

# 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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**Getting ready for Matariki** - Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and of the celebration of its first rising in mid / late June or early July. This marked the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar. This year we will be celebrating the first annual Matariki public holiday on 24 June (next Friday).

*Kia inoi tatou - let us pray. E te Atua, God of cycles and patterns of the universe and all living things whose ways we only begin to comprehend, open our hearts to the wonder of the natural world, to your incarnation through creation, and to your presence with and in us now. Amen.*

Ki a Matariki the great star: Matariki is the star that signifies our connection to the environment, to each other and to the gathering of people. Matariki signifies hope and is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

Matariki is visible in the sky almost all year. It moves through the sky until the beginning of the cold months, when it disappears for approximately 28 days. Upon its reappearance again on the horizon, the New Year begins and so too does the journey of Matariki for another year.



**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.

**Year 5 and 6 Cultural Mass Photos -**



**Netball Results -**

St Francis Wolves, POD - Emily H  
 St Francis Apostles won 24-1,  
 POD - Natalija  
 St Francis Angels had a draw 10-10,  
 POD - Olivia  
 St Francis Disciples won 7-3,  
 POD - Khaleesi  
 St Francis Saints won 17-3,  
 POD - Katija  
 The Interceptors lost 3-2,  
 POD - Sophie



**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** - We are running low on 2nd hand uniforms. If you have any uniforms at home that no longer fits your child / children we would love to take them off your hands. Just send it to the school office with your child.

### Parent Interviews -

Wednesday 6 July 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 7 July 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Book in @ <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Click on Make a Booking - use the code jyhzc

**ERO** - St Francis has started our scheduled review cycle with the Education Review Office. Long gone are the days when ERO would spend a week in each school, trying to find things wrong or looking for problems. ERO now focuses on a cycle of continuous improvement. The Our ERO reviewer is Mrs Anne Malcolm, the recently retired Principal from Ponsonby Primary School. So far we have easily sailed through all of our compliance checks (checked every 3 years) and are now moving into the evaluation and review phase. We look forward to showing off our amazing school!!!!

**St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night** - All School Dad's (past and present) are invited to the next sensational monthly darts session on Thursday, 30 June, from 8pm, at the 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.

**St Francis Dad's pub crawl - 5 August** - A mid-winter St Francis Dad's pub crawl to boot those COVID and Winter blues will be held on Friday, 5 August, from 5pm, with proceedings getting underway at the Pt Chev Bowla - the home of quality food, cheap drinks and good times. This WILL be a Super-Spreader Event - not of COVID, just of wholesome fun with a touch of karaoke. Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the WhatsApp group.

**St. Francis Mum's Drinks and Nibbles** - Not to be outdone by the Dads, all St. Francis Mum's (past and present) are cordially invited to join other Mum's for a night of fun, nibbles and drinks (without the kids) at the exquisite Pt Chev Bowling Club on Thursday, 7 July, from 7pm. Text Vanessa King on 027 818 1570 for more details and to join this awesome Event's WhatsApp group.

**Canopy magnificent Quiz Night** - We are in the process of organising a wickedly fun quiz night/canopy fundraiser in the Hall later in the year - watch this space.

**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](http://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](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:**

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 2pm  
Wednesday 22 June - Support Staff Day - Celebrating our fantastic teacher aides, office ladies and caretaker  
Thursday 23 June - Year 5 and 6 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
Friday 24 June - Matariki public holiday, no school  
Saturday 25 June - Confirmation Mass 5.30pm  
Sunday 26 June - Confirmation Masses 9.00am and 11.00am  
Tuesday 28 June - Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm  
Wednesday 29 June - Year 5 and 6 Syria Aid speaker visiting  
Friday 1 July - Year 3 and 4 assembly 2.30pm in the hall  
Monday 4 July - Mid Year Reports sent home via email - If you want a printed copy please let us know  
Wednesday 6 July - Parent Teacher Interviews - 3.30 - 6.30pm - bookings available now  
Thursday 7 July - Parent Teacher Interviews - 3.30 - 6.30pm - bookings available now  
Friday 8 July - Year 1 and 2 assembly 2.30pm in the hall, End of Term 2, Mufti Day (details to come)  
Monday 25 July - Start of Term 3

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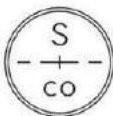


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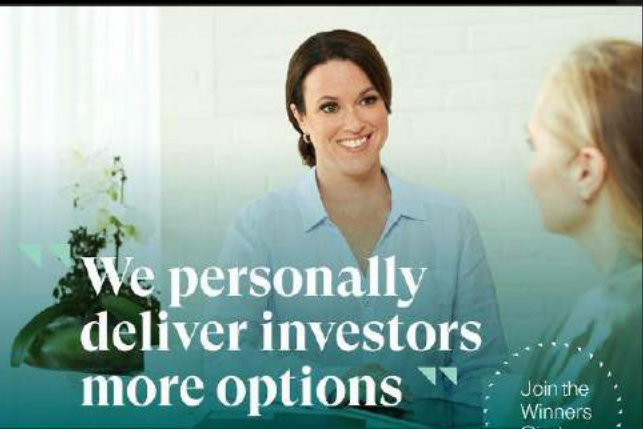


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