

NEWSLETTER

St Francis Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

"Providing a catholic education
that develops the whole person"

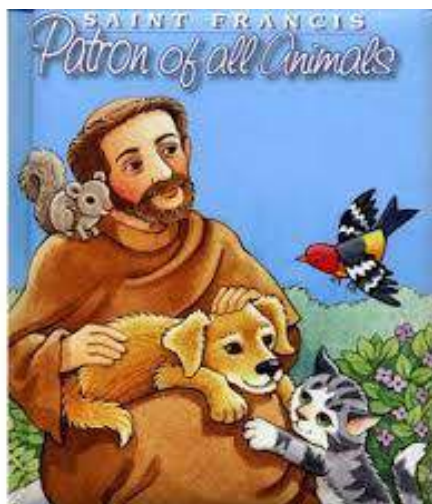
Vision Statement

"To provide challenges for all students
enabling them to develop as well rounded
individuals and socially responsible
catholics"



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Please keep the Asnake family (Ezra in Room 1, Ebenezer in Room 4 and Lucy in Room 6) in your prayers. Their new baby brother was born this morning. We can't wait to see him!

Also, our thoughts and prayers to the Espinosa family whose Great Grandmother has passed away.

Parish Event - Blessing of the Animals: Saturday 5 th October @ 3pm. We invite you all to come along to the Blessing of the Animals which will be held on the Presbytery Lawn. Cats, dogs, birds etc are ALL WELCOME! We will also be having a sausage sizzle. All proceeds to go to the Foundation for the Blind Seeing Eye Dog Association. Bring your family and friends and lets celebrate God's gift of Animals together!

Curriculum Update: An announcement from our Prime Minister, Jacinta Ardern, last week stated that New Zealand history will be a compulsory

subject in all schools by 2022. Expected lessons should include: arrival of Maori to NZ, the early colonial history of NZ, the Treaty of Waitangi and its history and immigration to NZ. Most of these topics are already covered at St Francis through the Social Studies curriculum, but it is nice to see the government valuing our history and ensuring it is passed down to future generations.



Room 6 learning to play Hockey with Mr Wright

Room 12 learning to play Cricket
With Nikheil from Grafton Cricket club

Principal's Award Winners from Friday's Assembly

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| Room 1 | Ezra Asnake and Jax Solano-Goodwin |
| Room 1A (One-derfull!) | Aloisio Huhane |
| Room 2 | Aiden Noranha |
| Room 3 | Alize Chadwick and Zere-Adam |
| Room 4 | Ebenezer Asnake |
| Room 5 | Margaux Malone |
| Room 6 | Hunter Timoteo |
| Room 7 | Patrick Bass |
| Room 8 | Thomas Malone and Evelyn Blackall |
| Room 9 | Kata Martin |
| Room 10 | Georgia Lamontanaro |
| Room 11 | Emily White and Jasmin Saeediamerah |
| Room 12 | Evelyn Tuifua |



Congratulations: to Arnie Reid, the St Francis Proclaiming of the Word winner 2019 and the St Francis Speech competition winner, who competed in the Auckland Catholic Schools Proclaiming the Word competition yesterday. He came **FIRST** out of all the Catholic Primary School speakers!!!! (Not the first time St Francis School has won the comp!) Arnie is pictured to the left with the competition judges: Mr Brendan Bergin - RE advisor and Mr Phil Mahoney - General Manager of Catholic Education Services (who will be at our school later next term for our Special Character Review).

Congratulations: to Hendrix Cox who is in the Auckland Development Climbing squad and competed over the weekend in the Auckland Interschools championships and placed 3rd in the Junior group (years 4-7). He also was placed 1st overall in the speed wall which was years 4-12, with a winning climb of 5.1 seconds. Earlier in the term he was placed 5th in the NZ regional championships - again representing St Francis Catholic School.

Congratulations: to our Year 6 B Netball Team who came runners up in their grade:

Lucy Asnake, Jessica Murphy, Eden Pease, Maja Greig, Sophie Snedden, Trinity Lee, Lelei Kura Kamo and Abby Schluter

A challenge for Room 8: The Year 5 and 6 students in Room 8 are currently working on a project where they have to build a chair, that supports the weight of one of their classmates, using only cardboard - no glue, no tape, just creativity and design. Can't wait to see if they can accomplish their goal.



Rugby World Cup: at St Francis we are gearing up to celebrate the Rugby World Cup which starts this Friday. To thank the children for their generous contributions to 'Pyjama Day' and 'Cans for Christmas' we are going to have a mufti day on the last day of term (next Friday). The theme will be: **BLACK OUT - Supporting the All Blacks.** We look forward to following the games and celebrating the successes (hopefully) of the All Blacks. If you want some Rugby World Cup activities to do with your child / children check out:

<https://www.rugbyworldcup.com/> <https://www.ruggerland.co.nz/>

<https://www.asianz.org.nz/our-resources/educational-resources/rugby-world-cup-japan-2018/>

Confirmed Dates for 2020:

First Day of School - Tuesday 4 February 2020 - Last Day of School - Wednesday 16 December 2020

Friends of St Francis Update: DISCO - Friday 1 November

Year 1 - 3: 5.30pm - 6.15pm, Year 4 - 6: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Coming up this term:

Thursday 19 September - Inner city Sports Cluster Netball Tournament at Onewa Netball Courts

Tuesday 24 September - Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 26 September - Inner city Sports Cluster Hockey Day at AGS

Friday 27 September - Last day of Term 3, God Strand Assembly run by Juniors 2.15pm - Mufti: BLACK DAY to support the All Blacks

Sunday 29 September - Sacrament of Confirmation with Father John and Bishop Denis Brown

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