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**Parish News** - Father John is away overseas until the 19th of October. Father Ezio will be doing weekend Masses in his absence, and parish members will be running weekday Masses.

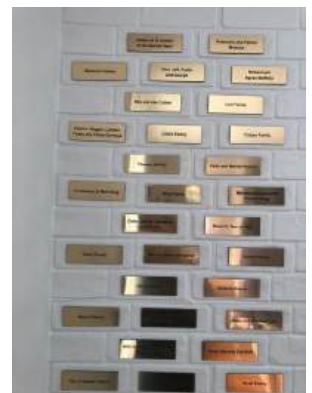
**Church renovation update** - The additional shelves have already been installed in the Sacristy. Accordingly, there's just a few other bits and pieces left to do, such as the external wooden stairs leading to the lower courts and a handrail on the side of the front steps.

The **"Buy the Brick"** campaign continues. So, be part of history, forever be immortalised and get yourself and/or your kids a Brick - refer below. We will be going to print with the sixth batch of plaques shortly (for donations of \$500+) - so please get in touch quickly with Stuart King and let him know what wording you want on it. The St. Francis Parish bank account number is:

02-0108-0707331-003 and any queries, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403.

And remember, all donations attract a 33% tax refund.

**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 during the School Term in the Whanau room - 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.



## St Francis Cultural Week

### Te Reo Maori Lunchtime Workshop – Making Fry Bread with Mrs Hanly



### Vietnamese lunchtime workshop with Mrs Nguyen (Victoria's Mum)



Coming up:

Tomorrow – Brazilian Culture, Thai Humming and tagging, more dumpling making, learning about Argentina. Friday – Cultural Performances and Food tasting. Remember that children still need to bring their normal morning tea and lunch.

### Chinese lunchtime workshop – Making dumplings with Mrs Miskimmons (Isla and Lochlan's Mum)



**Overall permission slips** – Just a reminder that at the start of each year we organise 'overall permission slips' for low risk activities, so that parents don't need to fill out paperwork for each trip or activity. Specific permission slips are only necessary for overnight trips or trips involving water / swimming etc.



**Congratulations** to Miss Neary, who graduated on Friday with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Auckland University. We are very proud of her efforts and perseverance!! In 2015 Miss Neary graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with Bachelor's Degree of Arts with Honours, and now she graduates again with an even higher qualification, a master's degree.

Next step - her doctorate?????



**Futsal** - Our Year 2 'Saints' futsal team have just completed their first term playing together. They all learnt a lot and had a lot of fun playing together, winning their last two games 3-1 against Dio and 5-0 against Kings to finish 3rd in the term competition. Well done team - Lachlan, Evan, Mac, Jack and Finley!



**TOUCH RUGBY – Term 4** - Any children interested in playing Touch Rugby in Term 4, please contact Annalies Donald at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz) Games are Tuesday afternoons for 7 weeks at Cox's Bay Reserve. Open for all children from Year 0 – 6.

**Football** - Well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls who competed in the Inner City Auckland Sports Cluster Football competition last week. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport, coaching and cheer leading on the sideline.





### **Weetbix Kids Tryathlon – South Auckland – Wednesday 20 November**

It's time to Swim, Bike, Run & Have FUN!! Want to keep the kids active & motivated over the holidays? Enter them into our St Francis School Group to be part of the fantastic Weetbix Kids Tryathlon! This is a great iconic NZ kids event (ages 6 – 15 years old) with the focus on participation and completion – every finisher gets a medal! There is also the option for children to enter as teams if they would prefer to do it with friends, or don't feel comfortable doing all three disciplines. If you would like more info or to join our school team, please contact Annalies Donald at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz) For further event information, for times & distances etc please visit - <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>



### **A message from the Garden Club -**

Last week the Garden Club got their gloves on and planted most of the native grasses they bought with money raised by selling worm products. The area next to Room 11 is looking very refreshed and brighter.

The Garden Club is raising money to buy more plants for the school. We will be selling our Flower Aid plant booster (great in the flower or vegetable gardens), and worm castings (rich in goodness for plants, especially pot plants), outside the Whanau Room from 2:50 pm to 3:10 pm on Thursdays until the end of term or until we run out of stock.

\$5 1 litre of Flower Aid, \$10 2 litres of Flower Aid, \$13 3 litres of Flower Aid, \$1 for 500 g worm castings.



Mufti Day Money raised last week for the Y6 Graduation Committee – \$409.70



**Congratulations** – to Eliana Zhou (Year 3, Room 7) who competed in a Primary School Ski Racing competition last week – Year 3 and Year 4. The top 3 skiers were all Year 4, with Eliana missing out on 3rd place by 0.5 seconds. Very impressive!



**A message from Mrs Mahoney in the library** – Olympic Reading Challenge – Congratulations to these students from Te Arataki who have successfully completed the reading challenge in the library this term:

- Bronze Medallists: Gianna, Caesar, Stella, Sebastien, Marcel, Lily C, Tom B, Theo, Marco, Gino, David, Fletcher
- Silver Medallists: Isla M, Anthea, Di, Alice, Caio, Natalija, Emily H, Sophie, Max M
- Gold Medallists: Alex, Gus, Nina B, Nico, Lewei T, Georgia L, Harrison, Indie, Xavier, Otto, Kennedy, Lyla, Keanu, Declan, Nina L
- Super duper readers were :
  - ❖ Mila Bronze, Silver, Gold
  - ❖ Sio Silver, Gold
  - ❖ Isla F Silver, Bronze
  - ❖ Georgia B Silver, Gold



**St Francis School Colour Run 2024 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

We are excited to announce that St Francis will be holding a School Colour Run on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Please pop this date in your diaries as it is sure to be a great day for our children, and we invite everyone to come along! We need a large amount of Parent Help for the event, if you are available to help please contact Annalies Donald at [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz)

**St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night** – last Thursday of the month. The next darts session will be on Thursday, 26 September, from 8pm, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club. The quality of the darts playing maybe average, but it's awesome fun – the more the merrier. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

**St Francis Dads Support Group Pre-Xmas pub crawl – 15 NOVEMBER**

The highly anticipated pre-Christmas pub crawl is on Friday, 15 November, from 5pm 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.

## **St Francis Mum's Pre-Xmas get-together - 29 NOVEMBER**

Not to be outdone by the Dads, St. Francis Mum's will have their pre-Christmas drinks from 6pm on Friday, 29 November, at the Auckland Irish Club, Rocky Nook Ave., Fowlds Park, Morningside. Please RSVP to Renee Foster on 021 176 5621 so she can reserve some tables.

**sKids After School Care and Holiday Programs** - The in-house sKids Holiday Programme will be on again these upcoming School holidays - please book early. The sKids Programme @ St Francis School is where the safety and care of your child is the number one priority. If you're looking for a safe, structured and fun environment for your children then sKids is the answer. Contact the sKids Office on 021 0251 4172, or Jackie on 021 975 642. Email: [stfrancisptchev@skids.co.nz](mailto:stfrancisptchev@skids.co.nz) Programme Hours: After School Care: 3:00-6:00pm; Holiday Programme Care: 8:00am-6:00pm.



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## **Spring Holidays 2024**

**Send your child to a cosmos of creativity these school holidays!**

Join us for a journey to imagination and beyond this spring. Whether you're testing your sports skills, learning magic tricks, or heading out on exciting excursions, every day is an adventure waiting to happen.

30<sup>th</sup> September - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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30th September – 11th October 2024  
September      October

<p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE A SPEED RACER</b></p> <p>HELMETS ARE COMPULSORY</p> <p>Build your own balloon powered race car to take home. Bring your wheels, skates, bikes and scooters to show off your best stunts and tricks.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE UNDER THE SEA</b></p> <p>Dive into the underwater world! Make your own yummy jellyfish quesadillas and create your own underwater volcano.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE A SUPERHERO</b></p> <p>Dress up as your favorite superhero! Make your own comic and enjoy superhero-themed activities.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE AN OUTDOOR EXPLORER</b></p> <p>Get ready to explore the great outdoors today at sKids! Discover amazing animals and breathe in the fresh air on our action packed day enjoying the fresh</p>	<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>AUCKLAND ZOO TRIP DAY</b></p> <p>Today we are visiting our animal's friends. Please wear comfortable shoes and do not forget to bring water bottle and a hat.</p>
<p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE A SPORT STAR</b></p> <p>Get ready to jump, run and have a blast with our fun filled sports theme day, featuring DIY miniature golf courses and exciting ping pong challenges!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>MINI GOLF LILLIPUTT TRIP DAY</b></p> <p>A journey in to the mystical lands of lore the talking tree, the troll croosing and the village of the white rabbit. Can you return what is hers and save the realm?</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE A MAGICIAN</b></p> <p>Discover the wonderful world of magic! Learn enchanting tricks and showcase your newfound talents at the sKids dazzling magic show.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE AN INVENTOR</b></p> <p>Create and decorate a cool robot and your very own powered creation to take home! create and showcase your own invention at our science fair.</p>	<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>JOIN OUR IMAGINATION PARTY</b></p> <p>Celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with glow-in-the-dark bowling and party full of fun with your friends!</p>

**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

### Dates for 2025:

- Term 1 – Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April  
Public Holidays – School closed: Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February  
(Easter Holidays and ANZAC Day are in the school holidays)
- Term 2 – Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

Public Holidays – School Closed: King’s Birthday – Monday 2 June, Matariki – Friday 20 June

- Term 3 – Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September (Note: there will be a Teacher Only Day on a Friday in the middle of Term 3 – Date coming soon)
- Term 4 – Monday 6 October – Wednesday 17 December

Public Holidays – School Closed: Labour Day – Monday 27 October

### **Coming up:**

Friday 27 September – Last day of term, Cultural Performances in the hall from 11.00am, “Taste of...” cultural food picnic from 12.30pm (ish).

### **Coming up next term:**

Monday 14 October – First day of Term 4

Wednesday 16 October – Friday 18 October – Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 22 October – Year 6 College transition meeting, BOT meeting

Thursday 24 October – Shake it out Earthquake drill practice

Monday 28 October – Labour Day – School closed

Thursday 31 October – Inner City Sports Cluster Basketball comp

Friday 1 November – Gumboot Friday

Thursday 14 November – Year 5 Sleepover

Friday 15 November – Foodie Friday

Wednesday 20 November – South Auckland Weetbix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon

Thursday 21 November – Inner City Sports Cluster Athletics comp

Friday 22 November – Confirmation Mass at 7pm

Tuesday 26 November – BOT meeting

Friday 29 November – Colour Fun Run

Sunday 1 December – First Sunday of Advent

Friday 6 December – Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner

Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15 December – Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 17 December – Prizegiving Mass at St Benedict’s

**Wednesday 18 December – Last day of Term 4, School finishes at 1.00pm**



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