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Special Character Review this week – Tomorrow 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 this 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/1FAIpQLSd0Tr97Arlbd5r8ix5WWDKqR-w-Yv_oAKy7J-dciW4Yz5_DIsA/viewform?usp=sharing

Thank you – to Father John who is visiting our Junior classes every Tuesday morning. We love having you in our classrooms. This week Father visited Room 11 for prayers and to read a story. Happy Birthday for this coming Sunday Father John!!!!!!

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 at Allpro Construction Limited and his band of merry men. We remain equally grateful to Julieta Gagna Mariadas of PDL who generously supplied a lot of electrical products for the Church reno. Gratis.



Successful Working-bee - A great turnout of over 14 lads from both the School and Parish last Monday night to install building paper on the walls of the Church - the reno is taking shape and is a testament to the wonderful sense of community spirit we have at the School and Church.



Planting Assistance required - Another small working-bee to plant some flaxes and grasses under the 3 billboards on the School field (as required by Council) will happen in the coming months, weather permitting - watch this space. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 if you know where we can source cheap/free young plants, specifically:

- Harakeke (*Phormium tenax*) x 20
- Kawakawa (*Piper excelsum* subsp. *excelsum*) x 10
- Speckled sedge (*Carex testacea*) x 40
- Wharariki coastal flax (*Phormium cookianum* subsp. *hookeri*) x 25

Children's Liturgies - (a break-out session for kids involving a wee bit of gospel and heaps of colouring in and fun discussion) 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, plus we have a morning tea in the Hall after both Saturday and Sunday Masses.

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.

Junior School Jesus Meal -



"We all enjoyed trying new foods and revisiting favourites at our Jesus meal. We discovered there were many foods, flavours and textures in food that we enjoy just like Jesus did. We tried hard to only use their right hands just like Jesus would have done. We all enjoyed trying a bit of runny honey on some bread like Jesus would have had as a treat."

Private Spanish classes - after school on Tuesdays, in the Whanau Room. Contact José Figueira (Sienna's Dad) @ josecoaching@gmail.com for more information on costs etc.

Thank you - a huge thank you to Ryan Anderson (Isla's Dad) from Aqualine who has kindly given caps and goggles in St Francis colours to all the kids going to the Inner City Swimming comp tomorrow. We will be the best dressed team at the swimming pool!



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.

<p>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 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</p>	<p>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 11:30am to 12:00pm: Don't Scare the Dentist 12:15pm to 1:00pm: Kia Piki te Ora!</p>
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For more information go to www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/events/pukapuka-adventures-2024/ or check the programme in the school library.

PMP - The first week of PMP went very well. Thank you Angela Franich (Dominic and George's Mum) for your super coordination.

Cross Country - Thank you to Mr Wright, the teachers and all the helpers for an awesome Cross Country day. Thank you to the Friends of St Francis parents for organising and running the cafe / bake sale and the sausage sizzle. Thank you to all the families who supported the Friends of St Francis by providing delicious home made baking.



Cross Country Results

<p>5 yr old boys: 1st - Angelo Uhlmann 2nd - Joseph Tuitupou 3rd - Tevita Holani</p>	<p>5 yr old girls: 1st - Emily Joyce 2nd - Milana Aumua 3rd - Claire Lee</p>	<p>6 yr old boys: 1st - Evan Borges 2nd - George Franich 3rd - Lachlan Buchanan</p>	<p>6 yr old girls: 1st - Lily Daysh 2nd - Mackenzie Dymond 3rd - Effie Francis</p>
<p>7 yr old boys: 1st - Eddie Marshall 2nd - Lochlan Miskimmons 3rd - Asger Jones</p>	<p>7 yr old girls: 1st - Eliana Zhou 2nd - Eva Parsons 3rd - Kierra Rasmussen</p>	<p>8 yr old boys: 1st - Micah Fullerton 2nd - Harrison Skeats 3rd - Taavi Karkkainen</p>	<p>8 yr old girls: 1st - Posey Sullivan 2nd - Emily Miln-Harris 3rd - Mia Jansen</p>

9 yr old boys:
 1st - Nicholas Gagna - Mariadas
 2nd - Lachlan Gorringe
 3rd - Gino Johnstone
 4th - Oscar Marshall
 5th - Marco Dymond
 6th - Maxwell Lane
 7th - Declan Robertson
 8th - Fletcher Talaic

9 yr old girls:
 1st - Isla Miskimmons
 2nd - Florentina Kitchen
 3rd - Alexandra Nicholas
 4th - Anthea Peterken
 5th - Petra Davison
 6th - Gien Gallurah
 7th - Georgia Buchanan
 8th - Alice Peterson

10 yr+ boys:
 1st - Cameron Joyce
 2nd - Leith Fullerton
 3rd - Louis Sullivan
 4th - Mason Bedford
 5th - Harrison Leite
 6th - Theo Jansen
 7th - Harry Lewis - Cranwell
 8th - Charlie Gowen

10 yr+ girls:
 1st - Natalija Vuksich
 2nd - Edlynn D'Mellow
 3rd - Sophie Illich
 4th - Gianna Munro
 5th - Stella Jaggard
 6th - Frances Wright
 7th - Kata Martin
 8th - Isla Fellows



Flippa Ball - St Francis is busy in the pool! When a lot of people pop their togs away for the winter months, our St Francis Flippa Ball & Mini Ball players keep theirs out, and each week pop them on excitedly for their Sunday afternoon games & training sessions! This term we have five St Francis teams playing in the Water Wolves competition at St Cuthberts. Our teams all got off to a great start for the Term 2 season, and we welcome the new Year 3 & 4 players to the sport this term! We wish the Makos, Titans, Taniwhas, Orcas and Dolphins all the best for their Term 2 season, and we thank all the parents who support this great sport!



**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT**

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!! 2024 Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge – Tuesday 6th August. Come along and join us for an epic event full of physical challenges, mud, sweat, and most importantly smiles and a great time. Think Cross Country with obstacles and LOTS of Mud! Event is Tuesday 6th August in Kumeu for Year 3 and above students. Cost is \$30 per student. Entries are now open and the event sells out, so please contact Annalies Donald at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz or 027 467 7170 if you would like to be involved. Photos of the 2023 St Francis team below.



Foodie Friday – Friday 17th May – Orders Open Today & close 8pm Wednesday 15th May.

Slices are \$2 per slice and order options are:

- Ham & Cheese
- Cheese
- Gluten Free Cheese
- Gluten Free / Vegan Cheese



There is the option to also order a Juice box for \$2.50. Orders must be made and paid for using the 'My Kindo' App or My Kindo website, which you will need to register for and load each child individually – connected with their 2024 classroom. Then complete & pay for their orders. 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 Please make sure your child is allocated to their 2024 classroom in the app for their order to go to the right place.

Orders close Wednesday 15th May.

Parent Groups – We have had many new families join the school which is wonderful!!

Welcome to the St Francis Community. We're not sure if everyone is aware but we have a St Francis Mum's WhatsApp group and a St Francis Dad's WhatsApp group. You will get most of this info via your class WhatsApp groups but this is for wider bits of information or discussions...ranging from inner city sporting events to traffic woes to missing uniform notices.

- For the Dads Support Group, click on the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FVrjblOyEEa00xJOPr4FIC>

- For the St Francis Mums Group, click on the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FfTeell189zDKJyYzx4jHh>

St. Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night –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.



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

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

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, 2.15pm Assembly led by Rooms 5 and 11

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost

Tuesday 28 May – BOT meeting

Friday 31 May – 2.15pm Assembly led by Room 6 and 8

Monday 3 June – King's Birthday weekend

Thursday 6 June - Inner City Rugby League comp @ Cornwall Park. 6pm Pasifika Mass @ St Joseph's Church Grey Lynn - All welcome!

Monday 10 June - School Photos Day

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

Friday 14 June - Foodie Friday

Sunday 16 June - 9.00am School / Parish Children's Mass - All welcome!

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

Tuesday 25 June - BOT meeting

Thursday 27 June - Mid Year Reports sent home via the school app

Friday 28 June - Matariki Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July - Parent Interviews

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

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