



St Francis Catholic School

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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 -

Successful Final Church working-bee and Mass celebrated with Bishop Steve

The final working-bee a few Saturdays ago was a huge success, with more than 30 men, women and children helping out. It was so awesome to hear the laughter and see the smiling faces at the working-bee. Everyone is so pleased with the renovation and were completely blown away and can't stop talking about it. Father John remains amazed at how much community spirit we have fostered along this renovation journey and is so proud of the outcome - thanks in large part to our wonderful melting pot of Parishioners and School community. The trial run Mass went smoothly two weeks ago thanks in part to some wonderful St. Francis girls testing out things.



Father John extends his thanks once again to all those who participated at the last working bee and on previous occasions and for the kind and generous donations thus far – this has been a real community project. Last Sunday's Mass led by Bishop Steve was very well attended, as was the morning tea. We were fortunate to have Father John, Father Ezio and Father Ford co-celebrate the Mass and representatives from the Diocese in attendance.



Church renovation update – The internal work is all complete and the first batch of brick plaques are on the wall. External painting preparation has already started and depending on the weather, should be finished in around 1-2 weeks time. Some people have asked about the two double historic windows that we managed to salvage and recycle. They came from St. Mary's Church in Whanganui circa 1865 and we modelled the new 11 arched windows on them.

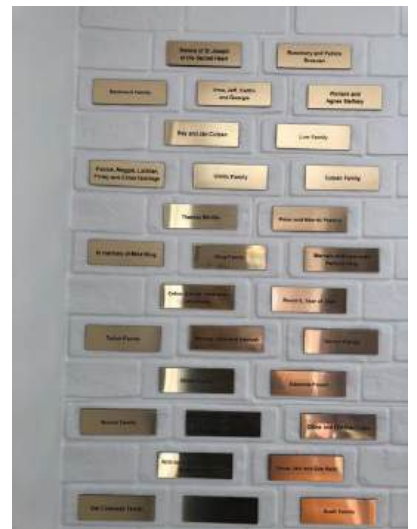


So, be part of history and get yourself a Brick – refer below. We will be going to print with the second batch of plaques this week – so please get in touch quickly with Stuart and let him know what wording you want on it.



Church Fundraising – BUY-A-BRICK – Our Parish Buy-a-Brick campaign remains well underway, with a \$500+ contribution receiving a named plaque. 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 School-led Mass will be on this Sunday, 25 August, at 9am in the renovated Church along with the MDM Choir - everyone is welcome to attend the Mass, followed by morning tea in the Whanau Room - feel free to bring any baking/biscuits etc to share.

Firewise visit - The Junior school were most excited to have a visit from firefighters to finish off the Firewise unit. We learnt that we must get down, get low and get out, know our address and safe meeting place and to not play with lighters and matches.



Garden Club Trip - The Garden Club were very grateful for the money and Bunnings Cards donated by St Francis families as well as money from selling our worm castings and Flower Aid plant fertiliser. We went with Ms Wishart on a trip to Bunnings to buy grasses to plant around the new games area by Room 11 and beautify this corner of the school.



Place value learning in Room 11 - In Room 11 we are learning about place value and how the value of a numeral depends where it is. Doing a place value puzzle is a fun way to practise our learning.

Room 6 making Tongan Pancakes with Mrs Tuifua -



Grandparents Day is coming up - Friday the 6th of September

9.15am - Mass in the Church for all Grandparents and the Year 3 - 6 students

10.15am - Morning Tea and Art Exhibition in the hall for all Grandparents, visitors and staff

11.00am - Classrooms open until midday for Grandparents to visit and spend time with the children

- We have 9 volunteers to do baking for the morning tea, but still need at least another 12 please. To volunteer to provide baking or to help set up the morning tea, serve tea and coffee etc please contact Angela Franich (Dominic and George's Mum) - angelajshand@gmail.com
- There is wheelchair access around the whole school. Please let the office know if you need help with this.
- Many families and Grandparents have already asked if there will be another opportunity this year to make a donation to the school on Grandparents Day e.g. sponsoring a new book for the library or buying new equipment for their grandchild's classroom etc. This was very popular with Grandparents last year.

Basketball - St Francis Blue

Lightning lost 12-8 to Pt Chev.

POD Caesar.

Netball -

Year 6 Kikorangi Won 13-6

POD- Lyla

Year 6 Ma lost 2-10

POD- Lily C

Year 5 Wolves Won 9-5

POD- Pele

Year 4 Saints Won 17-4

POD -Elsbeth

Year 3 Shooting Stars Won 3-2

POD- Eva P



Senior Fun Friday by Jax, Gus and Lewis from Room 2 - A long time ago in a galaxy far far away...

SENIOR FUN FRIDAY With little hope to spare the seniors rose up against the...JUNIOR AND MIDDLE EMPIRE! They had to please the army to stand up for what is right. The one thing the Empire wanted to do was... spend all their money. The rebellion worked hard under the boiling sun making crafts and preparing games to make money for their rebellion scheme (A.K.A Funding Camp). Advertisements were sent to the EMPIRE! As the rebellion prepared to enter the battlefields on a

planet unknown to mankind the empire started to send their troops into the battlefield. After 5 rotations of endless battle, victory dawned over the rebellion.



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

The next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, 29 August, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club – where Jeremy Halpin will be desperately attempting to hold onto the coveted trophy he won earlier this month. With Richard Wager away overseas, any muppet has a chance to win. The quality of the darts playing maybe average, but it's awesome fun – 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.

St. Francis Parish and School Dads Support Group Pre-Xmas pub crawl – The highly anticipated

pre-Christmas pub crawl returns this year with a vengeance. Kick-off will be from 5pm on Friday, 22 November, at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club, followed by stints at Ambler, Nomads, Cupid Bar and of course some fantastic karaoke and shenanigans at Wapiti Bar as in previous years. Please contact Stuart for details and to track where we are on the night.

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.

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:

Sunday 25 August – School / Parish Sunday Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 27 August – BOT meeting

Wednesday 28 August – Year 6 Speech Finals

Thursday 29 August – ICS Netball Comp, Onewa Courts – change of date

Friday 30 August – Y5/6 Father’s Day Breakfast, 2.15pm Assembly led by R4 and R6

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

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

Tuesday 10 September – Year 6 Graduation committee meeting

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

Thursday 12 September – ICS Boys Football Comp, Seddon Fields

Friday 13 September – Foodie Friday – Pizza, 2.15pm Assembly led by R1 and R2

Monday 16 September – Te Reo Maori Language Week

Thursday 19 September – Maori Mass @ Christ the King Church, ICS Girls Football Comp

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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