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A message from Mrs Jones - What a fabulous last day of term we had, dressed in mufti for our YCC Caritas Day. We were able to show 'Your Coin Counts' to support Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea with new desks and books and pencils. YCC is all about how Young Catholics Care and we as a community donated \$427.30 for this very worthy cause. Well done to our Year 6 Liturgy team for their leadership with this event.

Cans 4 Xmas - Our Term 3 Social Justice fundraiser is Cans 4 Xmas. We hope all of our families can send in a canned grocery item. This enables the Mercy Hospice and St Vincent de Paul to replenish their food banks for those in need.

Parish News - Church renovation update: The internal painting finished last week as did the installation of the floor plank vinyl in the Sacristy and new bathroom. Final installation of the new cabinetry, electrical work and plumbing should be completed on Wednesday this week, with floor sanding commencing on Thursday. External painting preparation started this week. Accordingly, we remain on target to move back into the renovated Church in around 3 weeks time. We continue to remain within budget with regards to what we had planned to do. However, as noted in previous weeks, there have been some extras along the way, such as 8 new internal/external doors, new swabs for the pews, extra detailing around the windows, new cornices 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/replaced that will require an additional \$10k-\$25k 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 King on 027 818 2403. 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 (83%)	(\$277,081)
Planned costs to complete	\$ 57,608

A reminder again on how the St Francis Parish 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.

School children-led Mass: The next fantastically fun School-led Mass will be 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.

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 will be back on for the School Term 3 - 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 working-bee: Another great turnout at the working-bee last Saturday to uplift those stubborn cork tiles and carpet. The final working-bee to put back the pews, organ and other furniture will be held from 9am on Saturday, 10 August. Please contact Stuart for more details. The plan is to commence Mass services in the renovated Church from that night.



Parish Soup and bun night: What a great community evening and shared meal in the Hall last Saturday night. The next session will be a curry night in the Hall – watch this space re timing and once again, everyone is welcome.



Save the date – Church Mass with Bishop Steve on 18 August: We are grateful to have Bishop Steve consecrate the renovated Church and preside over the Mass on 18 August at 9am – everyone is invited.

The Walking School Bus – Our Walking School Bus is a huge success and it is definitely taking pressure off Pt Chev Rd and Montrose Street! Thank you to AT for getting us started, and thank you to the parents who have now taken over. We still need parents to volunteer to help – you only need to commit one or two mornings / afternoons a week and it only takes 20 – 30 minutes of your time. To volunteer please contact Alice Larmer (Effie in Room 10's Mum) alice.larmer@gmail.com
A couple of messages from the Walking School Bus parent helpers:

- All children on the Walking School Bus need a consent form signed so that we have emergency contact details please. Please get a form from the school office or contact Alice.
- Parents, please collect your children at the designated pick up point rather than en-route. We count the children throughout the walk and we don't want to think we have lost anyone!

Grandparents Day is coming up – Friday the 6th of September – closer to the time we will put out a message regarding baking for the morning tea, but for now, if you want to volunteer to help set up the morning tea, serve tea and coffee etc please contact Angela Franich (Dominic and George's Mum) – angelajshand@gmail.com

Term 2 Challenge Booklet - Maths - Well done to the following children who have completed their booklet in the set timeframe. What a great example of perseverance and determination!!!!

Room 1 / Room 12 - Joshua, Zoe, Ella rose, Lucy, Claire, Zinnia

Room 2 - Marcel, Khaleesi, Lewis, Kata, Stella , Oscar, Isla, Gus, Lachlan, Caio, Nina, Indie, Emily, Georgia, Anthea, Max, Sio, Sebastian, Louis, Jax, Natalija, Alice, Kennedy

Room 3 - Mia, Zach, Nate, Markus, Alice, Micah, Taavi, Sam, Elisapeth, Ryder, Georgia, Lucy, Ira, Lillian

Room 4 - Gianna, Isla, Marco, Harrison, Mila, Cameron, Georgia, Otto, Iris, Tom, Theo, Mason, Xavier, Lily, Pele, Alex, Lyla, Joshua, Lily, Nicholas, Maxwell, Sam, Addison, Kristine, Mariann

Room 5 - Nina, Ketan, Edlynn, Declan, Gien, Jeenie, Thomas, Dante, Fletcher,Victoria, Frances, Keanu,

Room 6 - Eva, Auri, Eden, Reann, Asger, Eddie, Finn, Eva, Poppy, Connie, Vincent, Miles

Room 7 - Ayden, Eliana, Ranveer, Lochlan, Lucette, Bhuvanesh, Brennan, Anthea, Thomas, Molly, Edward, Henricho, Clara, Sienna, Eliana, Philomena

Room 8 - Harrison, Eddie, Dominic, Leona, Emilia,Stella, Flossy, Emily, Maeva, Levi, Florentina, Finn, Rayston, Flossy

Room 9 - Lucy, Ethan, Angelo, Felicity, Jack, Brooke, Lucy,

Room 10 - Effie, Matea, Clementine, George, Rylee, Austin, Archie, Ashley, Jacob, Ryley, Mackenzie, Archie, Emily, Austin, Jeeanna, Harper

Room 11 - Thomas, Lachlan, Juliana,Finley, Evan, Liana, Jack, Mikaela, Liana, Emma, Mila, Mac, Sebastien, Georgia-Rose, Emilia, Katina

Term 3 Challenge Booklet - Writing - coming home on Monday

St Mary's College visit - Thank you to St Mary's College for sending their Orchestra to our school for an afternoon of entertainment. The musicians were very impressive!





A message from the Te Arataki Senior School teachers and students - Kia ora e te whānau, Te Arataki Senior School classes have already been working hard this week in preparation for our SENIOR FUN FRIDAY! This is a slant on Market fair and will focus on utilising the financial literacy skills that the senior school students will gain when we are visited by ASB this term.

We plan to use resources that are more readily available to us, incorporating craft and outdoor game activities. As mentioned we will be referring to this as 'FUN FRIDAY' and will be run in school for all students on Friday 16th August.

We will still need your support for this to be successful and ask that you start saving up your coins in preparation for the day in week 4. Prices of items to follow in next week's newsletter...

We are very much looking forward with excitement and anticipation to a Fabulous Fun Friday!



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Any questions please don't hesitate to call Nina on 021-160 9197 or Emily On 02040228578

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.

St Francis School Dads Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month

The next stupendous darts session will be on **tomorrow**, Thursday, **25 July**, 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.

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Dates for 2024:

- **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

A message for Year 6 families – Save the Date – Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner – Friday the 6th of December. End of Year Prizegiving at St Benedict's Church – Tuesday 17 December.

Coming up:

Friday 26 July – ASB Getwise lessons

Tuesday 30 July – ICS Rugby / Rippa Rugby Comp, Cox's Bay – change of date!!!

Tuesday 6 August – Tough Guy and Gal Comp, Kumeu

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

Thursday 8 August – Mary MacKillop Feast Day, ASB Getwise lessons

Friday 16 August – Senior Fun Friday, Foodie Friday – Pizza

Sunday 18 August – Bishop Steve blessing the renovated Church 9am – All welcome!!

Tuesday 20 August – Y5/6 Speech finals

Thursday 22 August – ICS Netball Comp, Onewa Courts

Sunday 25 August – School / Parish Sunday Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 27 August – BOT meeting

Friday 30 August – Y5/6 Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 5 September – Art Exhibition – during the day and evening

Friday 6 September – Grandparents Day – Mass, morning tea and class visits

Wednesday 11 September – Catholic Schools Cross Country @ Monte Cecilia Park

Thursday 12 September – ICS Football Comp, Seddon Fields

Friday 13 September – Foodie Friday – Pizza

Monday 16 September – Te Reo Maori Language Week

Thursday 19 September – Maori Mass @ Christ the King Church

Monday 23 September – Cultural Week – celebrations and activities all week

Tuesday 24 September – BOT meeting

Friday 27 September – Cultural performances, Last day of Term 3

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