



# St Francis Catholic School

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**Traditional Prayer** - October is the month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month we are celebrating Mary by going beyond just learning the Hail Mary and the Rosary, with our Year 6 Liturgy Leaders leading us saying the Angelus prayer every day at midday. This helps our children to start memorising the traditional prayers of our church.

**Parish News** - Confirmation class starts on the 29th of October. If your child /children have completed Reconciliation and First Holy Communion previously and would like to be confirmed this year, please email the parish office ASAP.

The next Baptism Preparation class is on the 7th of October. Please email the parish office if you would like your child / children baptised - [stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz)

**Guest speaker** - Thank you to Megan Hull, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games Hockey player, for coming to speak with our Middle and Senior School children about being a world class athlete and the Olympic values that informs her work habits. Very inspirational!





## **Friends of St Francis Disco**

**Date:** Friday the 3rd of November

**Times:** Year 1 - 3: 5.30pm - 6.15pm, Year 4 - 6: 6.30pm - 7.30pm. **Dress up theme** (voted by the children): NEON!!!!!!  
Family picnic with pizzas available to order.

**Book amnesty** - St Francis whanau, we are missing quite a few junior level readers and Junior Journals. We would appreciate you scouting around at home and returning any you find to school. Check the bedrooms, under the sofas, behind the car seats. No judgements, no frowns, we will be happy to have the books back. Last time we had an amnesty we got back an estimated \$1100 of books back! Drop them to the office or send them back in your child's book bag to their Junior School teacher. Nga mihi, Ms Wishart.

**Garden to Table** - celebrating Chinese language week (which was at the end of last term), with Vegetable dumplings, and egg and veggie stir fry.



**Parent Helpers needed** - Whole School Athletics Day at Walker Park is coming on Friday the 27th of October. We will need some parent helpers to help run the individual events (it's super easy and great fun!). If you are able to help please email Dan Wright - [danielw@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:danielw@stfrancis.school.nz)

**A message from the school library** - Scholastic Book Club brochures have been sent home with your children Week 1. Orders can be placed online or given to Mrs Mahoney in the library. All orders to be placed by Wednesday October 25th.

**2nd hand uniform** - Our 2nd hand uniform shop, in the whanau room, is open every Friday morning. Please pop in to check out what we have. And more importantly, please donate any spare uniform you have sitting around the house.



### Foodie Friday – Ice blocks at Lunchtime – Friday 20th October

Our first Foodie Friday this term will be lemonade ice blocks as we launch into the summer season! **\$2 per ice block.** Orders open tomorrow (Thursday 12 th October) and close next Wednesday 18 th October. A big thank you to Dallas and Tip Top for the ice blocks! Orders need to be made and paid for via the 'My Kindo' App/Website, and please make sure you have linked your child/ren to their classrooms in the app so that orders are in the right place for them! For

any questions or queries, or to be involved in helping with this exciting initiative please contact Annalies Donald at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz)

Term 3 Challenge - Well done to the following children who completed their challenge for the term. One more challenge to go until medals are handed out at the end of the year!!!!

- Room 1: Mila, Emily, Angelo
- Room 2: Emily, Jasmine, Francesco, Dean, Stella, Isabella, Paddy, Elspeth, Sofia, Lily, Dominic, Mateo, Khaleesi, Charlie, Kristine, Cameron, Mariann
- Room 3: Frances, Noah, Sienna, Mason, Nina, Ben, Jax, Farrah, Oscar, Patrick, Connor, Lulita, Isla, Alan, Olivia
- Room 4: Siendra, Emma, Olive, Nina, Charlie, Natalija, Mila, Theo, Indie, Kata, Louis, Leo, Marcelo, Evelyn
- Room 5: Vinnie, Jessica, Isla, Lyla, Henry, Gus, Sam, Jeenie, Sienna, Eddie, Edlynn, Elliott, Caitlin, Harrison
- Room 6: Anthea, Aine, Micah, Lucy, Alice, Ira, Harrison, Santiago, Max, Emilia, Lachlan, Pele, Stella, Zach
- Room 7: Maeva, Otto, Dante, Levi, Oscar, Thomas, Leona, Isla, Declan, Emily, Georgia
- Room 8: Marco, Emily, Dominic, Sam, Sam S, Alex, Victoria, Gino, Ashley, Taavi, Gien, Florence, Mia, Alice, Georgia, Eddie, Leonardo
- Room 9: Lily, Jack, George, Thomas, Juliette, Harper, Sebastien, Mackenzie, Rylee, Emilia
- Room 10: Eva, Reann, Sophia, Molly, Connie, Clara, Eddie, Brennan, Anthea, Eva, Auri, Eden, Henricho, Aaron, Thomas
- Room 11: James, Yi, Philomena, Alegra, Kierra, Ayden, Eliana, Luca, Cooper, Ranveer, Alice, Lochlan, Lucette, Miles, Marko, Poppy, Isla
- Room 12: Ashley, Ryley, Lachlan, Austin, Evan, Jacob, Liana, Finley, Jeeanna, Mikaela, Effie

The Term 4 challenge booklet is coming home next week!!



**Rākau** - Fun at lunch time learning Rākau, Maori stick games.



**Weetbix Kids Tryathlon 2023-2024 Season** - It's time to Swim, Bike, Run & Have FUN!! This season there are two Auckland Events for the Kids Tryathlon – Wednesday 22nd November 2023 and Sunday 24th March 2024. This is a great iconic NZ kids event (ages 6 – 15 years old) with the focus on participation and completion – every finisher gets a medal! There is also the option for children to enter as teams if they would prefer to do it with friends, or don't feel comfortable doing all three disciplines. If you would like more info or to join our school team, please contact Annalies Donald at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz) For further event information, for times & distances etc please visit - <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>

### **Board of Trustees Uniform Survey**

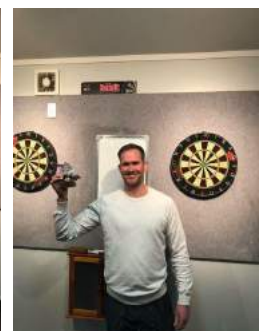
Please remember that this survey is not about immediate changes to our uniform. Instead, it's a chance for you to share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Any changes, improvements, additions etc made to the uniform are long term (over the next few years!)

- The survey is anonymous and should take only a few minutes to complete.
- Please click on the link below to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/gDPkguHtVmvbnbRs8>

**St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night** - last Thursday of the month.

Last month Stuart won the coveted title from an impressive field of 16 shambolic lads, proving that anyone can win. Simon brilliantly took out the money round. This month's darts session catch up is on Thursday, 26 October, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club - Lock it in! The more the merrier. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

**Coming next week** - Info about the 2023 Friends of St Francis Oxford Pies fundraiser - Family Pies \$15 each, packs of pies \$20 - Yummy times ahead!!!!



## Supporting our school:

Chicken 'n' Things School Fundraiser – We are super excited to have the wonderful support of Saj Philips (Alice from Room 11's Dad) and Chicken 'n' Things for our continuing School fundraising efforts.



St. Francis School families and their friends can unlock a 5% discount when purchasing from the Chicken 'n' Things website (<http://www.chickennthings.co.nz>), including fresh poultry, lamb, beef and pork products, by using the Specific Voucher Code at Checkout: **stf5**

Feel free to spread the discount code around to other parents/ family/ friends and the wider community. Every time someone makes a purchase online and uses the code at checkout, not only will the customer receive a 5% discount, but the School will receive an additional 5% of the purchase price by way of a donation from Chicken 'n' Things.



## **Sponsorship Through Referral Programme: Property Management Services**

St Francis Catholic School is excited to share a unique 'Sponsorship Through Referral Programme' offered by Iron Bridge Property Management. Through this special initiative, Iron Bridge – a family owned company – are offering discounted residential property management services to friends and family of the school community, while at the same time helping St Francis School. How It Works:

- Refer someone who becomes a client for Iron Bridge Property Management services. The school will receive a \$500 cash contribution.
- Plus, the new client gets a generous 20% discount on our standard management fee.

We encourage the school community to spread the word about this opportunity through various channels. Please quote 'ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL / IRON BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP' when referring potential clients. Contact Marisa Johnstone (school parent) for more details:

[Marisa@ironbridge.co.nz](mailto:Marisa@ironbridge.co.nz) or 022 633 5095 [www.ironbridge.co.nz](http://www.ironbridge.co.nz)

**School Canopy for lower courts – Ray White Point Chevalier** – are supporting us to raise funds for our St Francis School Canopy project. They have been market leaders for years in Pt Chev for 26 years with almost 2000 local sales and are a family business run by Ross Brader and Lawrence von Sturmer. If you're looking at selling, please contact the Ray White Point Chev. Team directly on (09) 846 8996 and let them 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 2024:

- **Term 1** – Wednesday 31 January – 12 April

Teacher Only Days – School Closed: Monday 5 February and Friday 22 March

Public Holidays – School Closed: Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6 February, Good Friday: Friday 29 March, Easter Monday: Monday 1 April and Easter Tuesday: Tuesday 2 April

- **Term 2** – Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July

Public Holidays – School Closed: King’s Birthday: Monday 3 June, Friday 28 June: Matariki

- **Term 3** – Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

- **Term 4** – Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

Public Holidays – School Closed: Labour Day: Monday 28 October

### Upcoming events this term

Thursday 12 October – Bricks 4 Kids lunchtime demonstration

Wednesday 18 October – Friday 20 October – Year 6 Camp

Thursday 19 October – National Shakeout Day – Earthquake practice and prep

Friday 20 October – Foodie Friday – Ice Blocks

Monday 23 October – Labour Weekend – School closed

Tuesday 24 October – St Peter’s College testing for Y6 boys @ St Francis, BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

Friday 27 October – Whole School Athletics Day at Walker Park, Pt Chev; World Teacher’s Appreciation Day (teaching our children to show appreciation to people who help them)

Monday 30 October – Friends of St Francis Pie Fundraiser – Kindo orders open

Monday 30 October, Tuesday 31 October, Thursday 2 November – Bike Skills Y5/6

Wednesday 1 November – All Saints Day Mass

Thursday 2 November – Year 5 and 6 Basketball Competition

Friday 3 November – School Disco

Tuesday 14 November – Friends of St Francis Pie Fundraiser – Kindo orders close

Thursday 16 November – Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition

**Friday 17 November – Teacher Only Day – School closed (Skids open all day)**



Monday 20 November - End of Year Progress and Achievement Reports go home this week

Wednesday 22 November - Weetbix tryathlon

Thursday 23 November - Year 6 Beach Education Day at Piha Beach, Friends of St Francis Pie Fundraiser - orders to be picked up from the Whanau Room

Sunday 26 November - Confirmation Mass for candidates and their families

Friday 1 December - Year 6 Leavers Mass and Dinner

Friday 8 December - Junior School trip to Eric Armishaw Park 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 12 December - Prizegiving Mass @ St Benedict's Church

Wednesday 13 December, Thursday 14 December - Visiting new classes for 2024

**Friday 15 December - Last day of the term - School finishes @ 1.00pm**

Lisa Bateman [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz) or [principal@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancis.school.nz)



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