

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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Welcome Back to the “new normal”!

Welcome back to school after almost two months of uncertainty and challenges. Throughout these difficult times of COVID19, lockdown, school closures etc I, like most people, have been very proud to be a kiwi. Our country has done a wonderful job fighting this epidemic and now we look forward to our “new normal”.

I am pleased to report that we have had a very successful transition back to school with an average attendance rate of 89%. Most of our children have returned to school with big smiles on their faces, keen to see their friends and continue their learning. What fantastic, resilient children we have!!! And a special thank you to the parents for following the drop off / pick up rules. You have made this part of the day stress-free and we really appreciate it. Thank you.



I would like to reiterate that there will be no talk from us about academic “catch up” or “the work the children have missed during lockdown”, instead we are celebrating the learning that happened at home and moving forward in a positive manner. There will also be no discussion regarding who completed work at home and who did not – inability to work from home or limited amounts of schoolwork done at home does not mean no

20 May 2020

Term Two Week Six

learning happened during this time. We will not be making judgements on families who were unable to complete work from home as we understand the pressures that came with the lockdown situation.

We are looking forward to positive times ahead, and working very hard to make sure our Health and Safety procedures are followed so that we don't go back into Level 3 / Level 4 restrictions.

Our children are happy to be back at school:



Exciting news from Auckland Netball - we are looking at re-starting the Netball competitions on or after June 19. We will let you know as soon as we have a definite date and appropriate Health and Safety guidelines.

The month of May - honouring our Mother, the Virgin Mary

During May we honour the Mother of Jesus Christ, Mary of Nazareth. Mary is an outstanding role model because she answered God's call despite the difficulties that came with it. Her great faith and humanity is inspiring. She teaches us to be faithful, compassionate, committed and to act with love. Below are beautiful pictures of Mary, depicted as different ethnicities, showing us a glimpse of ourselves in her image.



THE HAIL MARY

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE. BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS. HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. AMEN.



Welcome: to our newest staff member, Mrs Jozie Sharpe, who is our new part time Reading Recovery teacher. Finding a good quality specialist teacher is a very difficult task, so we are very blessed to have Mrs Sharpe until the end of the year. God has answered our prayers!!!!

Attendance Dues - invoices are currently being sent out from our office. Please let us know if COVID19 has affected your ability to pay this, as there is a very generous Hardship Grant fund from the NZ Bishops to cover this if needed. With many people losing jobs and having wages cut the NZ Bishops are doing everything they can to make sure that families don't leave the Catholic education system because of cost.

Coming up this term: (Please Note: Most events have been cancelled or postponed until later in the year)



Monday 25 May - Book Week **POSTPONED until later in the year**, Samoan Language Week
 Tuesday 26 May - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
 Thursday 28 May - Inner City Sports Cluster Cross Country Day **CANCELLED**
 Sunday 31 May - Pentecost Sunday (50 days after Easter Sunday)
 Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday Weekend
 Tuesday 2 June - Teacher Only Day **CANCELLED**
 Tuesday 23 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
 Friday 3 July - Last day of Term 2 - School Holidays (as previously scheduled)
 Monday 20 July - First day of Term 3 (as previously scheduled)





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