


 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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COVID update - We have had a quiet week so far (thank goodness!!!) with only 4 new COVID cases and only a few families isolating. All of our teachers are back at school! This is great news.

Unfortunately many of the schools around us are really struggling at the moment with COVID cases, some have even made masks compulsory again and gone back to staggered breaktimes / pick up / drop off / no parents onsite etc. Some of the Colleges are even going back to day on / day off.

At St Francis our COVID guidelines state that we would return to things like a mask expectation, staggered breaktimes etc if we had: at least 5 positive cases of within school transmission each day for 3 consecutive days. We are nowhere near this criteria at the moment, but we will continue to keep a close eye on the situation. For now, Year 4 - 6 students and adults are “strongly encouraged” to wear masks, and the structure of the school day is as normal as possible.

Parish News - Good bye Bishop Michael - Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Michael Gielen as the new Bishop of Christchurch, starting in June. Bishop Michael has been the Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland since March 2020, and has supported both Bishop Pat and then Bishop Steve. Good luck in Christchurch.

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 with a vengeance 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.

2022 St Francis Cross Country Results -

- **5 year old girls -**
First place - Eden Fellows - **Ahi Whanau**
Second place - Eva McKenzie - **Ahi Whanau**
Third place - Poppy Lenehan - **Ahi Whanau**
- **5 year old boys -**
First place - Edward Marshall - **Wai Whanau**
Second place - Asger Jones - **Whenua Whanau**
Third place - Aaron De Abreu Noronha - **Rangi Whanau**
- **6 year old girls -**
First place - Posey Sullivan - **Whenua Whanau**
Second place - Mia Jansen - **Wai Whanau**
Third place - Georgia Reid - **Rangi Whanau**
- **6 year old boys -**
First place - Zach Leite - **Wai Whanau**
Second place - Taika Purcell - **Wai Whanau**
Third place - Harrison Skeates - **Wai Whanau**
- **7 year old girls -**
First place - Isla Miskimmons - **Wai Whanau**
Second place - Florentina Kitchen - **Wai Whanau**
Third place - Petra Davison - **Wai Whanau**
- **7 year old boys -**
First place - Nicholas Gagna Mariadas - **Ahi Whanau**
Second place - Marco Dymond - **Ahi Whanau**
Third place - Keanu Funaki - **Rangi Whanau**
- **8 year old girls -**
First place - Amaya Connell De Fernando - **Ahi Whanau**
Second place - Gianna Munro - **Rangi Whanau**
Third place - Edlynn D'Mello - **Rangi Whanau**
- **8 year old boys -**
First place - Theo Jansen - **Wai Whanau**
Second place - Cameron Joyce - **Wai Whanau**
Third place - Mason Bedford - **Rangi Whanau**
- **9 year old girls -**
First place - Jean Fisher - **Whenua Whanau**
Second place - Emily White - **Whenua Whanau**
Third equal - Lulita Cabral McIlroy - **Ahi Whanau**
Third equal - Sienna Pye - **Wai Whanau**
Fifth place - Olive Morrison - **Ahi Whanau**
Sixth place - Siendra Lawrence - **Whenua Whanau**
Seventh place - Olivia Halpin - **Rangi Whanau**
Eighth place - Caitlin Reid - **Rangi Whanau**
- **9 year old boys -**
First place - Finn Poland - **Rangi Whanau**
Second place - Dominic Brown - **Whenua Whanau**



Third place - Mateo Vuksich - Wai Whanau
 Four place - Patrick Miln-Harris - Whenua Whanau
 Fifth place - Dean Milina - Rangī Whanau
 Sixth place - Harry Lewis-Cranwell - Ahi Whanau
 Seventh place - Jackson Allen - Wai Whanau
 Eighth place - Marcellus Jones - Rangī Whanau

● **10 years old + girls -**

First place - Rosa Bailey - Wai Whanau
 Second place - Isla 'Uhila - Wai Whanau
 Third place - Emma Leite - Wai Whanau
 Fourth place - Evelyn Tuifua - Rangī Whanau
 Fifth place - Mila O'Donnell - Whenua Whanau
 Sixth place - Edie Keating - Wai Whanau
 Seventh equal - Chloe Talaic - Ahi Whanau
 Seventh equal - Margaux Malone - Wai Whanau

● **10 years old + boys -**

First place - Sam Jisen - Whenua Whanau
 Second place - Matthew Borich - Ahi Whanau
 Third place - Luka Milina - Rangī Whanau
 Forth place - Sam Atkinson-Burns - Whenua Whanau
 Fifth place - Liam Joyce - Wai Whanau
 Sixth place - Jesse Wright - Rangī Whanau
 Seventh place - Chen Huang - Rangī Whanau
 Eighth place - Zac Munro - Rangī Whanau



Cross Country Winning Whanau: Wai

Thank you to the Parent Helpers who ran the Sausage Sizzle and the Cafe, these awesome events can't happen without you!!!! The money raised by the Friends of St Francis at the Cross Country: \$1,222.41. All of this fundraising will go towards the Canopy project.

Good luck to the Year 5 and 6 runners who will be competing in the Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition tomorrow at Grey Lynn Park.

Basketball Hoops have arrived at St Francis - The new reversible basketball / netball hoops on the lower courts that were recently installed have sparked a huge interest and participation in these sports. A big Thank You to the School Board of Trustees for arranging a grant that covered the entire cost.



Netball - Thursday night Netball: The Interceptors won 5-0 against the Onehunga Netball Ninjas, POD - Nina. Saturday Netball: Even though it was a cold, drizzle Saturday morning the St Francis netball teams arrived with smiles on their faces ready to play.

Year 3 Wolves had a draw, POD- Alice
 Year 4 Apostles won 9-0, POD- Edlynn
 Year 5 Angels lost 3-6, POD- Caitlin
 Year 5 Disciples won 6-1, POD- Madi
 Year 6 Saints won 4-1, POD- Sarah



St Francis Catholic School Re-brand 2022!

Parent Evening - Tuesday 31 May
5.30 - 6.30pm

Please RSVP @ lisab@stfrancis.school.nz

Board of Trustees news - At last night's Board meeting we farewelled our two fantastic Board Co-Chairs, Callie Fell and James Murphy. Callie and James have worked tirelessly to make sure that St Francis Catholic School maintained our high standards of teaching and learning, following the Strategic Plan they set three years ago. They have worked well as a team and lead the Board of Trustees through exciting times. We are extremely grateful to Callie and James for everything they have done for our community.



After saying farewell to Callie and James, we voted in our two new Co-chairs, Caroline Botting and Phil Jaggard. These two fabulous people will lead us through until at least the Board elections in September. We are very grateful to have such awesome leadership at our school.



Year 5 and 6 Rice Day Challenge - "One Days Challenge for a Lifetime of Change".

On Tuesday this week the children in the Te Arataki team took on the challenge of walking in the footsteps of those less fortunate than themselves. They accepted the challenge of only eating rice at school for a day. A common existence for many poor around the world.

The Liturgy Team and helpers were busy cooking rice for our morning tea and lunch, and serving others. We had over 55kg of rice donated for the Salvation Army Food Bank in Royal Oak. A huge thank you to our parent community for your support and to our amazing students who accepted this challenge.



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.

Sibling Photos - 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

Garden to Table - This week Room 5 and Room 8 made Crispy Pita Bread Chips with Feta and Radish Dip and Hummus. <https://stfrancis.school.nz/our-school/garden-to-table/>



Canopy Fundraising - Canopy Fundraising Posters with scannable QR codes for easy donating have been placed at the front of the School gate and around the School. Please donate generously as we are keen to get the Canopy project underway by the end of 2022. Signing up to **TaxGift** (refer below) will also help fast-track our fundraising efforts.



TaxGift - We're a TaxGift School! You can grow your donations to St Francis Catholic School by signing up to TaxGift and gifting the tax credits on your donations to the School from this year forward. Here's how: As a NZ taxpayer you can claim a tax credit of 33% on the School donations you make, but if you choose to gift that tax credit to St. Francis School, TaxGift will turn it into even more for our School – all as a gift in your name. It takes less than a minute for you to sign up, costs you nothing (*the School pays TaxGift a small fee for this service*) and you won't need to do anything further. TaxGift will make your donation grow, for the benefit of the School for such things as the Canopy. Visit TaxGift's website (www.taxgift.co.nz) for more information.



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St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night - All School

Dad's (past and present) are cordially invited to a delectable evening of darts (*and drinks*, including highly sought after craft beer such as Lion Red). The next sensational monthly darts session will be on this 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.

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

Dates for 2023:

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 6 April
Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

Coming Up:

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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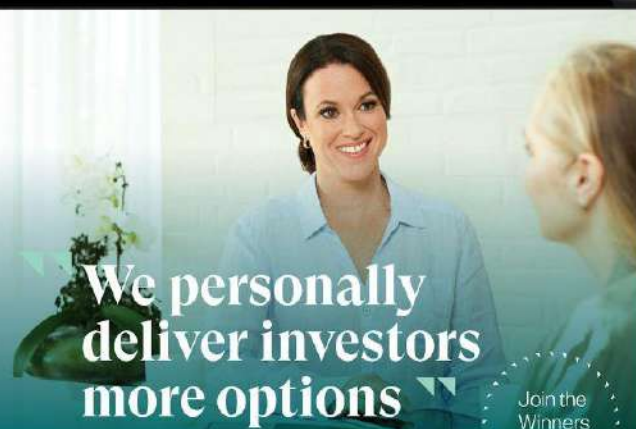
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