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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.



Uniform - Term 4 is a summer month (apparently 😊) so that means:
- School hats need to be worn at morning tea, lunchtime and during any outside play e.g. fitness, sport etc.
- Black sandals, instead of shoes and socks.



Athletic Day - next Friday, the 27th of October, at Walker Park Pt Chevalier

Rough timetable (depending on weather and length of events):

- 9.00am - 11.00am: Year 5 and 6 students who wish to trial for the St Francis Inner City Sports Cluster Athletic team - walk to Walker Park with Mr Wright and compete in events (competitive).
- 11.00am - 2.30pm: The rest of the school walk to Walker Park with teachers, to participate in fun Athletics events (non competitive).

Parents and family we still need a few more helpers : If you wish to help (time commitment - 10.45am - 2.30pm) please email danielw@stfrancis.school.nz or annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz

Thank you - to the boys from St Paul's College who came to our school yesterday to celebrate Niuean Language Week.

World Teachers Appreciation Day - next Friday, the 27th of October, is an international celebration of teachers. Along with our families, we are working hard to make sure that our children always use their manners and show appreciation for people who help them, so next Friday is a good opportunity for children to show how much they value and acknowledge their hard working teachers. Maybe a thank you note or a hand drawn picture?



Hut making in Room 12 -



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.

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.

Thank you - to Auckland Rugby, who have been at school this week running Rippa Rugby lessons.



Friends of St Francis Disco



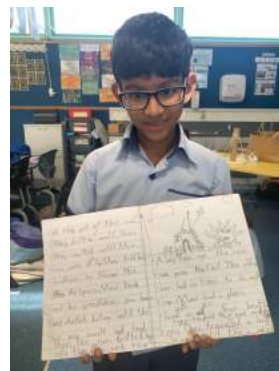
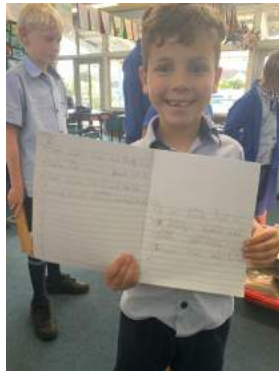
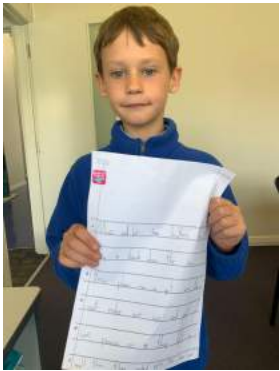
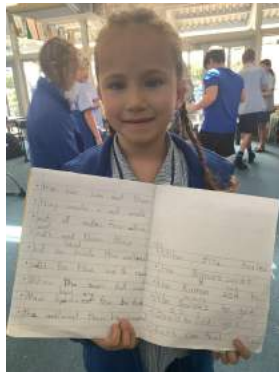
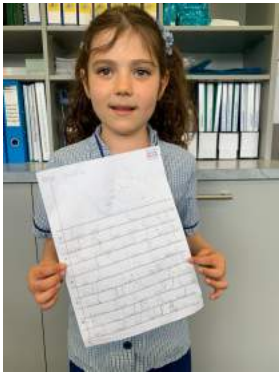
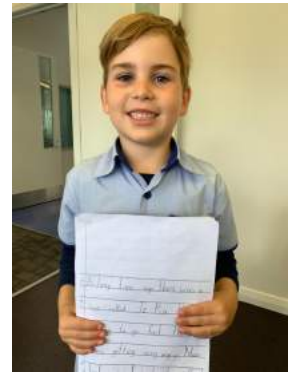
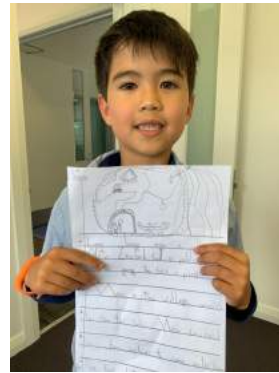
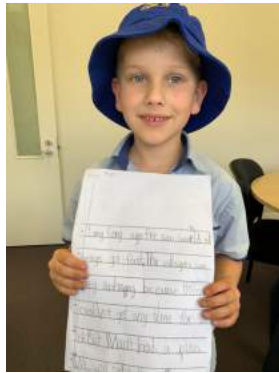
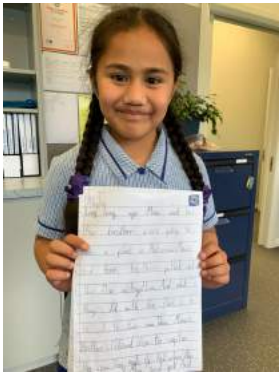
Date: Friday the 3rd of November

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, ice blocks etc available to order - details next week.

Room 11 are becoming amazing story tellers - Check out how proud they are of their retelling of the Maori legend, Maui and the sun.



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 this Friday.

\$2 per ice block. **Orders close tonight.** 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

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

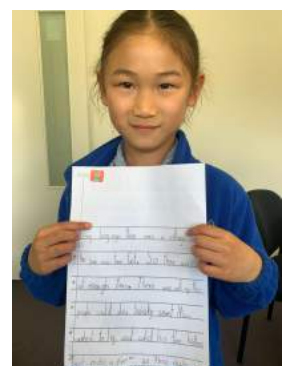
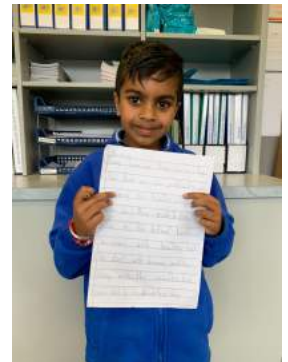
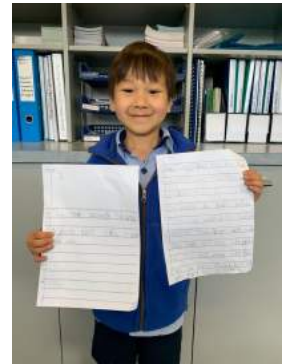
at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz For further event information, for times & distances etc please visit - <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>

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>



Upcoming Friends of St Francis Fundraiser -

We have an exciting fundraiser this term. Oxford pies are supplying us with a delicious range of family size pies, savoury and sweet and also 5 x packs of lunch pies. Orders will be open on Kindo on Monday 30 October and close on Tuesday 14 November. All proceeds to go to the Canopy! **Family pies are \$15.00 each and 5x pack of lunch pies are \$20.00 each.**

Family pies:

- Mince and Cheese
- Steak
- Bacon and Egg
- Creamy Veg (V)
- Apple
- Apricot
- Blackberry and Apple



5x pack of lunch pies:

- Mince
- Bacon and Egg
- Steak and cheese

Pies will be collected from the Whanau Room on Thursday 23rd November after school. It would be very much appreciated if there were a few people available from 2-4pm on Thursday 23rd to help handout the pies. If you can help with this or if there are any questions please see Lisa Dixon lisa.dixon01@gmail.com or 022 121 9527.

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

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.

St Francis Dad's Christmas pub crawl - The ridiculously fun end-of-year Dad's Pub Crawl Christmas Edition will be held on Friday, **24 November**, with proceedings commencing **from 5pm** at the Pt Chev Bowling Club, where cheap food and drinks are plentiful. This year we've booked 5 pool tables at the **Ponsonby Pool Hall** from 8-10pm - so it will be game on as the competitive gentry embarrass themselves with a pool cue. A string of pubs along Ponsonby Road will see in the remainder of the evening. Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the WhatsApp group.

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 or 022 633 5095 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.



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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

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 – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 25 October – St Peter's College testing for Y6 boys @ St Francis

Friday 27 October – Whole School Athletics Day at Walker Park, Pt Chev; World Teacher's Appreciation Day

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, Middle School trip to the Pumphouse, Y6 visiting St Ben's / St Pat's during the day

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 or principal@stfrancis.school.nz




ABOUT US



A message from our founder...

"Hi, my name is Cooper John Pedersen. I am from Auckland, New Zealand and attend Saint Francis Primary School in Point Chevalier..."




One day I was at my school and I was talking to my excellent school care taker called Mr Wilke. He is so amazing because he gave me some seeds to plant. I loved planting my seeds and I grew runner beans, carrots, lettuce, beetroot and some different herbs. I really enjoyed harvesting these for my family. Then I realised some people don't get to eat any vegetables at their own homes. So, I set up SPROUT so that everyone could get some of their own plants for free or a koha and grow their own vegetables and harvest them for their own families.



This is amazing because vegetables are healthy and keep you from getting diseases and colds but they are also very expensive at the supermarket. Lollies and unhealthy food are cheaper than vegetables at the supermarket but these foods are not healthy for you to grow and they make you more likely to catch diseases and possibly die of dementia. My dream is that everyone has healthy food every day and running SPROUT is my way to help people in need of food and also to get people interested in gardening.

All money collected for SPROUT will be used to buy more seeds and supplies to grow more plants to give away.



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