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May, the month of Mary – For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Mary is even sometimes known as the 'Queen of May', with many images or statues of Mary crowned, sometimes with flowers.

How we celebrate our devotion to Mary in our classroom prayers during May:

- Seniors classes pray a decade of the Rosary a day and learn the accompanying prayers.
- Middle and Juniors classes use the stories from the Rosary Mysteries as their daily Bible stories.
- Middle classes pray a simple Rosary decade with a daily call and response, usually with the teacher to lead.
- Juniors classes do a Hail Mary prayer after their Bible reading.



Parish News: Church Services in 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. The Church renovation is progressing well thanks to Jeremy and his merry men. We are equally grateful to Julieta Gagna

Mariadas of PDL who generously supplied a lot of electrical products for the Church reno. gratis. It was a full house at last Sunday's Mass thanks in part to the beautiful MDM Choir.



Children's Liturgies

(a break-out session for kids involving a wee bit

of gospel and heaps of colouring in) during Sunday Masses is back on for the School Term 2 - so please come along and join our welcoming Parish community - it will be like a huge play date for the kids.

Church Fundraising - BUY-A-BRICK 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 A reminder that 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 There will be a working-bee on next Monday, 6 May, from 6pm, to simply install building paper in the Church walls for a few hours. Experts will be on-site to instruct and direct and all material/tools will be provided. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 to confirm your participation so we can track numbers (mainly for the beersies order).

Special Character Review next week - Next Wednesday and Thursday we will have visitors onsite from the Auckland Catholic Diocese, who will be completing a review of our school which happens every 3 years. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show off how amazing our school is. If you are interested in sharing your opinions about our school with the reviewers, there will be a parent meeting next Wednesday afternoon, drop in anytime between 2.00pm - 3.00pm in the school staffroom. Alternatively you can fill out the parent survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0Tr97Arlbd5r8ix5WdKqR-w-Yv_oAKy7J-dciW4Yz5_DIsA/viewform?usp=sharing

Cross Country - this Friday, midday

- Sausage Sizzle for the children - Kindo orders close tonight
- Friends of St Francis Cafe (tea, coffee and baking) and Sausage Sizzle for adults - available on the day. Cash or QR code for the cafe, preferably QR code of the sausages.
- Children need their PE gear (school PE shirt, black shorts), running shoes, sunscreen and lots of food and water.



Spectators:

- If possible, please don't come down Montrose Street, park by the shops (lots of parking behind KFC) or on the side streets.
- Be here early. We run through the races pretty quickly, so don't miss out on seeing your children running.
- Please watch the races from near the Junior Playground. There will be a roped off area for you to stand in (nice and close to the hot drinks and food!), this ensures you don't accidentally get in the way of the runners.

A message from the Friends of St Francis: "A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have generously offered to bake for our Friends of St Francis Cross Country Bake Sale fundraiser. Just a reminder that all baked goods can be dropped off at the Whanau Room on Friday, 3rd May. We will have lots of yummy treats available for sale, so don't forget to bring along some cash on the day."

Information about the Sausage Sizzle (because we haven't had one in a while!): We have arranged 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 Kindo. 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 ASAP.

A message from Mrs Wishart - Thank you to our super Saint Francis nature lover Cooper Pedersen who generously sold our homemade Nature Power (worm wee) and worm castings at a local market during the holidays on behalf of the Garden Club. The money will be used to buy plants for our grounds. Thank you Cooper!



Year 4 - 6 visit to the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple, Flat Bush -

The Buddhist Temple Trip by Emily and Anthea Room 2

Once upon a time at St Francis School... Year 4-6 went on a phenomenal school trip to the Buddhist Temple! When we got there we saw a magical temple! We were amazed! Slowly we trotted in and saw the beautiful temple. The first activity was calligraphy. The pen tips were soft and silky. We didn't have to push hard when we were writing. The second activity was learning some Buddhist signals and we held an incense up to our eyebrows, then we thought of a wish to put the incense in a big pot. Then for the third activity we sat down and listened to a lady for at least 5 minutes. They gave us each a candle and held it up by a tree. We each took a positive note. After that we got to write our wishes on a little coloured paper heart that was completely smooth and silky. We pinned our wishes on the wall with all the other ones. We left and did meditation. Then we sat down silently. There were calming water sounds on. We took a breath in and out multiple times, and it was very relaxing. We skipped into a room where we watched a movie! Then a police officer came in and talked to us about temptation and consciousness. The policeman picked a few people to do role-playing. Kindly they made us morning tea, it was vegetarian fried rice. It was delicious. In it there was chickpeas, corn and more deliciousness! Then we hopped back on the bus and on we went back to school. We were sad that we were leaving. Then they had a great rest of the day at school.

Temple Trip by Georgia Lamontanaro and Indie Uhila

On Tuesday we went to the Buddhist Temple. We were grouped up in classes then we got greeted with lotus waves and learnt how to do it back. We also learnt all about the Buddha and how he is so alike to Jesus. Then we went to write in another language, after that we followed our sign to the court ward and did mindfulness meditation with a specialist and we felt relaxed and cozy. The most important thing we learnt was that they handed you an incense stick to wish for something and it was a sign of cleansing then you put it in a bowl of sacred sand in front of the Buddha statue. After that we went to a place where five trees stood, one was to do good deeds and another was say good things and also think good thoughts and we learnt the four g's. It was to give others confidence and give others joy, and give others faith and give others convenience.



Then we watched a movie about the Buddha, and how he became the Buddha - there were many parts of their story which were similar to our Catholic beliefs. After that a police officer came and showed us temptation and conscience. They also set up some fried rice. It was delicious Indie, Georgia, Natalija, Khalisee and Mrs Jones got interviewed and said what they learnt and what we loved. Then at the end we got a pencil each and then waved goodbye with our lotus hands. And then we went on the bus back to school and had the best time ever!

The Temple by Lachlan & Oscar

We went on a long bus ride. Finally, we got to the temple. It was huge! We were put in group two. A monk greeted us into the temple. We went past the courtyard and into a fabulous room. They told us about the master who wrote these one brush paintings. Then they gave us some pieces of paper that had some lines for us to do calligraphy. After that they led us back through the courtyard. They made us go into lines of six. They showed us how to wish with burning sticks. First you hold it up to eyebrow level. Then you think of a wish and put it into the bowl up right. After that they taught us how to wave in their language. You join your thumb and your middle finger together and shake. They took us back through the courtyard into a wishing room. They taught us about these trees that had lights in them. They told us how to make a different wish. We held a light to our eyebrow level then wished, wrote it down on a piece of paper, and stuck it on the wall. Their wishes were kind of like how we pray as Christians. We went to the courtyard and did meditation for fifteen minutes, just like at school. We went into a room for a movie, and after the movie a cop came out of nowhere and we talked about temptation and conscience. After that we had delicious fried rice and had some water then got ready to leave. We all said goodbye, we left with a smile on our faces.



Farewell to Mrs Sarah Simpson - Sadly we are losing the best Special Needs Coordinator in the world. Due to poor health, Mrs Simpson has been on leave for a long time and now she has decided that she will not be returning to the workforce. This is a big loss for our community, and the Special Needs Education community in general. We wish Mrs Simpson and her family all the best for the future, and we hope that she will still be only a phone call away for any extra difficult Special Needs questions!!!

Term One Reading Challenge - Well done to the following children who completed their challenge booklet. The Term Two Maths Challenge Booklet comes out next week!!!!

- Room 1 - Milana, Ethan, Josh
- Room 2 - Jax, Gus, Natalija, Isla, Emily, Lewis, Max, Lachlan, Georgia, Oscar, Indie, Anthea, Kennedy, Louis, Khaleesi, Sebastian, Stella, Kata, Marcellus
- Room 3 - Mia, Lillian, Taavi, Markus, Elspeth, Micah, Georgia, Sam, Lucy, Ira, Lachlan
- Room 4 - Otto, Maxwell, Xavier, Mila, Kristine, Mariann, Iris, Gianna, Georgia, Nico, Alex, Pele, Samuel, Theo, Josh, Isla, Lily, Tom, Marco, Lyla, Harrison, Zach, Leith, Cameron, Addison, Lewis, Mason
- Room 5 - Gien, Keanu, Gino, Thomas, Ketan, Nina, Victoria, Frances, Dante, Declan, Edlynn Emme, Fletcher, Jeenie, Sienna
- Room 6 - Vincent, Auri, Connie, Eden, Asger, Cooper, Eddie, Eva, Poppy, Finn, Eva, Miles, Reann, Marko
- Room 7 - Ayden, Lochlan, Henricho, Thomas, Brennan, Eliana, Bhuvanesh, Lucette, Clara, Edward, Anthea, Molly, Philomena, Finnian, Sienna, Ranveer
- Room 8 - Emilia, Dominic, Levi, Leona, Emily, Eddie, Harry, Stella, Leonardo, Maeva, Flossy, Florentina
- Room 9 - Lucy, Felicity, Jack, Angelo, Darcy, Joseph
- Room 10 - George, Jacob, Harper, Effie, Ryley, Emily, Jeeanna, Rylee, Honor, Archie, Austin, Clementine, Matea, Emilia
- Room 11 - Mikaela, Sebastien, Liana, Thomas, Emma, Georgia-Rose, Jack, Mac, Katina, Evan Finley

A message from Mrs Mahoney about the Auckland Writers Festival - Come and enjoy a FREE family weekend at the Auckland Writers Festival Pukapuka Adventures on 18 May and 19 May 2024, which will take over the top floor of the Aotea Centre. Expect book readings, dancing, singing, drawing, zine-making, crafting activities and more. Their interactive line-up has been inspired by all the wonderful words and illustrations from newly released children's books and it is designed to appeal to a variety of ages so the whole family can attend (from babies to tweens). Children and their adults are invited to bring the secret ingredients of curiosity and play to transform and be transformed by these wonderful stories. Bring your whole heart and your whole whānau to this literature party as we giggle, dance, learn and create.

Saturday FREE Activities: 10:00am: My First Words About Tikanga Maori 10:45am: Bursting with the Razzle: A Dazzlehands Disco 11:30am: Dreaming of Africa 12:15pm: Take the Mic	Sunday FREE Activities 10:00am to 10:30am: Bursting with the Razzle: A Dazzlehands Disco 10:00am to 12:00pm: Found Poem Badges 10:45am to 11:15am: Unleash Your Inner Superhero
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1:30pm: Illustrator Showdown
2:15pm: Dance like the Atua
3:00pm: Tapa Navigators
10:00am to 4:00pm: Make a Mean Zine and
Action Stations

11:30am to 12:00pm: Don't Scare the Dentist
12:15pm to 1:00pm: Kia Piki te Ora!

For more information go to www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/events/pukapuka-adventures-2024/ or check the programme in the school library.

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 - this will be our last newsletter sent out via our email system. All newsletters will now go through the app. Next step: messages from the teacher via the app in Week 2.

The Year 6 Whanau Leaders interview **Teacher Aide extraordinaire - Mrs Haedie Brake**

Who is your best friend and when did they become your best friend?

I don't really have a 'best' friend - i have group of friends who I met through Plunket when our babies were 6 months old. The 'babies' are now grown up and we are all becoming Grandparents and now having play dates with our grandchildren!

Would you rather fly or be able to breathe under water?

I am scared of heights so definitely breathe under the water!

Where is your favourite place to go on holiday?

We have a bach at Mangawhai heads and I love spending time there with friends and family. My favourite overseas holiday destination is Fiji. I love the warm weather and lazing around the pool.

Would you rather have a million dollars or spend 20 minutes with Jesus?

I would love both! However Spending 20 minutes with Jesus would be amazing. I would have so many questions for him but I would also thank him for the sacrifices he made for us.



St. Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month – A phenomenal turnout last week at darts considering it was Anzac Day. It all culminated in a tense nail-biter 3-way final between Bruce, Phil and Stuart, who all managed to navigate the prior laborious rounds. The ultimate winner on the night was Bruce, who miraculously managed to take out the money round too – so he goes down in history as a rare double winner. The next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, 30 May, 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 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 9 May – Inner City Swimming comp

Friday 10 May – Year 5 and 6 Mother’s Day Breakfast

Sunday 12 May – Father John’s Birthday

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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