

## 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 Sunday - 18th August - Children's Mass: All Welcome!** Our school / parish children's Mass will be this Sunday the 18th of August. We are thrilled to have our winner of 'The Proclaiming the Word' speech final Arnav Reid and runner up Rosa Santoro presenting the readings at this Mass. This will be a ukulele Mass. We encourage all families to come along at 9.00am.

**Feast of the Assumption:** August 15 is when we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It is the time we remember when Our Mother Mary was taken up to Heaven, body and soul, to be with God. Our Lady is in Heaven now with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever. We will celebrate this feast day at the Children's Mass on Sunday.



**Parish news:** Father John will be travelling to South Africa next week for a month. In his absence, Fr Ezio Blasoni will preside over weekend Masses including Selwyn Village and the School Mass. Please make him feel welcome. We wish Father John and his sister Maureen a safe trip home, and look forward to their return.

**Maths Week:** We are celebrating our annual MATHS WEEK this week with daily games, activities and challenges. Please ask your children about their learning in maths this week. Talking positively about Maths is very important. Here are a few suggestions of Maths related activities you could do at home:

<https://www.mathsweek.co.nz/> <https://nzmaths.co.nz/maths-our-house> <https://nzmaths.co.nz/maths-kete>  
<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/reading-writing-and-maths/>

Play board games together as a family, sing your times tables in the car on the way to school, play card games together, do some letterbox maths on the way to the shops e.g. call out the odd numbered letterboxes, add the letterbox numbers together, figure out the next letterbox number without looking, ask your child to keep track of how much the groceries are going to cost as you go around the supermarket, write maths questions in chalk on your driveway, find things in your house that are “equal” e.g. how much butter would I need so that it weighed the same as this much milk? How many clothes pegs would I need to have the same amount as toys in your toybox? Tell some maths jokes: (these make great maths conversation starters)

- Q. Why was the maths book sad? A. Because it had too many problems.
- Q: Why did the girl wear glasses during math class? A: Because it improves her di-vision.
- Q: What was T. rex’s favorite number? A: Eight (ate).
- Q: What is a mathematician’s favourite dessert? A: Pi
- Q: How can you make seven even? A: Take away the “S”.
- Q: Why did the student do multiplication problems on the floor? A: The teacher told him not to use tables.

**Our School Uniform is looking awesome:** Well done everyone! Your school uniform is looking great. You look clean, tidy and proud of your school uniform.



#### **Uniform Reminders:**

Available from Elizabeth Michael - 4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn.

Girl’s School Uniform: Short Sleeve Blouse, Culottes, Cardigan/Fleece Jacket and Under the Knee socks.

Boy’s School Uniform: Short Sleeve Shirt, Shorts, Jumper/Fleece Jacket, Socks with stripes.

Other accessories: Hair scrunchie / head band, Rain Jacket, Bucket Hat and Sports shorts.

Hats, PE t-shirts and sports shorts are also available at the school office.

During the Winter months it is ok for children to wear a black or navy blue (no other colours!!!) long sleeve top underneath their uniform shirt to keep them extra warm. All classrooms have insulation and heaters but it is still very cold in the mornings.

**Second-hand uniforms are available from ‘The Friends of St Francis’, through the school office. These are at a heavily discounted price. Please consider donating your old school uniforms.**

**Parent Feedback:** Last week I sent home a survey (on pink paper) to collect your feedback on the Assessment / Reporting / Parent Interview process at our school. I am looking forward to hearing your opinions and ideas for the future. If you would prefer to communicate via email or face-to-face please let me know. If you need another survey please see Anne at the school office.





Please see the Wine and Food Festival newsletter also attached with this newsletter.

Loving our new play area - Thanks Friends of St Francis!!



**Start preparing now!!** Early in Term 4 there will be auditions for the Friends of St Francis Wine and Food Festival **TALENT SHOW!!!!!!** Myself and Mrs Mahoney will be auditioning Year 3 - 6 individuals and / or groups to perform on the main stage at the Wine and Food Festival. Start getting ready!

This week at Garden to Table:



FYI Garden to Table fundraiser still going: Cook Book - Bounty, Cooking with Vegetables \$39.95 each. \$5 to the school. See email last week or posters around the school. Makes a great Christmas Present.

**Coming up this term:**

Friday 16 August - Assembly run by Seniors  
 Monday 19 August - Gymnastics starts for Year 3 and 4, Hearing and Vision Testing  
 Wednesday 21 August - Rugby/ Rippa Rugby Comp rain day - Fingers crossed for sun!!!  
 Thursday 22 August - Puberty Parent Night  
 Wednesday 28 August - Board of Trustees meeting  
 Thursday 29 August - Inner city Sports Cluster Soccer Tournament at Seddon Field  
 Friday 30 August - Year 5 and 6 Father's Day Breakfast, Assembly run by Rms 7 + 9  
 Friday 6 September - Year 5 and 6 class speech finals, 2.15pm Netball Prizegiving  
 Monday 9 September - Year 5 and 6 Speech Competition evening, Friends of St Francis Meeting  
 Thursday 12 September - Inner city Sports Cluster Netball Tournament at Onewa Netball Courts  
 Friday 13 September - Assembly run by Rms 3 + 6 Welcoming new children  
 Tuesday 24 September - Board of Trustees meeting  
 Friday 27 September - Last day of Term 3, God Strand Assembly run by Juniors

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