

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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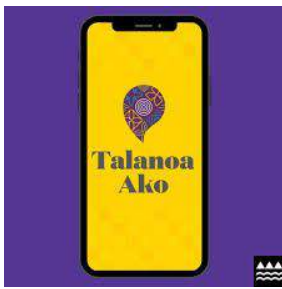


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A message from the Parish: CHILDREN'S LITURGY - If you've been thinking of an easy way to participate more fully in Church or you have a teenager (or pre-teen) you're finding hard to convince to come to Mass, why not team up with them to lead our children in their own liturgy of the word. Every 9am Sunday Mass during the school term only, the Parish holds a Children's liturgy in the School whanau room (where some adults take the children out for part of the Mass). You (or you and your teenager) can find fun ways to help the children understand God's message. It's only a small time commitment and is a great way to meet other children in our wider Parish community - it can also go towards College service hours. You only have to be rostered once a term. A detailed lesson plan is provided to give you guidance and training and resources are all provided. Contact the Parish Office by Email (stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz) or phone (09 846 7612) for more information.

Level 1 - Dealing with the children's health and wellbeing: It seems that the excitement of returning to school after lockdown is wearing off for many of our children. THE HONEYMOON IS OVER!! We are seeing a lot of exhausted, grumpy, out of routine children who are desperate for school holidays (still over two weeks away). **This is absolutely fine and to be expected after such uncertain times.** Please make sure your child / children are getting lots of sleep, eating healthy food and spending time relaxing and unwinding. And remember if a meltdown happens - be understanding. Our children have dealt with a lot of change lately, it is perfectly reasonable that they won't be at the top of their game at the moment. Please talk to your child's teacher if you are concerned about anything - we are here to help!!



A message from Mrs Simpson, our Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO): The Talanoa Ako digital app is now available. The digital app for Pacific families includes key information about education in 10 Pacific languages and English. The Talanoa Ako app follows the previously launched Talanoa Ako radio programme to support Pacific parents with distance learning. The radio programme continues to air on the Pacific Media Network (PMN) station. Parents who have missed the radio programme can start their Talanoa Ako journey via the digital app while those who were able to tune in can use the app as an additional tool to refresh their learning and continue building on it. The radio programme will air its

10th and final Talanoa Ako session on 22-28 June 2020. The app is free to download for Apple and Android phones and tablets.



Congratulations to: Matias Donnianni, Luke Putt and Daniel Sheldon who competed in the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking race at Waitawa Regional Park on Sunday. Competing in the U13 age group, they raced well on a very challenging course.

Flipperball: Any Year 4, 5 or 6 child who is interested in Flipperball, which is a child-friendly version of Water Polo, please get in touch with Di Collie at diana@maberly.com Games will be beginning in Term 3.

A message from Mr Wilkie, our school caretaker / garden expert:



Photo 1: A view of some of the pupils' seedlings and plants growing in the glass house

Photo 2: A view of Garden area 1 showing young plants – and two new gardens yet to be filled by garden soil

Photo 3: A view of another group of lettuce seedlings in the glasshouse (thanks to Mr and Mrs Simpson)

Photo 4: A view of part of Garden area 2 - showing thriving plants – Spinach, Pak Choi, Rainbow Silverbeet, Rhubarb in the middle garden, Beans and Beetroot in the third garden.

Photo 5: A view of Gardens area 2 – our beautiful young orange tree plus showing three new, but empty, gardens

- The five empty gardens need a total of about 4 cu m of soil/ compost (50/50 mix would be good) to fill them. Does anyone have access to such a supply of garden soil that can be donated and delivered to the school?
- Also we need ASAP, a supply of clean plastic milk containers (1, 2 or 3 litre) for bottling Worm Wees. Note - we will be selling our growing supply of Worm Wees, and some Kowhai seedlings, in the very near future. Watch this space.
- Advance warning – next term we plan to have a working-bee or two. This is to try and eliminate the increasing areas of bamboo/ thistle/ weeds, along the bank and fence-line next to the Montrose Street properties.

A message from the library: Last day for Book Club orders is TOMORROW!!! Orders are expected to be delivered next week.

Grandparents Day: Unfortunately we have cancelled Grandparents Day this year, which I know will disappoint a lot of people. We have spent months telling our children about how we should protect our elderly and vulnerable loved ones from the pandemic, so we thought it would be too confusing to then invite hundreds of Grandparents to our school. Please let the Grandparents know that we care about them very much and hope to see them for Grandparents Day next year.

Some fantastic writing from our amazing children:

Dear Healthcare Workers, Thank you for all you have done for our community. I hope you are proud of what you do for your job because you are helping people and going to work when others aren't. That is really hard, and that is why I am proud of what you do, so I think you should be too. By Millie

My dad is cool and is very good at helping me with things. He gives me hugs, love and support. Dad fixes my bike and toys that need batteries and repairs. He plays sports with me like soccer and cricket and he scooters with me too. Dad works long hours at work. At our bach, Dad takes me fly fishing and teaches me how to use a bow and arrow and how to cook. We are going to build a house at the lake, and he is going to teach me how to build. During lockdown, I was proud of my dad; because he is deaf, he has to work harder than other people at work, and he does! I like it most when Dad and I go on walks. I love my dad and he loves me! By Frankie

Zookeepers are awesome - They feed the animals. You have to be brave to feed a lion, tiger, crocodile or a rhinoceros. They look after sick animals like doctors look after people. I think this is so awesome. By Joseph

My awesome friend- My friend, Dean, is awesome because he climbs up trees. He likes climbing trees because it is like a climbing contest. He went way up and Jackson, Leo and I couldn't reach him. By Marcelo

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

Coming up this term:

Thursday 18 June - Netball Coaches meeting 8.00am

Friday 19 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart

Monday 22 June - Matariki begins

Tuesday 23 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 25 June - "Father's Support Club" (Darts) Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403

Friday 3 July - Last day of Term 2 - **Pyjama Day and Sausage Sizzle - more details ASAP**

Monday 20 July - First day of Term 3 (as previously scheduled)

Friday 24 July - Mid Year Reports sent home

Wednesday 29 July and Thursday 30 July - Parent Interviews (bookings open closer to the date) and Art Exhibition

Tuesday 18 August - School Photos Day - Class, Team and Individual Photos - online ordering / payment system



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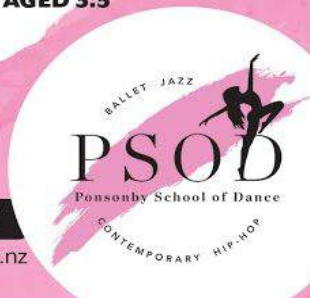
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