



St Francis Catholic School

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First Holy Communion - congratulations to the children and their families who made their first Holy Communion this weekend - Oscar, Otto, Isla M, Max, Thomas, Raystan, Caio, Anthea, David, Jax, Alex, Leith, Nico, Micah, Sebastian, Summer, Sio, Iris, Sam, Aine, Fletcher, Gino, Declan, Xavier and Tom. We are very proud of you. And, as Father John said, "we hope to see you all again soon".



Parish News – Church Renovation Update: Internal painting started this 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 continued to pull in 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 (78%)	(259,415)
Planned costs to complete	75,274

A reminder again on how we 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, 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 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 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.

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.

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.

School App - updating your contact details – please use the school app to check that we have your up to date contact details e.g. parent phone numbers, email addresses and physical address. These details can be found on the app under “my child”. Let the school office know if there are any changes to be made.

Playball sessions as part of our classroom programmes –



Friday – Last day of the term

Mufti day – gold coin donation to Caritas

Traffic / Parking / Roadworks updates:

- The Walking School Bus is a huge success, with the number of families involved increasing everyday. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out with the WSB next term (time for AT to step away and parents are taking over). If there are other parents that could spare 30 minutes one or two mornings / afternoons a week, we would love to see you on the WSB.
- Parking is getting a little easier as the building site next door winds down. Thank you to everyone who has kept their cool while the parking issue has been so bothersome. Thank you for keeping our neighbours driveways clear, not parking over yellow lines and grass verges, and for keeping to the speed limits. Our community continues to work together to make sure our children are safe.
- AT are putting raised tables across side streets onto Pt Chev Rd, to reduce speed. Hopefully the Montrose Street raised table will happen during the school holidays, and will be complete by the start of Term 3.
- Work along Pt Chev Rd is going well and seems to be within the expected timeframes. While the project will continue for many more months, AT has been great with communication and has offered lots of support for our school.

Basketball – Term 3 – Any children in Year 3 – 6 interested in playing basketball please contact Annalies at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz

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 if you are interested.

Foodie Friday – Orders close today! – Orders close today – 8pm Wednesday 3rd July for Pizzas this Friday on the last day of term. Please get your orders in on time. Thank you to everyone for supporting Foodie Friday this term – the children love their Pizza lunches, and we appreciate the support for our school fundraising. A special thank you to all the parent helpers who help hand out over 500 Pizza slices every month – we couldn't do it without you!



Shine Speech & Drama classes - inspire confidence and imagination, helping students communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life. Here's what people are saying about Shine's lessons ... "He got up and spoke in front of the school. He would never have done that before" — James' Mum



"Thank you so much for calmly and reassuringly, through zoom after zoom, guiding the boys' through their tasks. Thank you for all the extra energy and organisation that has gone into all of this. You've been simply fantastic!" - Catherine

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Register [here](#) for term 3 lessons, beginning Wednesday 31st July 2024, in the St Francis Whanau Room / Garden to Table Room. Term fees \$260 for group class. 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Sibling discount of 10% for any siblings enrolling.

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.

What a fantastic turnout last week of over 20 likely lads all vying to be Champion. First time winner Matt Brown, exclaimed, "it was the most prestigious thing he's ever won and the experience eclipsed the birth of his children and wedding day". Surya won the coveted "money round". The next stupendous darts session



will be on 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.

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.
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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 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.

Upcoming events this term

Friday 5 July – Foodie Friday, Caritas 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

Thursday 19 September - Maori Mass @ Christ the King Church

Tuesday 24 September - BOT meeting

Friday 27 September - Last day of Term 3

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Children safety - Onsite care with qualified staff

Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children

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Fun - Interactive and stimulating activities, including afternoon tea and homework assistance

Sports - Kids keep fit playing soccer, rugby, cricket, basketball, badminton, and other sport activities.

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