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A message from Auckland Transport regarding the Walking School Bus starting next week due to the Pt Chev Road closure scheduled to start on Monday:

Thank you to the families that completed the recent Walking School Bus (WSB) trial survey. The response showed that over 90% preferred the Daily Bread/KFC car park as the start and end point for the route.



We are pleased to advise that the Walking School Bus trial will start from this location on Monday 17th June for a two-week period. During the trial the WSB will operate both morning and afternoon Monday to Friday and will be managed by the Auckland Transport Community Transport team, parents are welcome to walk with their children on the Walking School Bus if they wish to do so.

Please complete the consent form (paper copies sent home yesterday) for those of your children that will be using the WSB and identify what days and times they are likely to be using the WSB - Consent form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BHF-VsnedeHLUWIqHHbAPe8Cz6Uhe4kk/view?usp=sharing>

Children's behaviour pledge:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bA9pv1nBVTw5hvV_kA6E_79PBdmHDxO3/view?usp=sharing

WSB will operate the following times -

Before school - 8.20am - Parents must be with their children in the carpark and must stay with them until the **WSB leaves at 8.30am sharp** - the drop location will be marked by AT flags.

After school - Children to assemble on the top court at 3.05pm, **leaving school at 3.10pm sharp**. Parents to be in car park by 3.00pm - any child who is not collected by 3.25pm - the school will be notified and collect them from the car park and return them to school for parent pick up. Following the two-week trial, we will hold a parent meeting to discuss the next steps.

Safety information:

- Mrs Bateman and Miss Neary will accompany the Walking School on Monday morning and afternoon, and from then on it will be run independently by AT staff (employed and trained by AT).
- Children signed up for the Walking School Bus will be checked off at the beginning of the Walking School Bus and at the end, to ensure the safety of all involved.
- If there is an incident or an issue on the Walking School Bus parents will be informed immediately.
- AT have conducted a 'Safety Audit' to ensure the safest route for the Walking School Bus.

More local information from AT -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wv5J_bhp3KRO6RzXoATCup3Tuo2GevGR/view?usp=sharing

Please don't block our neighbours driveways!!!!!!!

I understand parking is still difficult, but our neighbours are getting very upset with us. I receive phone calls and emails everyday with complaints and photos of blocked driveways.

We have even on a few occasions had complaints about parents being rude and confrontational when neighbours have asked them to move the car blocking the driveway.

This is very embarrassing for our school. Please show courtesy and respect.

School / Parish Sunday Mass – We will have a School-led Mass this Sunday, **16 June** at 9am in the Hall – everyone is welcome to attend followed by a scrumptious morning tea – **feel free to bring any baking/biscuits, etc. to share.**

Many of the St Francis children will have jobs and roles in the Mass, so we expect a big crowd!

Save the date – our second School / Parish Mass – Sunday 25 August

Parish News – Church Renovation Update

We remain on target to finish the reno. by the end of July/August – so not too long to go now. A summary of the Church renovation costs incurred to date versus budget is shown below (excluding GST):

	\$
Total Budgeted Costs	334,689
Costs incurred to date (60%)	(200,069)
Estimated costs to complete	134,620

A number of people have asked how we fund the Church reno – in short, we (the Parish of St Francis) 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 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 number 02-0108-0707331-003. Please contact Stuart if you have any queries.



Parish 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. There is morning/evening tea in the Hall after both Saturday and Sunday Masses – *feel free to bring any baking/biscuits, etc.*

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 there's the yummy morning teas. 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.

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.

[Matariki Story Time](#) - Dorothy Butler Bookshop (a long time supporter of our school) are excited to be welcoming Miriama back to the shop for a Matariki Story Time. Miriama has now written [4 Matariki books](#) which she'll share with us. After the stories there'll also be a chance to try out one of the crafts from the new [Matariki Colouring and Activity Book](#). Come along and join the fun.

Pyjama Day - Our Year 6 Whanau Leaders have decided to collect **new children's pyjamas** to donate to [Jammies for June](#). If you would like to contribute you can drop off your pyjama donations to the school office. To advertise Jammies for June the Whanau Leaders have organised a Pyjama Day (children come dressed in their favourite pyjamas - not school uniform) for **Friday, the 21st of June**.

Parent Interviews - Tuesday the 2nd of July and Wednesday the 3rd of July - Have you booked using the App?????

Next Week - Miss Neary, Father John, Mr Wright, Mrs Jones and myself (Mrs Bateman) will be in Wellington attending the 2024 NZ Catholic Convention from Tuesday to Friday. While we are away Mrs Wishart will be running the school. Because of this there will be no school newsletter next week.



Foodie Friday - Orders close tonight at 8.00pm for this week's Foodie Friday. Get your orders in.

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.

**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
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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.

Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Kia orana,
Fakaalofa lahi atu

Pacific Island Family Talanoa

Come meet, greet and eat
with other St Francis families!

Wednesday 26th June
3.15pm

Whanau Room

Year 5 and 6 Inner City Sports Cluster Kiwi Tag Comp – Last week St Francis sent 3 teams to the Kiwi Tag competition at Cornwall Park. It was great to see the effort and enthusiasm they displayed throughout the day. As always they took great pride in representing their school. Although it was somewhat non competitive each team won more games than they lost and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to the parents who transported and helped on the day.



A message from Mr Wilkie – if we have any parents, grandparents etc who fancy themselves expert fruit tree pruners, please have a chat with Mr Wilkie. He has a few questions for you.

Junior School trip to the Corban's Art Centre -



A message for Year 6 families - Save the Date - Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner - Friday the 6th of December.

St Francis Parish and School Dads Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month - The next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, 27 June, 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 Parish and 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:



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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

Thursday 13 June – Year 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

Friday 21 June – Jammies for June – Pyjama Day

Tuesday 25 June – BOT meeting

Wednesday 26 June – Pacific Island family talanoa (meeting) in the Whanau Room 3.15pm

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

Coming up next term

Monday 22 July - First day of Term 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 2 August - Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 23 July - St Mary's Choir performing

Tuesday 6 August - Tough Guy and Gal Comp, Kumeu

Wednesday 7 August - Catholic Caring Mass, Christ the King Church

Thursday 8 August - ICS Rugby / Rippa Rugby Comp, Cox's Bay

Thursday 22 August - ICS Netball Comp, Onewa Courts

Sunday 25 August - School / Parish Sunday Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 27 August - BOT meeting

Thursday 5 August - Art Exhibition

Friday 6 August - Grandparents Day

Thursday 12 September - ICS Football Comp, Seddon Fields

Friday 13 September - Foodie Friday

Tuesday 24 September - BOT meeting

Friday 27 September - Last day of Term 3

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