

St Francis Catholic School

Board Of Trustees Newsletter - Dec 2020



Our Mission:

“Providing a Catholic Education that develops the whole person.”

Our Vision:

“To provide challenges for all students, enabling them to develop as well-rounded individuals and socially responsible Catholics.”

Kia ora koutou St Francis Catholic School community,

As this year draws to a close - and what a year it has been – the Board wanted to take the time to celebrate all we have achieved throughout 2020.

Although much of the year has been dominated, and affected, by the COVID-19 pandemic, together we have adapted quickly to the challenges it has thrown us.

We wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge our parents and whānau for all you have done to ensure our children continue to thrive. There is so much we have achieved at school with your help and support. The Board hugely appreciates the many hours given to athletics day, school camp, Garden to Table, PMP, the school disco, your donations, and your cooperation and assistance throughout our lockdowns. It's you that continues to make our school community so inclusive and successful.

We would also like to thank our talented and hard-working staff. We are privileged to have such a strong team who has worked through some enormous obstacles in 2020. But despite these, our recent data shows our students are continuing to achieve at high levels in reading, writing, and mathematics. This is a credit to their many hours of hard work and commitment, along with the help our students have received at home.

Our wonderful school community along with our achievements is cultivated and maintained by our principal, Lisa Bateman. Lisa's impressive leadership has ensured a strong strategic direction for the school, and has built on and preserved a positive educational environment, which

values and encourages involvement from staff, whānau and students. This is echoed in the number of new families we will welcome into St Francis in 2021, and was further endorsed by a recent outstanding principal's appraisal.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Father John for the way he positively contributes to our school and parish. We are lucky to have you.

In 2021, the Board looks forward to working with Lisa, staff, parents and whānau on achieving the best academic achievements for students, continuing to support staff professional development, ensure student and staff wellbeing, and financial management.

We'll continue our work in reviewing school policies, which are available on our website and in our policy folder in the school office. Working closely with Kāinga Ora and Auckland Transport on projects that may affect our school will also be key and we will keep you updated on any developments. As always, we welcome your feedback. If you would like to get in touch, please email us at office@stfrancis.school.nz

Finally, to our students who are leaving us this year, we hope the knowledge and values you have gained at St Francis will stand you in good stead in your next, exciting life chapter. We wish you the very best of luck.

Have a safe and happy summer break.
Merry Christmas everyone.

Manaakitia e te Atua



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