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Celebrating the season of Easter, until Pentecost!

Last week we had our Easter Mass in the hall, due to Church renovations. Our first Mass in the hall worked out wonderfully, thanks to Father John and our Year 6 Liturgy Leaders.

Taken from the Year 4 Easter lessons “What Easter - Te

Aranga means to Believers today” – For children who follow Jesus today Easter means carrying on his work building God’s Kingdom of justice, peace and love on earth:

- We build God’s Kingdom in our school when we support each other and care for children when they are upset.
- Standing up for fair play when we are playing sport and giving people encouragement and no put downs.
- Respecting children and adults especially our teachers and showing appreciation for all they do for us.
- Speaking up for those who are vulnerable and need an advocate when they are in trouble.
- Praying every day for Pope Francis that he will continue to lead our Church in ways that promote the values of the Kingdom of God on earth – Justice, Peace and Love.



Parish News - Successfully moved Church Services 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. Last weekend's Masses in the Hall were hugely successful with a great crowd at both Masses - future Masses will be followed by drinks/morning teas so come along and join our welcoming Parish community - it will be like a huge play date for the kids. **The**

School/Parish Working-bee last weekend was phenomenal

- Over 40 exceptional adults and kids rocked up to help out on a wonderfully fruitful community session, including past St. Francis students doing their Service hours. Thanks to all from Stuart and Father John, we really appreciated it.

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

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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.

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



Information from Auckland Transport about continued roadworks in Pt Chev:

General Pt Chev Information:

Next stages for Pt Chev Rd, Meola Rd and Garnet Rd: Our work so far on Meola Road has been significant. The extended road closure period enabled us to make strides in our construction that would have been impossible otherwise, bringing about crucial improvements for the community.

We rebuilt the road from the foundations to stabilise and raise it above the floodplain, undergrounded the power and communication lines, put in new lighting, built new pedestrian crossings, reconstructed vehicle entrances for Seddon Fields and MOTAT, and replaced aging and inadequate stormwater pipes.

The extended closure reduced construction by up to two months (saving up to \$400,000). We rebuilt approximately 1330m of Meola Road, 500m more than the original closure would have allowed, minimising the disruption felt by the community.

We anticipate full completion of Point Chevalier Road, Meola Road and Garnet Road by mid-2025.

April brings new work areas and traffic management changes for the Project on each of our three key roads - Point Chevalier Road, Meola Road and Garnet Road, as well as for some side streets. Please see below.

Point Chevalier Road - detour moves from Monday 15 April: There are currently two work areas on Pt Chevalier Road, one between Walker Road and Meola Road intersections and the other working southward from Formby Avenue and Smale Street intersection.

To accommodate the work area moving south from Smale Street, the traffic management arrangement will change on 15 April 2024, redirecting all northbound traffic off Point Chevalier Road through the side streets of Tui Street, Huia Road and Meola Road - see map below.

- Southbound traffic remains on Point Chevalier Road.



- Traffic lights will be in place at Tui Street intersection to manage traffic flow.
- Walker Road will reopen to Point Chevalier Road, with access southbound only.
- Work is planned across the intersections of Smale Street and Miller Street. When work is underway, access will not be possible out to Point Chevalier Road. Once work is complete in these areas, access southbound will be available.
- Parking is removed in work areas and safety zones.
- Pedestrian access will be limited at times on the western side.
- Vehicle access for residents will be restricted at times. We are working closely with immediate neighbours.

Meola Road - What to expect from Monday 29 April: The current closure on Meola Road will reopen to traffic late on Sunday 28 April 2024. Much more construction remains, and we will be working in stages along the entire length of Meola Road. From Monday 29 April:

- During work hours, Meola Road will be open to traffic with multiple stop-go closures operating Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm.
- Outside these times, two-way traffic operates.
- On-road parking will not be available.
- A road closure on Meola Road will be in place between Huia Road and Walford Road from Sunday 28 April, 8pm to August 2024. See below for more detail.
- Traffic lights will be in place at the intersection of Meola Road and Moa Road (24/7) while the Huia Road to Walford Road closure is in place.

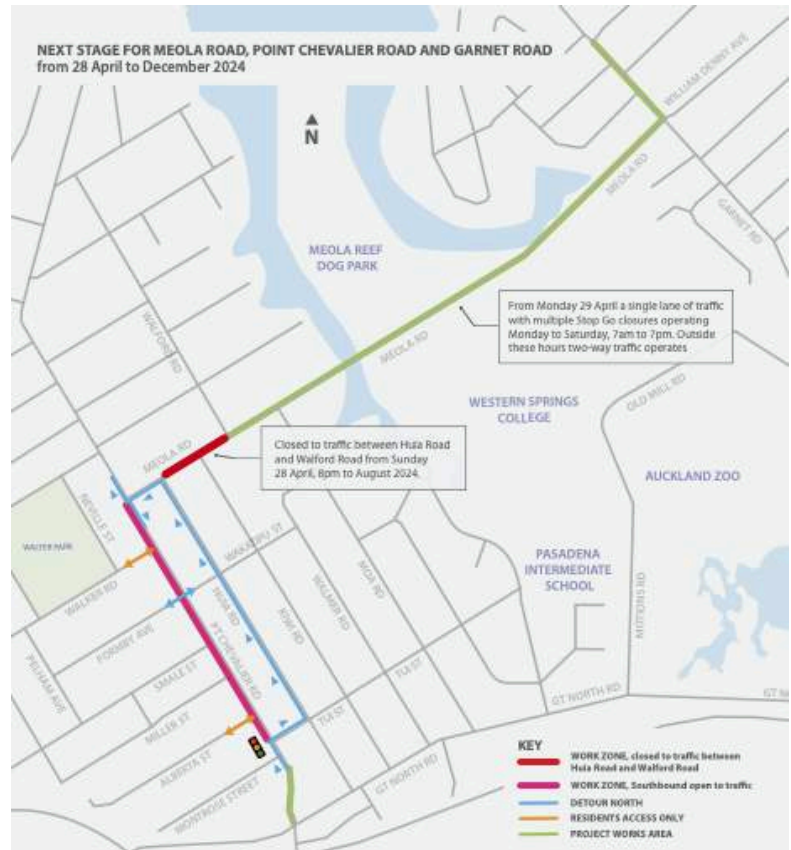
Huia Road to Walford Road closure: 28 April to August 2024: The section of Meola Road between Walford Road and Huia Road, currently accessible by residents only, will remain so from late on 28 April through to August 2024.

By closing it for up to three months, we can keep local traffic circulating better between the Point Chevalier Road detours and Meola Road, further reduce congestion on the local road network and lessen disruption to residents within the closure and area.

We will follow up with residents to identify specific concerns, such as residents needing vehicle access for medical, disability or business reasons. Access to driveways will be maintained as best as possible.

Some benefits of the closure:

- Residents will not have to contend with general traffic and construction traffic to get to their homes.
- Residents will be able to access their properties a lot more of the time than otherwise.
- The works for each property can be completed quicker, so there is less disruption overall for each resident.
- More consistent travel times and less disrupted travel times for road users through the area, not just Meola Road. Traffic monitoring of real time data has shown that diversion routes will result in faster and consistent overall travel times for general through traffic.



Garnet Road - Works start from Monday 29 April: Work will begin on Garnet Road from the end of April. Initially we will be working on Garnet Road from just south of the roundabout to the intersection of Westmere Crescent. Stop / Go traffic management will be in place to assist the construction team as they carry out drainage work in the berm, footpath and across the road.

The team will be in touch with neighbours shortly ahead of these works with construction details and road changes.

Plan your journey: People should anticipate slower travel times, delays and congestion when passing through the area. We understand that Meola Road is a convenient shortcut for many. Still, we strongly advise against using it and instead travel an alternative route during this construction period. Doing so will help us manage traffic more effectively for locals and ensure the safety of residents and construction workers. At times, residents will have limited access to driveways and there will be no parking available on the road.

Walking, cycling and dog park: Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained including access to the Meola Reef dog park. Our construction crew will continue to help school children cross the road at temporary crossing points.

Community - thank you: We want to express our gratitude to the community for their patience and ongoing cooperation while works have been carried out. With full completion of Meola Road expected to be achieved in mid-2025, we will be vigilant and keep you updated with our progress.

Contact us and stay informed: For project enquiries, email projects@at.govt.nz or phone 099305090. If you are a neighbour of our works and have any questions about construction in relation to you and your property, please contact our Dempsey Wood team on free phone 0800782429 (0800 PTCH2W) or email us at PtC2W@dempseywood.co.nz.

Visit AT's website to learn more about the project and consultation at www.at.govt.nz/ptc2w

Sincerely, The Point Chevalier to Westmere Project Team

Information specific to St Francis Catholic School:

After numerous meetings with Auckland Transport regarding parking and roadworks, they have put a few things in place specifically to make our lives a little bit easier:

- Work on Pt Chev is starting at the beginning of the school holidays, so that drop off and pick up at St Francis is affected for the shortest amount of time possible.
- Montrose Street will remain open throughout all of the roadworks, but there will be a left turn ban when leaving back onto Pt Chev Rd as this section will be under traffic light control.
- The traffic management team will ensure safe passage for any pedestrians needing to get across Pt Chev Rd and Montrose Street.
- The traffic management team will attempt to remove the first carparking space/s coming down Montrose Street to improve visibility for right turning traffic and to create more space when turning into Montrose Street, so that we don't block Pt Chev Rd.
- Once the tradies from the building site have finished (only approximately 4 or 5 weeks away), Auckland Transport will look at the option of a "kiss and drop off" area on Montrose Street to move school traffic through quickly to prevent back up on to Pt Chev Rd.
- The traffic management team are going to help out on the days of the Year 4 -6 visit to the Temple and the Year 1 - 2 trip to the Art Center, as the buses may cause some havoc.

While we are, of course, encouraging our children to walk or cycle to school as much as possible, to reduce the amount of traffic for pick up and drop off, but it is difficult to plan a safe route for walkers / cyclists until we see how these road closures are going to affect the traffic (and driver's attitudes to the changes!!). As soon as we can, we will look at a number of plans for Walking School Bus routes or drop off spots where teachers or volunteers can meet the children e.g. in the big carpark behind KFC, Walmer Reserve, Tui Street, or the Countdown Carpark etc.

Please know that we have spent a lot of time working with Auckland Transport to ensure that the perspective of St Francis Catholic School is considered when they are planning these projects. Just like we have spent a lot of time working with all involved with the building site next door. While these projects have caused / will cause frustration and annoyance, they are necessary for the long term future of our community.

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



Foodie Friday - This Friday - Jelly Tip Ice Creams & Lemonade Ice blocks - Orders close tonight at 8pm. \$2.50 per Jelly Tip Ice Cream or Lemonade Ice. 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

Easter Dress Up - this 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!)

Touch Rugby - St Francis Girls - Blue Lightning v St Francis Boys - Golden Flames. The last game of the touch season saw these two teams slug it out. Lightning stunned the Flames, dicing and weaving across the field to take an early lead. The Flames persevered and surged back to score right on the final hooter for a draw 6-6. Pizza was the award for such a great last game! Huge thanks to the wonderful parent coaches and managers who give up their time to help.



A message from the Friends of St Francis - The St Francis School Cross Country is fast approaching on Friday the 3rd of May (the first Friday after the school holidays).

No doubt you have heard from your children that training is well underway.

Please join us in supporting the St Francis Canopy Project through our exciting Cross Country Bake Sale, for parents attending the Cross Country. We are calling for approximately 25 volunteer bakers (we already have 14 volunteer bakers from the Friends of St Francis facebook group -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063832638314>) to create

delicious cupcakes, slices, biscuits, muffins and more, with all dietary options welcome.

If you are able to donate your baking skills and/or time on the day to help set up and/or sell the delicious baking (preferably parents/ caregivers in the Junior and Middle School that can jump on for a short time whilst others jump off to watch their kids run in the Middle/ Senior School races), please reply on the facebook post or email Donna @ dharris123@xtra.co.nz Your contribution will be greatly appreciated, and all baked goods can be dropped off at the Whanau Room on the morning of Friday the 3rd of May. Let's make this year's bake sale another huge success! Donna and Marisa.



Sausage Sizzle for the upcoming Cross-Country on 3 May -We will be arranging for Westmere Butchery to supply the pre-cooked pork sausages at the upcoming Cross-Country. A word of warning, the sausages are twice the size of previous sausage sizzle sausages so please bear this in mind when ordering and paying via myKindo. Orders open tomorrow. The cost of the sausages will be \$3 each. Should your child require gluten free Country Pork sausages, please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 with the quantity required before 30 April in order for him to place a special order. Please also get in touch with Stuart should you be available to help out on the BBQ the morning of 3 May given we will need to have both BBQ's going.

Sausages will also be available for cash purchase by adults attending the cross-country.

Girl's Football - Our lunchtime Football coach, Billy Harris, has noticed a drop off of Year 4 - 6 girl's in his private lessons, and thinks it might be that they are put off by the physical nature of the boys playing Football. Billy is willing to add a Year 4 -6 girls only practise on Mondays if there is interest. Contact Billy if your daughter is keen - billyharris2000@hotmail.com

Our School App - our roll out of our school app is going very well. Next term we are looking at:

- Only sending out the newsletter through the app, rather than email
- Our teachers will start using the app to send out messages
- Parent interview bookings will work through the app

The Year 6 Whanau Leaders interview Mrs Lengauer from the school office



This is a photo of my favourite people, my family. I'm the shorty in the middle!!

What would you rather it be, a sunny day or a rainy day? Why?

I prefer a sunny day because I like to be outside whenever I can. On a sunny day I can go on walks, ride my bike, sit on the beach or be in my garden. Everything is so much nicer when the sun is shining, it makes me feel happy and warm.

What superpower would you want to have if you could and why?

My superpower would be that I could zap people with my finger when they're not being nice or just to make them laugh if they are sad. I think that not only would it be fun to do, going around zapping people but everyone would be in a great mood all the time!!

What country would you want to travel to?

I've travelled to a lot of countries already but I haven't been to many Asian countries yet. I think the next country I'd like to go to is Thailand. I'd love to visit an elephant sanctuary and see the ancient temples. The elephants look adorable and the temples and history there would be really interesting.

Who's your favourite character from the bible and why?

I like the character in the story of the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. It's a story my son also told me when he was a little boy here at school and I remember thinking it was a good message for him to learn. The Good Samaritan helped a man who was robbed and beaten. He was the only person who helped him after many walked by. I like this character because he was kind and caring and represents how I think we should try to be ourselves when we can.

This photo is of my son at the Elephant Sanctuary in Phuket.



St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month - The next stupendous darts session will be 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 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 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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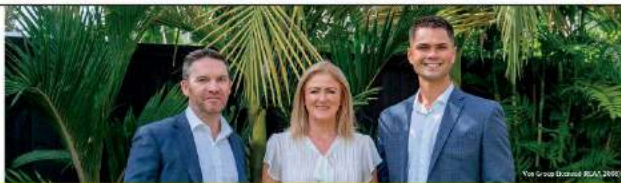
Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
LET'S FIESTA	LITTLES COOKS	ART ATTACK	LUAU PARTY	MOVIES
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TRIP DAY				
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
FUN WITH COLOURS	MAD SCIENCE	BEST OUT OF WASTE	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 Auntdale. Do not forget to bring socks.
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