

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 to Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Sāmoa Language Week.

This year marks 12 years since Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand. 2022 is also a significant year for the Samoan community, being the 60th anniversary of Samoa Independence.



Gagana Samoa is the second most spoken language in Auckland and incorporating it into everyday language responds to the language, culture and identity of Samoan children.

#### Basic Samoan Phrases to practise at home:

Hello - Talofa	Please - Fa'amolemole	1 - 10 - tasi, lua, tolu, fa, lima,ono, fitu, valu, iva, sefulu
Welcome - Afio mai	Thank you - Fa'afetai	20 - lua sefulu
Goodbye - Tofa Soifua	My name is ... - O lou igoa o ...	50 - lima sefulu
Good morning - Manuia le Taeao	God is good - E lelei le Atua	100 - selau
Have a great day - la manuia le aso	How are you? - O a mai oe?	

**Parish News - St Francis Church Sacramental Programme for 2022** - Your child must be baptised Catholic and have had their 9th birthday by the 7th August 2022. (Please note that baptisms for this purpose will not be available from the end of June 2022). Registration cut-off is Friday 8th July 2022. Forms can be collected from the parish office or the school office. Limited spaces are available.

All lessons are at 10am in the Whanau Room. Masses are in the Church. The Programme will be as follows and your child must be able to attend all lessons.

- Reconciliation: Lesson 1 7th August, Lesson 2 14th August, Service Tuesday 23rd August 6:30pm
- First Holy Communion: Lesson 1 28th August, Lesson 2 4th September, Lesson 3 11th September, Practice 17th September 4pm in the Church, Mass 18th September time to be confirmed.
- Confirmation: Lesson 1 30th October, Lesson 2 6th November, Lesson 3 13th November, Practice 19th November 4pm in the Church, Mass 20th November time to be confirmed.

**Cultural Masses** - Each of our teams will be celebrating Pentecost next week by attending a Cultural Mass, with the Parish community. Parents are welcome to attend. Children are welcome to dress in a cultural costume (or something that represents their heritage or ethnicity) for the day of their Mass, if they wish. FYI - We link Pentecost with celebrating culture because that is when the Holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers "speak in tongues" (speaking in other languages to share the Good News around the world).

- Junior School - Tuesday 9:15am (Just Room 10, 11 and 12 are attending, not Room 1 and Room 9)
- Middle School - Wednesday 12pm
- Senior School - Wednesday 9:15am

**Inner City Sports Cluster - Cross Country competition -**



Well done to all the boys and girls who represented St Francis with pride and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and cheered from the sideline.

Congratulations to the children who placed in the top 10:

- Jaime Connell de Fernando who won the 10 year old boys race. Outstanding achievement!!!!!!
- Finn Poland who came 5th in the 9 year old boys race.

**Netball** - St Francis, with all five Saturday teams winning their games and topped off by a special appearance from Mrs Jones, made the wins even sweeter.

Year 3 Wolves - POD Anthea

Year 4 Apostles - Won 4 - 2 POD Stella

Year 5 Disciples - Won 6 - 4 POD Isla

Year 5 Angels - Won 10 - 4 POD Emily

Year 6 Saints - Won 8 - 4 POD Shiny

Thursday Netball - The Interceptors beat the Maungawhau Phoenix 5 -1. POD Nina L

### **St Francis Catholic School Re-brand 2022!**

Our rebrand project is underway with last night's parent session resulting in excellent ideas, values sharing and feedback, and now's the chance to have your say!

A school rebrand is a team effort - one that involves our staff, students and our school community. We know that doing this will have a fantastic positive impact on St Francis, helping to energise and revitalise our school.

We highly value the input from our parents, whānau and caregivers which is why we are sending out this survey so we can hear your thoughts. These will help us create our fresh new look and our revised mission and value statements.

We have developed this questionnaire for you to help guide us. We look forward to hearing your insights. Please complete the questionnaire by Tuesday 14 June.

<https://forms.gle/6XKrDAYQqVEtnBFU8>

**Year 5 Swimming** - please return the completed form ASAP.

**Academic Data** - As our teachers begin to administer the Term 2 formal assessments (reading, writing and maths) in preparation for Mid Year Reports, I will take this opportunity to remind parents that COVID is still impacting on teaching and learning, and that we are expecting to see slightly lower results than we would normally expect. This is not a concern and we are looking forward to more settled results at the end of the year. If you are worried that COVID disruptions have impacted negatively on your child's academic progress or achievement please come and see me or the classroom teacher for a chat.

**Friends of St Francis** - The Friends of St Francis is our school's PTA group. While they have been very active in the past, COVID has really disrupted their plans. As a bit of a reset, they are looking for feedback about the best times / dates for meetings, how to attract more members, small events and fundraising ideas they could implement etc. Please email me with any ideas to pass on to the group - [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz)

**2nd hand uniform** - If you need anything from the 2nd hand uniform, Lauren or Mark will be in the Whanau Room on Friday mornings before school to help you. Make sure you re-name any 2nd hand uniform that you buy.

**Garden to Table** - Does anyone have a working Food Processor that they no longer use? Garden To Table would love an extra one to help them process their delicious healthy kai. Please bring it to the office. Thanks so much!  
Kate Hanly

**Canopy Fundraising** - Canopy Fundraising Posters with scannable QR codes for easy donating have been placed at the front of the School gate and around the School. Please donate generously as we are keen to get the Canopy project underway by the end of 2022. Signing up to **TaxGift** (*refer below*) will also help fast-track our fundraising efforts.

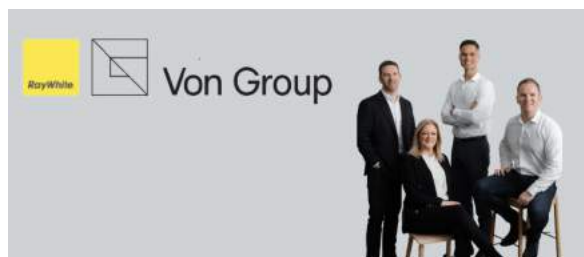


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### **School Canopy for lower courts - Ray White**

We are happy to announce that Ray White Pt Chevalier - Von Group Ltd. (previously known as “the Professionals Real Estate Point Chevalier”) have agreed to be a major contributor towards our St Francis School Canopy project should at least one person in our St. Francis network that is looking at selling their property approach Derek von Sturmer of Ray White Pt. Chevalier - Von Group Ltd. directly on 027 533 7357 or [Derek.vs@raywhite.com](mailto:Derek.vs@raywhite.com). Accordingly, if you're looking at selling, please contact Derek directly and let him know that you are from St. Francis. Please also let Stuart King know (027 818 2403) so we can keep track of the approaches.



#### **Dates for 2022:**

Term 2 – Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July  
 Term 3 – Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September  
 Term 4 – Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December

#### **Dates for 2023:**

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 6 April  
 Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June  
 Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September  
 Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

### **Coming Up:**

Friday 3 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
 Sunday 5 June - Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season  
 Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday Weekend, no school  
 Tuesday 7 June - Year 5 Swimming Lessons, Daily for the 2 weeks, 9.15 Room 10, 11, 12 Cultural Mass  
 Wednesday 8 June - 9.15am Senior School Cultural Mass, 12pm Middle School Cultural Mass  
 Friday 10 June - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
 Monday 13 June - Stepping Out lessons for Year 1 all week (with the NZ Police)  
 Friday 17 June - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
 Thursday 23 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
 Friday 24 June - Matariki public holiday, no school  
 Tuesday 28 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm  
 Friday 1 July - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
 Monday 4 July - Mid Year Reports sent home  
 Wednesday 6 July and Thursday 7 July - Parent Teacher Interviews - bookings available closer to the time  
 Friday 8 July - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall, End of Term 2




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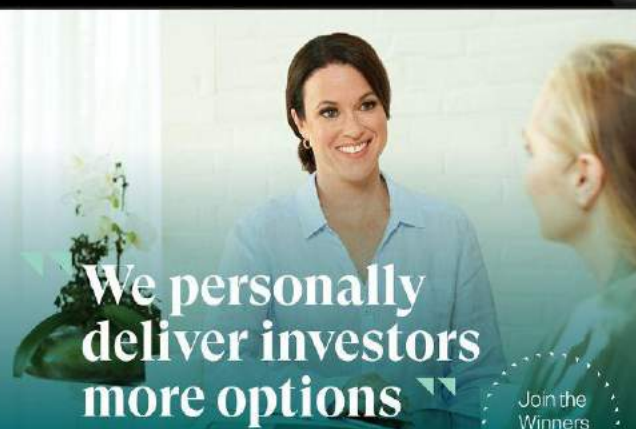


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