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## Information from Auckland Transport -

Thank you to all the parents who attended this afternoon's meeting and those who sent through questions and comments to pass on to AT. Topics of discussion included parking challenges on Montrose and the surrounding streets, illegal parking (e.g. in 5 minute zones, parking over yellow lines and driveways etc), how road works are impacting on drop off and pickup, abandoned cars on Montrose taking up valuable parking spots, parents receiving parking fines etc etc.

The big piece of news from AT is that **the next stage of upgrades / roadworks will include the closure of Pt Chev Rd from the Great North Rd intersection to Montrose Street (Montrose will stay open at all times to residence and school traffic)**. The dates of these closures have not yet been finalised but are expected in the coming weeks. When this happens AT will provide clear information about how to access Montrose Street (it won't be easy, but it will be possible!) and will be staffing a Walking School Bus each morning and afternoon (probably to and from the car park behind Daily Bread / KFC). While this closure will definitely impact of school traffic, AT are trying to be as helpful and proactive as possible.



As soon as we have more information we will send it out to our community. We will also be sending out, on behalf of AT, a survey / expression of interest regarding the Walking School Bus.

**Church Renovation Update** – We are hoping to have the gib installed by the end of this week and remain on target to finish the reno. by the end of July/August – so not too long to go now. Jeremy Halpin from Allpro Construction Limited and his band of merry men have been doing a great job with the reno. We remain equally grateful to Julieta Gagna Mariadas of PDL who generously supplied a lot of electrical products for the Church reno. gratis. A summary of the Church renovation costs incurred to date versus budget is shown below (\$'000 excluding GST):

Total Budgeted Costs	335
Costs incurred to date. (49%)	<u>(162)</u>
Estimated costs to complete	<u>173</u>



A number of people have asked how we fund the Church reno – in short, we are on our own in that we have to self-fund it, there is no contribution from the Auckland Diocese and Churches are unable to apply for grants for renovating it's Church. Hence, the call-out for the "Buy-the-brick" campaign – refer below.

**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.

**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 – feel free to bring any baking/biscuits, etc.**

We are always looking for more **parent helpers** to run the Children Liturgy sessions (you only need to do once a term), so please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 if you'd like to join the Team – full guidance and instructions will be provided.

**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 – **feel free to bring any baking/biscuits, etc. to share.**

**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).



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.

### Inner City Sports Cluster : Cross Country competition –



**Story writing by Gus Knowles, Room 2:** Once upon a time there were three orangey black komodo dragons called Bob, Billy and Billybob. They were dangerous beastly creatures with eyes as black as the night. They lived in a super secret high tech underground bunker, in the sweltering Sahara desert. A dry place where no one really ventured, so it really was boring.

One day Bob was so bored he went to eat a plum, but he sneezed and it duplicated. He was so surprised that he fainted. His brothers saw it happen and Billybob fainted with terror disappearing and a net came over Billy and he fell asleep.

A day later, they woke up in an overcrowded zoo! People were staring and laughing their over-large heads off, they had lost their way home! They explored the cramped enclosure and Billy found a miniature exit in the bars so he tried what Bob had done the previous day, and it worked! They felt numb, they couldn't move, they were frozen just wondering if it would work. Bob waited for the perfect time to strike on the weakened bars, then he rammed himself against the bars and they crushed under his weight. Everyone screamed as they rampaged the zoo life around them. The guards tried and failed immediately to stop them, they stomped their way into an emergency rescue bunker for animals where they lived a peaceful rest of their lives.

**Flippaball** - Another successful round of games for our Flippaball teams this weekend with all three coming away with a victory. The level of play and sportsmanship displayed by all of our teams has kept them at the pointy end of the competition, they are a credit to St Francis School. The Taniwhas continued their hot streak with some clinical shooting, winning 10-5 against Kings Orca. The Dolphins played the Kings Kingfish team & won 8-4. All our new players are picking it up well, and everyone is developing skills further each week. And the Orcas rounded out a successful weekend winning their game against Victoria Avenue Sharks, some deft passing leading to a number of crucial goals.

**Miniball** - Our St Francis Mako continued their winning ways this week. An improved defensive display nullified any threat from the opposition, while the focus on passing paid off with some great team goals. Impressive contributions from everyone saw the team build on their lead throughout the game and come away with another resounding victory. The St Francis Titans (our Yr 5 team) came up against a much bigger Yr 6 team and had a great battle. After trailing 4-1 at halftime they adjusted their style of play and came roaring back into contention with some great shooting from long range and intricate team work. The game ended 7-7 - an outstanding result!

**Netball** - Another solid week on the courts for our St Francis netball teams:

-Year 6 Kikorangi Won 10-5

POD- Natalija

-Year 6 Ma lost 2-9

POD- Sophie

-Year 5 Wolves Won 16-0

POD- Anthea

-Year 4 Saints Won 8-4

POD- Elsbeth

-Year 4 Angels Won

POD- Riley

- Year 3 Shooting Stars Won 3-0



**Room 10's writing about Father John visiting their class -**

Today Father John came to our classroom. We started asking Father John some questions. We asked him 1000 questions. We all started laughing whenever Father



John said something funny. He read the Bible to us. Father John is fun when he comes to our classroom. – George F

Today Father John came to our classroom. He answered our questions. He read us a Bible story about John the Baptist. His favourite colour is blue and green. – Juliette D

I think Father John enjoyed being with us. He is a nice man. I liked his prayers and reading. We asked him some questions like where do you live? And what country are you from? – Jacob P

Father John came to read us the bible. We asked lots of questions. He couldn't decide which country he liked the best. – Emily J

Today Father John came to our classroom. We asked him questions. One of the questions was What is your favourite animal? He told us his favourite animal was a Rhinoceros because they are almost extinct. It was fun. – Rose R

**The Stepping Out programme with the NZ Police** - We are learning about sneaky driveways from Constable Taufua this week.



**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.

**Friends of St Francis Fundraiser** - Oxford pies are back as a wonderful fundraiser for the school. Great for filling the freezer for winter. There are a variety of savoury and fruit family size pies, 5 pack of lunch pies, savouries, sausage rolls and lamingtons. These will be available to order on kindo from 24 May to 7 June. Orders can be collected from the garden to table room after school on Tuesday 18 June. If you have multiple kids at the school please just place order against one child/class.



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.

**Final figures** – On the school Cross Country day our Friends of St Francis cafe and Sausage Sizzle made \$2,339.27, that's \$1,523.12 in profit going towards the Canopy Project. Thank you to all involved!! We appreciate your hard work.

**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**

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](mailto:Marisa@ironbridge.co.nz) or 022 633 5095 [www.ironbridge.co.nz](http://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

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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