

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
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catholics"



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Today is the birthday of St John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a friend and cousin of Jesus, who was known for spreading the Good News and his baptising of Jesus.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began his public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptised, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians. Following his baptism of Jesus, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.



John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD. John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

Our prayers go out to Katija Tarawa (Room 2) and her family who lost their Nana last week.

Catholic Special Character External Review Report - We have received our finalised review report from the Catholic Schools Office (overdue because of lockdown). It is long and wordy so rather than share the whole report with all of our families we have decided to share excerpts from the documents within the next few newsletters. If you are interested in reading the whole document it has been published on the school website.

“Encounter with Christ - Te Tutaki ki a Te Karaiti: St Francis Catholic School, Pt Chevalier has an extremely strong community and family environment and culture. The feeling of belonging to the St Francis family was spoken about by the Board of Trustees, staff, parents and students. This, along with the fact it is a Catholic school were the main reasons parents chose the school for their children.

The spirituality of St Francis Catholic School was very evident in the way staff and students pray together, relate to each other, welcome visitors and support each other and the wider community... There is an authentic and innate Catholic spirituality in the staff which is reflected in the children and their families. The students are aware of when and where they encounter Christ throughout their day and the importance of being kaitaki for God's creation.

Classroom prayers are a sacred and reverent time across the school... Evidence of the relationship the students are developing with Jesus could be found in the deep personal prayers they shared...It was impressive to see parents joining the classes and participating in prayers.

*The School's values: **B**e honest; **R**espect self, others and the environment; **A**cting with humility, compassion and tolerance; **V**aluing people and creation as holy and blessed; **E**mbracing all cultures - are known to the children and their parents and are lived at school. They are well displayed in every classroom. The children interviewed were able to give examples of how they live these values.*

Many teachers are active members in the Parish and all are excellent, positive role models who support, uphold and witness to the Special Catholic Character of the school. The Board of Trustees, parents and students all stated that the teachers were a strength of the school.

Encounter with Christ - Next Steps:

- *Opportunities for older students and staff to be involved in retreats*
- *Continue to build strong relationships with parishes e.g. Holy Family in Te Atatu etc*

Pyjama Day and Sausage Sizzle - Friday the 3rd of July, the last day of Term 2.



The 'PJ Planners from Te Arataki' (our Year 5 and 6 team) are organising another Pyjama Day and collecting childrens pyjamas for a charity called Jammies in June, supported by Middlemore Hospital.

If you would like to contribute by buying brand new childrens pyjamas to donate please send them to the school office and put them in the special box by the 3rd of July. If you are unable to buy any pyjamas, you could bring a gold coin donation on our actual Pyjama Day.

On Friday the 3rd of July everyone can come to school in their pyjamas, and wear them all day. No school uniforms needed!!! Info about the Sausage Sizzle coming soon.

Thank you, from the 'PJ planners from Te Arataki':
Annabelle B, Abigail H, Evelyn B, Isla S, Tyla S, Kate B



2019 Pyjama Day Team → → → → → → → → → → →

Extra Music Lessons - This initiative is very popular and working out very well for our children. If you have any interest in your child participating please email lessons@musiceducation.co.nz or check out their website for prices www.musiceducation.co.nz



Health and Safety - Please don't park over / turn around in our neighbours driveways, especially Father John's!!!



Friends of St Francis: Thank you to those of you who have put your names forward for parent class room representatives, we will be touch next term to arrange a get together. We are still looking for representation for Rooms 7 and 8. Please let us know if you can help. Thanks in advance, Sue Glamuzina and Adriana Vuksich

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



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ALICE IN WONDERLAND Mon 06 Jul  You are invited to the MadHatters Tea Party. Join us!	NZ BAKE OFF Tue 07 Jul  Make a chefs hat, put an apron on and let's bake.	DRESS UP DAY Wed 08 Jul  Win a prize by dressing up as your favourite character.	LEGO CHALLENGE Thu 09 Jul  Get creative and show us your building skills.	DISCO FEVER Fri 10 Jul  Boogie on down to skids to show us your moves.
SLUMBER PARTY Mon 13 Jul  It's slumber party time! come in your pjamas and bring your pillow.	ITALIAN DAY Tue 14 Jul  Take out your Lab coats and add some science creation to your holiday.	SCIENCE DAY Wed 15 Jul  Let's make some cool science experiments.	EDIBLE ART Thu 16 Jul  We are making some amazing edible art. You can't miss it!!	SURVIVAL DAY Fri 17 Jul  Army face paint, scavenger hunt, roasted marshmallows and more.

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From the Ministry of Education - Managing Health and Safety in Schools at Alert Level 1 (summary):

There is an extremely low public health risk from the virus at Alert Level 1. With the exception of border controls including testing and quarantine / isolation for new arrivals, Alert Level 1 sees a return to life as we knew it pre-COVID19. All current restrictions on business and services are lifted.

Although NZ has made great progress in containing COVID19, there is still a global pandemic that is expected to continue into 2021 or even longer. It is important we remain vigilant and continue to practice good hygiene to minimise the risk of any community transmission.

There are no specific public health requirements for schools and early learning services at Alert Level 1. The Health and Safety at Work Act continues to apply and all schools and early learning services should adhere to the golden rules.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

There are no restrictions on personal movement at Alert Level 1 so all students, children and staff continue to be safe to go to school / early learning, and all students must attend school.

Upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.

Coming up this term:

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

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

24 June 2020

Term Two Week Eleven

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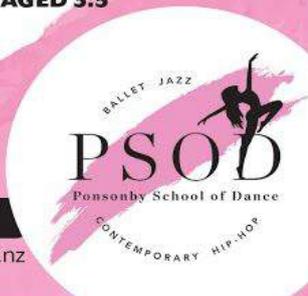
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