

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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COVID Update - We continue to have a dozen or so children isolating at any time, and one or two positive cases here and there. Families have been fantastic at keeping us up to date with any infections in their households - thank you very much!!! This makes it much easier to cater for families who want remote learning.

We also continue to have teachers and support staff having to isolate as household contacts or who are testing positive. This causes disruptions in the classrooms so please bear with us as we work through it.

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. 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.

Children's Liturgy is back! Calling parents and all Secondary School kids needing to do Community Hours. Children's Liturgy is back with a vengeance during Sunday Masses at 9am (except during School Holidays or long weekends). All material/resources and assistance provided and needless to say that participation always looks good on your child's Catholic Secondary School application form. Leaders normally only need to run 1 session per term, so not a big ask time wise. Please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Team.

Year 3 and 4 Cultural Mass and Dress Up -



Today we celebrated children from: New Zealand, New Zealand Maori, Latin America, Tonga, India, the Philippines, Japan, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Vietnam, Fiji, Niue, Samoa, China, Ethiopia, Sri Lankan, Croatia, Spain, Columbia, Thailand, Venezuela, Argentina, and other European and Asian countries



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

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.

Year 5 Swimming - Our Year 5 have started their Swimming Lessons with the YMCA at the Onehunga War Memorial Pool. Lessons will continue throughout the week and into next week. Already the feedback from the Swim Instructors is that St Francis children are always well behaved and use their manners.



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

Working hard at St Francis Catholic School - these photos are of our wonderful Year 5 and 6 students who are working on improving their independent learning and organisational skills, before school and during lunchtime !!



St. Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night - All School Dad's (past and present) are cordially invited to a delectable evening of darts. The last darts session involved more than a dozen School Dads that resulted in Stuart being in a grueling 3-way final and coming out on top. Better still, he went for the highly coveted and incredibly difficult double whammy and won the money round. The next sensational monthly darts session will be on this Thursday, 30 June, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club - Lock it in! Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.



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.



TaxGift - We're a TaxGift School! You can grow your donations to St Francis Catholic School by signing up to TaxGift and gifting the tax credits on your donations to the School from this year forward. Here's how: As a NZ taxpayer you can claim a tax credit of 33% on the School donations you make, but if you choose to gift that tax credit to St. Francis School, TaxGift will turn it into even more for our School – all as a gift in your name. It takes less than a minute for you to sign up, costs you nothing (*the School pays TaxGift a small fee for this service*) and you won't need to do anything further. TaxGift will make your donation grow, for the benefit of the School for such things as the Canopy. Visit TaxGift's website (www.taxgift.co.nz) for more information.



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. 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 10 June - 9.15am Year 5 and 6 Cultural Mass, 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)
Tuesday 14 June - Parent Rebrand Survey cut off date
Thursday 16 June - Year 5 and 6 Rugby League Comp at Cornwall Park
Friday 17 June - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall, Last day of Year 5 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 21 June - Senior School Proclaiming the Word Finals
Thursday 23 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall
Friday 24 June - Matariki public holiday, no school
Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June - Confirmation Masses this weekend
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, Mufti Day (details to come)

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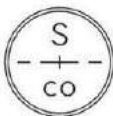


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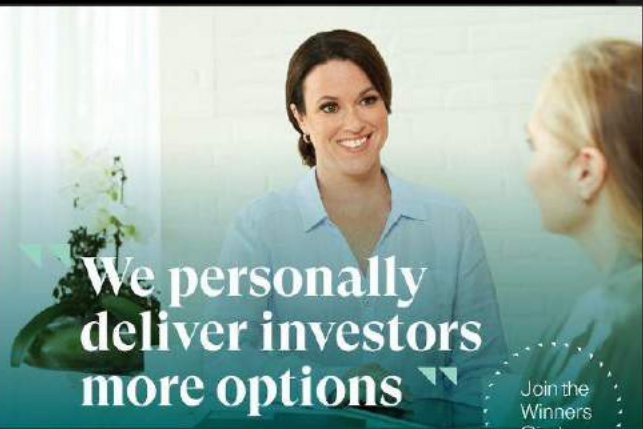


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