



St Francis Catholic School

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Holy Week - During Holy Week we have been praying together in the afternoons, in preparation for Easter. This afternoon Room 4, 6 and 8 will lead us in prayers about Jesus receiving the cross.



Holy Week lessons in Room 3 - In Room 3 we have been learning to recognise things that help people remember and recognise special events and people. We decided to make our own bread to remember Jesus. We had plenty of bread so we decided to invite our buddy class, Room 10, to share the bread with us.



Parish News - Our Buy-a-Brick campaign remains well underway, with a \$500+ contribution receiving a guaranteed name plaque. \$200-\$500 contributions will go into a draw for a name plaque. Payments can be made by bank transfer to the Parish Building Fund Bank Account 02-0108-0707331-003.



Church renovation parking and H&S - Various tradies and suppliers will require parking in front of the Church during the renovation. Accordingly, an area will be reserved for them and coned off in front of the Church as well as at the Presbytery. We thank you for your understanding and patience. Temporary fencing has been placed around the Church and we ask you to adhere to the H&S notices placed there.

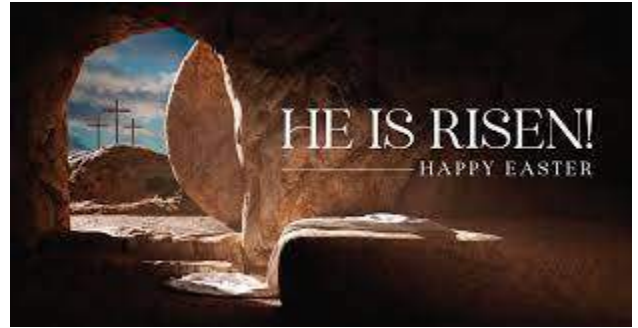
School/Parish Working-bee on Saturday, 6 April - We will be having a working-bee on Saturday, 6 April, from 10am at the Church to move the pews and other items to storage containers that will be placed on the Presbytery lawns just up the road. Over a dozen awesome helpers have already signed up - thank you so much. This will be a great opportunity to get the kid's Service Hours signed off - but please note that children under 16 will need to be supervised by their parent(s). The more the merrier - refreshments will be provided at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club afterwards. Kindly contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 for more information.

Parish Easter Egg hunt - from 10am in the School grounds after Mass on Sunday, 31 March. Kindly place any donated eggs in the basket at the back of the Church.

Sacramental Programme - Registration cut off is Sunday the 28th of April. Forms are available at the school office or at the back of the Church.

Easter Mass Timetable:

- Holy Thursday (this Thursday) – 7.30pm
- Good Friday (this Friday – public holiday – no school) – 3.00pm
- Easter Saturday (Easter Vigil) – 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday (public holiday) – 9.00am



Please note that school is always closed on the Monday and Tuesday after Easter (easy to forget as the Easter break is often in the school holidays). This has been in place since 1954, but it still continues to sneak up on many people, especially families who are new to the primary school breaks and routines.

Family survey – As part of our Special Character Review happening in May, there is a family / whanau survey for you to complete if you wish – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0Tr97ArIbd5r8ix5WDKqR-w-Yv_oAKy7J-dciW4Yz5DIsA/viewform?usp=sharing

St Francis Champion Triathletes – On Sunday morning before the sun had risen, our St Francis' triathlon team were organising bikes, helmets and running shoes into a transition area with over 3,000 children all excited and ready for the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon – East Auckland event. Unfortunately, due to the rain the day before impacting on the water quality for the swim leg, the event was modified to a run / bike / run event for the tryathlon, and a beach run / park run for the Splash & Dash 6 year olds. This amazing sporting event was at full capacity, and is the largest children's triathlon event in the world – what a special thing to be part of!

Our St Francis children all did exceptionally well at the event, and represented our school with pride and showed great sportsmanship as they made their way strongly around the course. According to Finn Rigby (Rm 8) the aim was to 'Empty the Tank!' and give it their absolute best, all while having a great time. All the children crossed the finish line with massive smiles, feeling very proud of their achievement! The families involved enjoyed connecting & celebrating at the school marquee with a fantastic BBQ very kindly arranged by Chris & Angela Franich. A huge congratulations to our fantastic St Francis Triathletes – Eddie, Dominic, Elspeth, Finn, Harry, Micah, Leith, Isla, Declan, Auri, Lochlan, Miles, Cooper, Lily, George, Jack, Evan and Poppy.

We were also very lucky to have some amazing ex-St Francis children join us for the day – Well Done to Marcelo, Dean & Ashton for their outstanding efforts on the course also. Next event is November – so watch this space if you want to be involved!



A big thank you to Annalies for all her organisation to make this event a success. We appreciate everything you do for us Annalies.

Parking on Montrose Street

I know the parking situation is far from ideal at the moment, particularly with tradies from the building site next door parked on Montrose Street (which legally they are entitled to do - they should be gone in less than 8 weeks time) and traffic is being hugely affected by the closure of Meola Road, but please:

- **Do not block our neighbours driveways** - we are getting constant complaints from neighbours about parents leaving their cars unattended as they block access to driveways, and even parents rudely refusing to move their cars. This is very embarrassing for our school. Please be considerate of our neighbours.
- If you can, please think about dropping off / picking up your child / children on Pt Chev Road or Alberta Street (the next road down), this will ease the traffic on Montrose Street and give our children a chance to independently walk to/from school. There is a teacher on duty on Montrose Street every morning from 8.15am - 8.45am and every afternoon at 3.00pm to keep an eye on them.
- Please be courteous. Everyone is struggling with the situation. Everyone is trying their best. Our number one priority is the safety of the children!



Well done – to the St Francis choir who performed at St Michael’s School last week, along with all the other Auckland Josephite Schools (schools founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Scared Heart, who started our school almost 100 years ago). We even sang Happy Birthday to one of the sisters there who was turning 105 years old. Her name was Sister Eileen Mary, who taught at our school many, many years ago. She told us that she was “still as sharp as a tack”.



Our Year 6 Whanau Leaders interview a teacher – Miss Jimin Kang:

What was your dream job when you were a child?

I had so many different dream jobs as a child, and I think they changed very frequently too! When I read a book called 'The Present' in Year 5, I wanted to become a movie director so I could make the book into a movie and cast Morgan Freeman as one of the characters. I also had cats and dogs as pets my whole life, so I considered becoming a veterinarian as well. I ultimately chose to become a teacher because I had an amazing teacher in Year 2 called Miss McMahon, who instilled confidence and cheered me on to be the best that I can be. Every dream I had as a child was to have a job where I was making a positive impact on others' lives... so I am living my dream!



What is your favourite app to go on and why?

My favourite app is Pinterest! I love all kinds of arts, home design, fashion and photography so pinterest is my go-to app for heaps of creative ideas.

What is your favourite subject to teach in school?

I enjoy teaching ALL subjects. If I have to choose my favourite it would be Religious Education because I often get amazed at how knowledgeable the Year 5 and 6 students can be! I also like that I get to learn and grow in my faith while I teach, alongside my wonderful students.

What is your favourite gospel reading and why?

I liked this verse that we have been reading in Room 5:

"Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God." John 3:21 It reminds me to live honestly and to make good choices, so that I can be proud and confident in myself and trust that God watches over me. Here are some photos of me: one is from a raccoon cafe in Korea last year, the other is me when I was a child in primary school.



PMP helpers needed - Parents and grandparents we are starting our popular and highly valuable PMP programme on Thursday and Friday mornings in Terms 2 and 3. We need YOU! Commit to a weekly or less frequent casual slot. Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a parent led programme at St Francis School. It develops Y0-2 children's perceptions and understandings of distance, height and space as well as memory. PMP is a step-by-step programme based on physical and sensory activities that are repeated over two sessions. Teachers observe the children and note areas for development through the parallel classroom programme. PMP prepares the brain for learning. A consistent and varied "diet" of physical and sensory experience is the key to developing perception and co-ordination. The store of experiences when those perceptions and reactions become automatic leaves the brain free for higher thinking tasks.

We need a roster of 8 to 12 parents or grandparents to monitor and explain the activities to children and help with equipment pack up. The commitment is 8:30 to 11:10 Thursdays and Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. Training is given to the helpers at the end of Term 1.

Classes come to the Hall for 25 minutes and move through the 4 stations for the day. Stations develop fitness, locomotion (moving the whole body), hand-eye and balance. You don't need to be fit, just check the children do the activities correctly and safely while the teachers assess the children and support you.

Please email the coordinator (Angela Franich) at angelafranch@gmail.com or leave your details at the school office if you can help in any way.

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

The next phenomenal darts session catch up is on Thursday, 28 March, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club -

Lock it in! The following day is Good Friday and the potential to sleep in/recover.....just saying.

The quality of the darts playing maybe average, but it's awesome fun. This is a great venue for new Dads to the School to mingle with other Dads - the more the merrier.

Please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

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April

Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
LET'S FIESTA	LITTLES COOKS	ART ATTACK	LUAU PARTY	MOVIES
Today we are going to celebrate the first day of School Holidays the Mexican way!	Bring your cooking skills and get excited because today is cooking day.	Roll your sleeves up and get your paint brushes ready and show us your creativity!	Traditional Limbo, Hula Hoop contest and much more. Join us to be entertained with a traditional Luau Party.	Today we are heading to the cinemas to watch a movie. Bring money for popcorn and drink.
TRIP DAY				

April

Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
FUN WITH COLOURS	MAD SCIENCE	BEST OUT OF WASTE	CLOSED	JUMP
Have fun mixing and playing with colours by engaging in many fun activities.	Let's make fun experiments on Mad science day. Get ready to have your mind blown out.	Today we're learning how to recycle and upcycle waste materials into fun and creative projects.	Closed for ANZAC Public Holiday. We'll see you tomorrow.	We are going to Jump in Avondale. Do not forget to bring socks.
TRIP DAY				

School Canopy for lower courts – Ray White Point Chevalier – are supporting us to raise funds for our St Francis School Canopy project. 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, School Closed: 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

Friday 29 March – Good Friday – School closed

Saturday 30 March – Holy Saturday, Sunday 31 March – Easter Sunday

Monday 1 April – Easter Monday – School closed, Tuesday 2 April – Easter Tuesday – School closed

Friday 5 April – Easter Mass, All welcome

Saturday 6 April - Parish Working Bee from 10.00am

Friday 12 April - Foodie Friday, 🐰 Easter Dress Up (Walking School Bus TBC), Last day of Term 1

Coming up next term

Monday 29 April - Term 2 begins

Tuesday 30 April - Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to the temple

Thursday 2 May - Inner City Swimming comp

Friday 3 May - School Cross Country from midday

Tuesday 7 May - Year 1 and 2 Jesus Meal

Wednesday 8 May - Thursday 9 May - Special Character Review visitors from the Diocese

Thursday 16 May - Inner City Cross Country comp @ Grey Lynn Park

Friday 17 May - Foodie Friday

Sunday 19 May - Pentecost

Tuesday 28 May - BOT meeting

Monday 3 June - King's Birthday weekend

Thursday 6 June - Inner City Rugby League comp @ Cornwall Park

Monday 10 June - School Photos Day

Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June - Year 1 and 2 Art trip

Friday 14 June - Foodie Friday

Tuesday 18 June - Friends of St Francis fundraiser - Oxford Pies - pick up day

Tuesday 25 June - BOT meeting

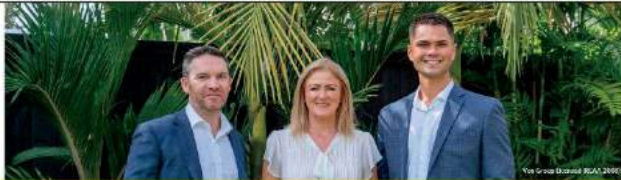
Friday 28 June - Matariki Public Holiday

Friday 5 July - Foodie Friday, Last day of Term 2

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