

**Auckland at Level 3** - When I started writing this newsletter yesterday things were very different. Life at St Francis was back to normal, with only some extra hand washing and cleaning to remind us of the lockdown days. Now we are back under Level 3 restrictions, although hopefully only very temporarily. Fingers crossed that everyone is sensible and safe, and that school will resume on Monday.

Please see my email sent out to all families this morning for more information.

## Now in an attempt to create some routine and normality - here is the weekly newsletter as planned!

**Congratulations** to these people who received the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation last night. We are very proud of you!!!! Matthew Borich, Lorenzo Chuo, Jaime Connell De Fernando, Jessica Edmonds, Hugo Friis, Frankie Glamuzina, Luka Milina, Dean Milina, Finn Poland, Allie Poland, Tiana Reddy, Oscar Reid, Isla Reid, Isabella Reyburn, Amelia Reyburn, Vincent Smith, Charlie Smith, Maxwell Smyth and Orlando Webb.

Thank you to Father John, Alicia King, Annie Cass, Sue Glamuzina and Tania Donnianni for preparing the children for their Sacrament.

**Photo Day is coming up next Tuesday** - This year we will have Class, Individual and (a selection of netball) team photos. Flyers about this are coming home today. What you need to know:

- We are looking for - perfect uniform, tidy hair, clean school shoes etc.
- Class Photos as usual. Netball Team Photos as usual.
- Individual Photos - all children will have individual photos taken this year, as many people were disappointed that this wasn't an option last year.
- Family/Sibling photos will need to be requested before the Photo Day. There are order forms available at the school office.
- All photos can be viewed online before you order.
- There is no obligation to purchase any of the photos.

**These dates may change now. Watch this space!  
We will send the flyers home when the children  
return to school.**

**Rain Coats** - in the winter terms we suggest that your child keeps a raincoat at the bottom of their school bag. Yesterday's weather meant that we had many soaking wet children who were caught short because they were not prepared. Raincoats are always better than umbrellas, which get lost, break or get used in sword fights.

**Maths Week** - this week we are celebrating Maths Week with games, quizzes and activities. Here is a photo of Tuesday's winners of the 'whole school Bingo' game, which was called out over the loudspeaker. Here are some Maths Week activities you can try at home:

- Daily Challenges on <https://www.mathsweek.co.nz/>
- <https://www.funbrain.com/math-zone>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
- <https://nz.ixl.com/math/>
- Helping your children at home:  
<https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-whanau>

**Year 5 and Year 6 Garden to Table Blog info** - as requested by some parents: <https://blog.seesaw.me/garden2tablestfran> password digin123



Year 1 - learning the Hokey Pokey, like the good old days:



Year 5 and 6 Rugby and Ripa Rugby teams -



**Mountain Biking Team** - Luke Putt, Daniel Sheldon and Matias Donnianni raced at Woodhill last weekend, in the under 13 age group of the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking Series. Another great effort on a muddy 13.5km course.



**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.

**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)

**Coming up this term:**

Tuesday 18 August - School Photos Day - Class, Team and Individual Photos - online ordering / payment system  
Tuesday 25 August - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm  
Thursday 27 August - Inner City Sports Cluster - Soccer Comp - Seddon Fields TBC  
- Year 6 Parent meeting for the Puberty Programme 6.00pm - this is a change of date  
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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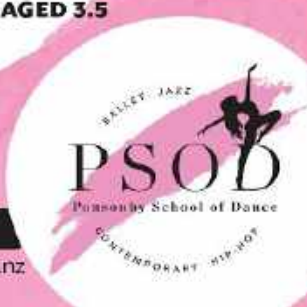
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