Festival

Monday 18 November - Year 5 and 6 Kids for Kids Choir at the Bruce Mason Center

Thursday 21 November - Inner City Sports Cluster Athletics Day in Takapuna

Friday 22 November - Middle School Saints strand Assembly at 2.15pm

Tuesday 26 November - Board of Trustees Meeting at 6.30pm

Wednesday 27 November - New Parents Meeting at 6.00pm

Friday 29 November - Year 6 Beach Trip to Muriwai Beach

Wednesday 4 December and Thursday 5 December - Year 0,1 and 2 Beach/Playground Trip

Friday 6 December - New Children Welcome Assembly at 2.15pm, Year 6 leaver / parent Mass

Friday 13 December - End of Year Reports go home

Monday 16 December - Parent Open Classroom Afternoon 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 19 December - Prizegiving Mass at St Benedicts 6.00pm

Friday 20 December - Last day of school, Nativity walking school bus and Nativity play, School finishes at 1pm

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**FOR MORE INFO**  
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