

NEWSLETTER

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“To provide challenges for all students
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Teacher Only Day: This Friday!!!! School will not be open.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this Friday is Teacher Only Day. The teachers and support staff will be participating in Professional Development, so the school will be closed for the day. This is part of the '8 PD days' the government has given schools over the next three years.

Skids will be open on this day (if they reach the minimum requirement of children). Book by the 4th of March.

Open from 8am - 4pm. Parents who are regular users of Skids have already been emailed by Jackie.

Contact Details: Jackie Arroyo - Skids St Francis Pt Chev

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Website: <https://www.skids.co.nz>



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Coronavirus Update: At St Francis we are closely monitoring the rapidly-evolving situation with guidance from the Ministries of Education and Health, and we urge families to remain calm and considerate to all people. We will keep in contact with you if any further public health measures are needed. Below is the most recent update from the Ministry of Education:



Latest updates on CoronaVirus from the Ministry of Education

The existing travel restrictions for travellers from China and Iran have been extended for a further 7 days.

The Prime Minister also announced on Monday that measures are now in place for travellers arriving from Northern Italy and from South Korea. They will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days (calculated from the date they left South Korea or Northern Italy). They are still able to travel to New Zealand, there is no restriction of access to New Zealand for people arriving from these two countries.

The Ministry of Health has updated their Advice for travellers as a result of this announcement - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-advice-travellers>. In summary:

Category 1 – travellers who have been present in or transited through countries in this category are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival – currently **Iran, China, South Korea and Northern Italy**. Note for Iran and China, there are also restrictions in place for who can travel to New Zealand. New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, residents with valid travel conditions and their immediate family, will still be able to come to New Zealand. Australian citizens and permanent residents are also not subject to the travel restrictions if New Zealand is their primary place of established residence.

Category 2 – travellers from countries in this category should be aware of COVID-19 symptoms. **They do not have to self-isolate if well.** They should self-isolate if they develop any symptoms of concern and ring Healthline (0800 358 5453) if they develop symptoms within 14 days of departing the Category 2 country. Countries currently in this category are Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and Italy (noting northern Italy is in category 1)

Please continue to refer to the [Ministry of Health](#) website and our [website](#), for further information.

Handwashing to prevent spread

All schools and early learning services are still in the Keep it Out phase of a pandemic plan. The **preventative measures** Health is encouraging schools and early learning services to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin



- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

You will be aware that advice from Health asks everyone to wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly should take about 20 seconds. To assist with this messaging, there are a couple of useful videos from the National Health Service (UK) that might help teach good hand washing techniques:

- Teaches hand washing technique (UK NHS): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>
- Hand washing happy birthday (UK NHS): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGJNspLRdrc>

A Message from the Junior School: PMP: What is PMP? Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a parent led programme at St Francis Catholic School. It develops Y0-2 children's perceptions and understandings of distance, height and space. PMP is a step-by-step programme based on physical and sensory activities that are repeated over and over. Under-developed perception can slow learning. Children with problems such as inattention and clumsiness often have poorly developed "perceptual world views" which can affect their learning. A consistent and varied "diet" of physical and sensory experience is the key to developing perception and coordination. The store of experiences when those perceptions and reactions become automatic leaves the brain free for higher thinking tasks. PMP prepares the brain for learning.

What do we need?

A lead parent to run a roster of parents and check all equipment is in good order. Also a group of 5 to 8 parents to work on set up of equipment, monitoring and explanation of the activities to children then pack down. The commitment is from 8:30 to 11:15 on Thursdays and Fridays in Term 2 and 3. Training is given to helpers.

How are children taught?

Classes come to the Hall for 25 minutes and move through 4 parent supervised stations each week. Stations develop hand-eye coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion (moving the whole body).

But I'm not fit!

No worries! Your job with the children is to check they do the activities safely and completely.

So how do I sign up to help?

Email Ms Wishart meganw@stfrancis.school.nz

Year 5 and 6 Inner City Sports Cluster Cricket Competition: Victoria Park last Thursday



Thank you to our Parent Umpires, Scorekeepers and Supporters. Thank you to Mr Wright for organising the tournament for the cluster.

A message from Father John: Converted Catholic or just want a refresher?

An open invitation to join Father John as he gives a series of talks (for adults) on various aspects of Catholicism:

Tuesday nights 7.00pm - 8.30pm in our Church

14th of April - The Church

21st of April - The Sacraments

28th of April - The Eucharist Part 1*

5th of May - The Eucharist Part 2*

26th of May - Penance

*New Ministers of Holy Communion, please attend sessions 3 and 4 for formation.

You're invited!

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites you to the episcopal ordination of Rev Fr Michael Gielen, Auxilliary Bishop

The Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South Road,

Wiri, Manukau. **Saturday 7 March - 11.00am** aucklandcatholic.org.nz



More St Francis Ski Team Photos:



Private Music Lessons at St Francis Catholic School: Tomorrow a teacher from the MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE will be facilitating 2 x 30 minute free workshops / Music Lesson 'taste tester' session in the hall. This is to identify children who might be interested in private instrument lessons during school hours.

They will also be handing out to each student a pamphlet and an enrolment form.

For those families interested: please return the enrolment form to the school office ASAP and then the Music Education Centre can organise everything from there.

We have already had quite a few families mention that this will free up after school time for them!!!

Next Friends of St Francis Meeting - Monday 9 March @ 7.30pm in the school Whanau Room. All welcome. Check out the Friends of St Francis facebook page - *Friends of St Francis Catholic School*.

St Paul's College Open Day: (Please note the change in date - I made a mistake!!!)

Thursday 5th of March 2020. Sessions - 9.30am and 1.45pm. 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby. Assemble in the College Chapel, followed by a tour. Enrolments for Year 7, 8 and 9.



Community Notice: ½ size violin with case for sale. Brand new condition. To view ph: Margaret (Registered Music teacher) 021776411. Montrose St Pt Chev.



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31 March 2020
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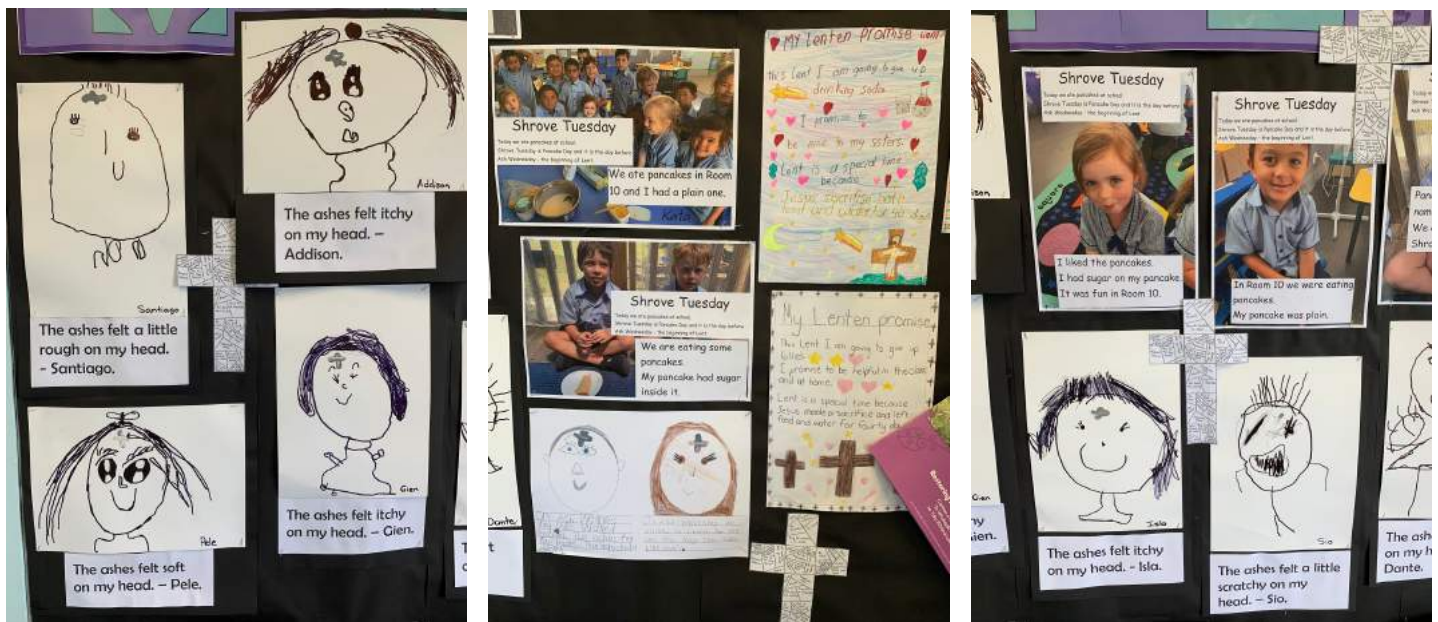
Up team looking for more 8-9 year olds

Girls and boys aged 4-13

www.waitakererugby.co.nz



Lent / Ash Wednesday Display Photos:



Coming up this term:

- Friday 6 March: Teacher Only Day - no school - Teacher are on a Professional Development course
- Monday 9 March: Friends of St Francis Meeting
- Friday 13 March: Assembly lead by Room 4 and Room 11 @ 2.15pm
- Tuesday 17 March: St Patrick's Day Walking School Bus Dress Up
- Tuesday 24 March - Wednesday 25 March - Year 6 Overnight stay at Tawharanui Regional Park
- Thursday 26 March: Inner City Sports Cluster Softball competition - Year 5 and 6 - Cox's Bay Reserve
- Friday 27 March: Jesus Strand Assembly to Welcome New Children lead by the Middle School @ 2.15pm
- Sunday 5 April: Palm Sunday
- Thursday 9 April: Holy Thursday - Last day of Term One - Assembly lead by Room 6 and Room 7 @ 2.15pm
- Friday 10 April: Good Friday
- Sunday 12 April: Easter Sunday
- Monday 27 April: ANZAC Day
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two begins

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