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**Pentecost** - On the night before Jesus died, he promised the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to enlighten them, guide them, strengthen them, and give them everything they would need to carry the Good News to people all over the world. They didn't understand what this meant.

But on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came like the wind and descended on the apostles gathered in the Upper Room. They were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they understood everything, and they immediately went out into the streets to tell people the Good News of Jesus Christ!

When the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost, the apostles received the gifts of the Spirit.

At baptism, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are strengthened during the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Please join us for our annual Pentecost Mass - this Friday @ 9.15am in the hall**



You are cordially invited to the  
AUCKLAND CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO

## Pasifika Mass

June 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
St Joseph's Parish Grey Lynn  
Light refreshments at the conclusion of mass.

Psalm 119:105  
'Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a  
light unto my path.'

## **Parish News – School/Church working-bee**

**last Saturday:** Another phenomenal community effort from St. Francis School and Parish dads coming together to work on installing the insulation at the Church. It's shaping up to be oh so cosy when we move back into the renovated Church.



## **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 with all 11 new arched windows as well as the wonderful new altar window installed 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.

**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.

**Children led Mass:** We will have a School-led Mass on Sunday, 16 June at 9am in the Hall - everyone is welcome to attend in what will be a fantastically fun session followed by a scrumptious morning tea.



## **Church Fundraising – BUY-A-BRICK: Our Parish Buy-a-Brick**

campaign remains well underway, with a \$500+ contribution receiving a guaranteed name plaque. **Please get in quick as we are going to print with the engravings in the coming week(s).** \$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.



**sKids After School Care and Holiday Programs** - The sKids Programme @ St Francis Catholic School is where the safety and care of your child is the number one priority. If you're looking for a safe, structured and fun environment for your children then sKids is the answer. Contact the sKids Office on 021 0251 4172, or Jackie on 021 975 642. Email: [stfrancisptchev@skids.co.nz](mailto:stfrancisptchev@skids.co.nz) Programme Hours: After School Care: 3:00-6:00pm; Holiday Programme Care: 8:00am-6:00pm.

**Cultural Language Weeks** - This year, we have decided to focus on in-class celebrations for Cultural Language Weeks. The first celebration will be Samoan Language Week in Week 5, from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May. If you have an interest or some expertise in a certain area that you would like to share in your child's classroom to celebrate either the Samoan language, food or culture, please get in touch with your child's classroom teacher directly. We look forward to welcoming our community into our classes!

**Cultural Performance and Cultural Week** - After gathering students to ask for their much-needed voice, all of the 80 students who voluntarily came agreed that they wanted a cultural performance again this year! We plan for this to go ahead in Term 3, Week 10 and have put the cultural performance down for Friday 27th September. The performance again will be student-led and practice for this will begin in the next few weeks within school. Students were also keen for the performance day to be a community gathering, potentially through food. We appreciate that this heavily relies on the community so before making any further decisions, we would love your voice and would love to work with a group of passionate individuals who can support making this happen. Anyone interested in this will agree to be part of the committee, which will meet up once a term. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact me directly on [olivian@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:olivian@stfrancis.school.nz)

Our cultural week in Term 3 Week 10 will also be an opportunity to welcome and celebrate all cultures who are keen to share their knowledge and expertise. Further details to follow about this in term 3.

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



ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!! **2024 Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz) or 027 467 7170 if you would like to be involved.

**Netball** – It's been a great start to the season for all our St Francis netball teams, who took to the courts for their grading games last week.

- Year 6 Kikorangi Won 23-04 POD Emme U
- Year 6 Ma Won 6-1 POD Frances
- Year 5 Wolves Won 12-08 POD Georgia
- Year 4 Saints lost 1-6 POD Maeva
- Year 4 Angels Drew 5-5 POD Zoe R
- Year 3 Shooting Stars lost 1-2 POD Lucette

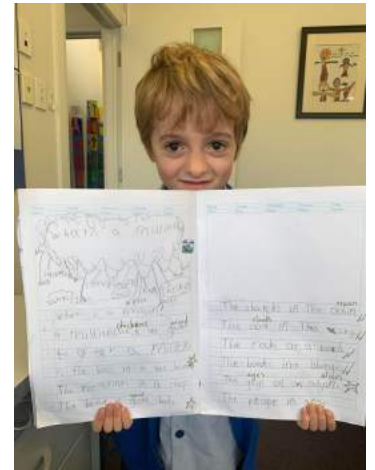


**Parent Interviews** – Parent Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday the 2nd of July and Wednesday the 3rd of July. If you are unable to attend on one of these days please get in touch with the classroom teacher to make another appointment. Please note that interview slots are 10 minutes each – the teacher will let you know if you need more than 10 minutes.

Parent Interviews are scheduled through our school app. You were sent a notification yesterday with information about this. If your app doesn't have an 'interview' icon on the homepage you will need to refresh (close down and then restart the app) and it will appear.

Mid Year Reports will be sent home via the app the Thursday before the Interviews (Friday is Matariki!).

**Year 3 Writing** – What is a million? By Finnian Cathro from Room 7 – *A million chickens all joined together. A million is the bees in a beehive. The instruments in a shop. The blood in your body. The sharks in the ocean. The clouds in the sky. The rocks at the beach. The books in a library. The eyes on an alien. The people in a city. A million is the amount of snow in a snowman.*



**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 – where it's always warm and dry. 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**

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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 24 May – Pentecost Mass @ 9.15am – All welcome

Tuesday 28 May – BOT meeting

Friday 31 May – 2.15pm Assembly led by Room 6, 8 and 9

**Monday 3 June – King's Birthday weekend – no school**

Wednesday 5 June – Room 3 and 7 Art trip – Corban's Estate

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

Friday 7 June – Room 6 and 8 Art trip – Corban's Estate

Monday 10 June – School Photos Day

Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June – Year 1 and 2 Art trip – Corban's Estate

Thursday 13 June – Year 5 and 6 Proclaiming the Word finals

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 – no school**

Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July – Parent Interviews

Friday 5 July – Foodie Friday, Caritas YCC Mufti Day, Last day of Term 2

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