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## How to honour and celebrate Matariki as a Catholic community -

Prayer - Kia ĭnoi tātou - let us pray. E te Atua, God of the cycles and patterns of the universe and all living things whose ways we only begin to comprehend, open our hearts to the wonder of the natural world, to your incarnation throughout creation, and to your presence with and in us now. Amen.

Blessing - The new light of Matariki has risen! May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life. May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness. May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you. May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing. Go in peace. Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

**Mānawatia a Matariki** – This week St Francis has been celebrating Matariki with a different activity on offer each day. Star crafts, planting a broad bean, dancing the Matariki Macarena and on Thursday the whole school will enjoy Matariki soup!



**Parish News – Church Renovation Update:** We are hoping the internal painting will start by the end of this week/early next week. Accordingly, we remain on target to finish the reno. by the end of July/August. To keep costs to a minimum, Arvi and Stuart have been pulling favours left, right and centre in getting discounted deals or products provided gratis and conducting working-bees. In this regard, a massive thanks again to Jeremy at Allpro Construction, Julieta of PDL and Dom Hines of Hines Electrical & Security who’ve really gone beyond in supporting our Parish. We remain within budget with regards to what we planned to do. However, there have been some extras along the way, such as 8 new internal/external doors, new swabs for the pews and extra strengthening/piling work required by the Diocese-recommended engineer, that we are utilising new brick donations for. In addition, we are now thinking that the roof should be painted that will require an additional \$20k that remains unfunded – so a Big call out to those who are able to contribute financially to please do so – the St. Francis Parish renovation bank account number is: 02-0108-0707331-003 and any queries, please contact Stuart. And remember, all donations attract a 33% tax refund.

A summary of the Church renovation costs incurred to date versus our original planned budget is shown below (excluding GST):

	\$
Total Budgeted Costs	334,689
Costs incurred to date (74%)	(248,649)
Planned costs to complete	86,040

A reminder again on how we (the parish, not the school) fund the Church ongoing expenses (salaries of the Parish Secretary and housekeeper – being marginally above the living wage; Father John’s salary, being only 30% of the minimum wage; electricity; maintenance; etc.) as well as the Church renovation – 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 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). We are very grateful for those who have kindly contributed both previously and as recently as yesterday. 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 it 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.

**School children-led Mass:** What a fantastically fun School-led Mass we had a few weeks ago in the Hall. We look forward to celebrating the next one on Sunday, 25 August, at 9am in the renovated Church along with the MDM Choir – everyone is welcome to attend the Mass followed by a scrumptious morning tea in the Whanau Room – feel free to bring any baking/biscuits, etc. to share.



**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.

**Walking School Bus** - As per yesterday's email regarding the Walking School Bus - the parent interest meeting for the walking school bus is tomorrow, Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 9am in the staffroom. AT will provide muffins for the meeting. AT will also run an online meeting this evening, Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June for those who are unable to attend the in person meeting on Thursday. 7pm on Microsoft teams [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 485 449 913 861 Passcode: nYfZnZ



**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.

**PMP Volunteers Needed - Term 3** - Parents and Grandparents we need you! PMP is a parent led programme consisting of physical and sensory activities that compliment learning in the classroom for years 0-2. Sessions run on Thursday and Friday mornings (8:50-11:00) and are an excellent way to see your own kids in action. Sessions are straight forward and simple instructions are provided - all you need to do is encourage the kids to complete different balancing, throwing, movement and memory activities. Volunteers are welcome for casual and regular sessions. Please contact Angela Franich - [angelajshand@gmail.com](mailto:angelajshand@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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

**Mid Year Reports** - will be available on the school app from tomorrow afternoon. If you would like a printed paper copy please let the office know.

**Jammies for June** – collecting PJs for Middlemore Hospital. Thank you to the Year 6 Whanau Leaders for organising such a fun day, and thank you to everyone who contributed donations for the Jammies for June campaign.



**Cultural Performance and Cultural Week Meeting – Monday 1st July at 3.15pm** – This is a reminder to any parents or wider whanau who want to be part of the planning committee for our cultural performance and cultural week. We will be meeting on Monday 1st July in the whanau room to have our first discussion about this. A reminder below as to what we are thinking for this week: 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 will again be student-led and practice has already started 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) or we will see you at the meeting on Monday. Our cultural week in Term 3 Week 10 will also be an opportunity to welcome and celebrate all cultures.

### **3 weeks of Netball results -**

- Wolves won 4-3. POD Isla.
- Wolves had a 12-4 loss to a strong Mt Roskill team. POD Pele.
- Wolves played Halsey Drive and made an amazing come back in the last quarter to win 12-10. Very exciting game! POD Alex.



### **Foodie Friday – Foodie Friday – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term 3 – Orders Open Today & close 8pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

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 or a mini ice cream for \$2.50.

Orders must be made and paid for using the 'My Kindo' App or My Kindo website. We are always looking for helpers for Foodie Friday – involves approx. 1 hour from 12.30pm to set up, hand out pizzas and tidy up. Children love seeing family members helping, so please contact Annalies at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz) if you would like to be involved to help with future Foodie Fridays.



## **St. Francis School Dads Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month**

The next stupendous darts session will be on this Thursday (**tomorrow**), 27 June, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club - where it's always warm and dry. It's been brought to our attention that it's a Matariki public holiday the following day, so no excuses for a potential late-ish evening. 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. We had 4 new wonderful Dads come along last month, joining the regulars/old timers. The Fantastic 4 are rearing to go again this month for the chance of a lifetime to win the coveted winner's trophy and go down in world history as a true Champion of Muppets. Please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

**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.



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**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.



## **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

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

Thursday 27 June – Walking School Bus meeting, 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

Tuesday 23 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 September – Art Exhibition

Friday 6 September – 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

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

Lisa Bateman [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz) or [principal@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancis.school.nz)



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