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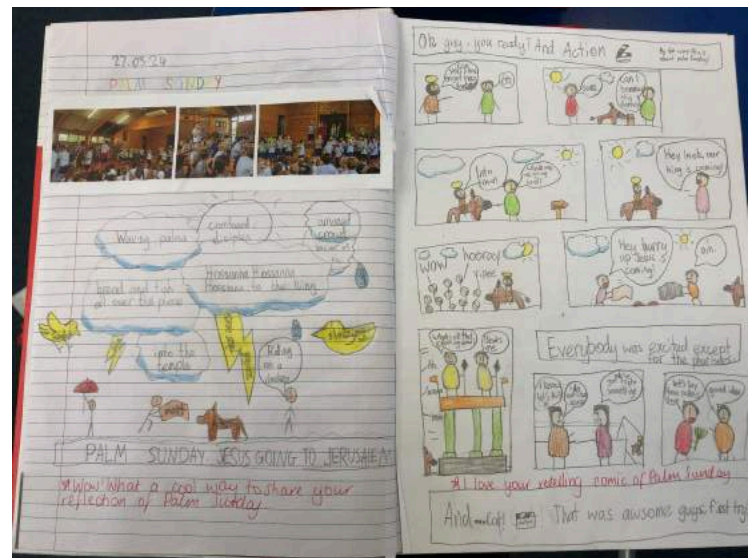
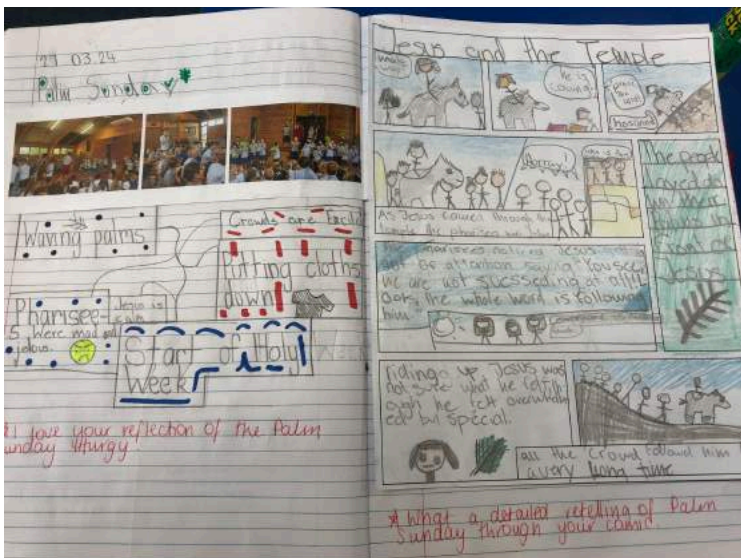


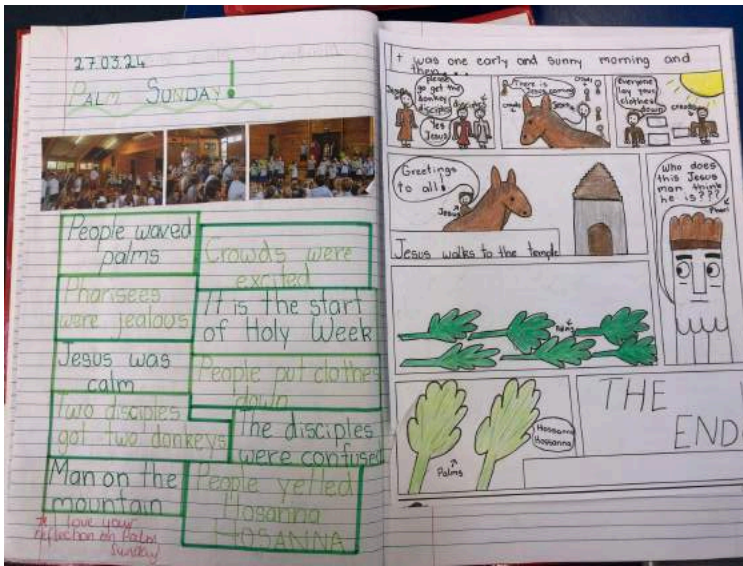
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Happy Easter! Alleluia! He is Risen! I hope you were able to spend the long weekend relaxing and celebrating with your family. As Catholics, we celebrate the season of Easter for 50 days, until Pentecost on Sunday the 19th of May. At school we will continue with our Easter liturgies, and of course Easter Mass and Easter Dress Up.



Holy Week in Room 2 - Alongside the Holy Week liturgies that took place last week, classes have spent time reflecting on the important moments leading up to Jesus' death. Room 2 children expanded their knowledge through their liturgy as to what it would have been like for Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, which they then reflected on. They then used the key events from the bible to retell the key events of the story inspired by our action bible! You've done an awesome job Room 2!





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 trades 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.

Moving to the Parish/School Hall - A reminder that our Church is currently closed for renovations. Consequently, future Saturday night Vigil Masses at 5:30pm and Sunday Masses at 9am will be held in the Hall over the next few months. **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.

break open the tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly
Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,
break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can
withstand.

Help me to roll away this stone
And find the miracle of new life
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

amen



Sacramental Programme - Registration cut off is Sunday the 28th of April.

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/1FAIpQLSd0Tr97Arlbd5r8ix5WDKqR-w-Yv_oAKy7J-dciW4Yz5_DIsA/viewform?usp=sharing



Next Foodie Friday - 12th April - Jelly Tip Ice Creams & Lemonade Ice blocks - Orders Open Today! Our next, and last Foodie Friday for Term 1 will be Ice Creams and Ice blocks at Morning Tea on Friday 12th April - last day of school. Orders open today and close 8pm Wednesday 10th April. \$2.50 per Jelly Tip Ice Cream or Lemonade Ice block with the opportunity to also donate an ice block for another child - our aim is to get enough orders and donations so every child at St Francis can enjoy an icy treat as we finish off our summer school term!

Thank you to Dallas & Tip Top for the Ice Creams! Order through Kindo app or website. For any questions or queries, or to be involved in helping with Foodie Fridays please contact Annalies Donald at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz

Holy Week Quiz - Congratulations to all the Year 4, 5 and 6 children who put so much effort into preparing for our first ever Holy Week Quiz. The determination, perseverance and study skills were very impressive all round. Well done to the winners:

- Georgia B - 9200 points
- Emily MH - 9100 points
- Cameron J - 8800 points
- Ashley D - 8400 points
- Lewis B - 7800 points
- Joshua D - 7500 points
- Edlynn D - 7300 points
- Mila H, Leith F and Isla F - 7100 points
- Ezra A - 7000 points
- Emilia C - 6900 points
- Jack O and Lily K - 6800 points
- Sio H - 6600 points
- Theo J - 6500 points
- Charlie G - 6400 points
- Mia J - 6300 points
- Elspeth J - 6200 points



Easter Dress Up – next Friday

No Easter Walking School Bus due to the disruptions on Pt Chev Road, but we are still doing our annual Easter Dress Up. Wear anything Easter related – Holy Week / Easter bible characters, bunnies, Easter eggs, chickens, Easter colours – purple, red, gold, white etc. No uniform necessary (unless, of course, that is what your child is most comfortable with!)

Coming up in next week's newsletter – information from Auckland Transport about how Pt Chev Road works are going to affect us over the next few months. Please note that AT are being very communicative and putting plans in place to mitigate disruptions to our school, particularly at drop off and pick up times.

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. 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 angelajshand@gmail.com or leave your details at the school office if you can help in any way.

Waterskiing Nationals 2024 – Congratulations to Eddie Donald (Rm 8) who recently represented the Auckland region at the 2024 New Zealand Waterskiing National Championships held at Piarere, Waikato. Eddie, having just turned 8, was the youngest athlete to qualify for the event, with the oldest athlete being 93 years young & still going strong competing! The Donald family have a long history with the sport, Eddie is third generation following in his father & grandfather's footsteps who have also both competed at NZ Waterskiing National Championships. Eddie competed in both the slalom & tricks events, and although didn't achieve the scores he was aiming for, improved on his first round scores in the plate final for both events. Eddie will compete again against New Zealand's best Junior (U21 & below) skiers on the first weekend of the upcoming holidays at the NZ Junior Masters Tournament. We wish Eddie all the best as he continues to train and prepare for this next event. The podium at the Nationals for the Over 35 Men's Slalom event, had two St Francis Dad's claiming the gold & silver medals.

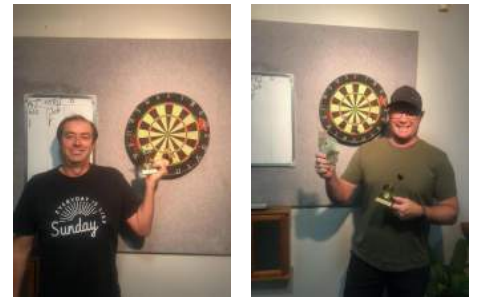


Well Done to Cameron Evans (Jack Evans – Rm 9) and James Donald (Eddie Donald – Rm 8), taking out 1st and 2nd place. Cameron continued his golden streak by also winning the Over 35 Men's trick event. We look forward to hearing more fantastic waterskiing results from our school community. If anyone is interested in how to get into this exciting family sport, please have a chat with Annalies Donald.



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

month – We had 20 St Francis Dad revellers at the monthly darts session last week, with back-to-back winner Richard Wager skillfully snapping up the prestigious champions trophy and Phil Jaggard taking out the all important money round. The next phenomenal darts session catch up is on Anzac Day, Thursday, 25 April, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club – Lock it in! 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.



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
- **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

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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				

Upcoming events this term

Friday 5 April - 9.15am Easter Mass in the hall, All welcome

Saturday 6 April - Parish Working Bee from 10.00am

Friday 12 April - Foodie Friday, 🐰 Easter Dress Up (No Walking School Bus due to roadworks), 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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