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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 - Church renovation update - Just a few bits and pieces left to do, such as the external wooden stairs leading to the lower courts, a handrail on the side of the front steps and some additional cabinetry in the Sacristy. 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 fifth 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.

Caritas Awards -

Congratulations – to Lewis Tao, Gus Knowles and Kennedy Tuli from Room 2 who have been chosen as one of the winners for the Caritas SINGout4JUSTICE 2024 music competition, with their cover of “what a peaceful day it is.” <https://www.caritas.org.nz/singout4justice>

Congratulations – to Paddy Chesborough, Emily Hanly, Anthea Peterken and Isla Miskimmons who were awarded ‘Notable Entry’ in the Kaitiaki2Share creative idea competition, and Khaleesi Tele’a-Sua, Stella Jaggard and Nina Brown who won the category. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/kaitiaki2share>



Mufti Day this Friday - Gold Coin donation

The Year 6 Graduation committee are working on donating new ovens to our Garden to Table Room. They are running a mufti day this Friday to raise funds. If you would like to contribute please send along a gold coin with your child / children on Friday. Mufti Day = no uniforms, the children can wear whatever they like.

Basketball– St Francis lightning played a very good Marist team and although we lost 4 v 12 our team didn't give up and still played their hearts out! POD was Khaleesi, who got hit in the nose at the start of the game which was painful and she had to come off. She managed to recover and came back on to score our only 2 goals. Thank you to Mrs Bayliss and her 2 lovely daughters who come to support and watch the girls play. Last game is this Friday 20/9 at 4:50pm v Pt Chev.



Catholic Schools Cross Country at Monte Cecilia Park – Congratulations to our team who represented St Francis with pride and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day with supervision and transport. Stand outs: Posey – 2nd, Cameron – 5th. .



Congratulations - to Kennedy Tuli for representing St Francis so well at the Inner City Schools Speech Competition at Pt Chev Primary last week. His formal speech on kotahitanga in rugby was very well presented. Thank you to his friends and family who came along to support him.



Static electricity - Room 11 was excited to explore static electricity in our science unit. We explored what surfaces charged best. The Autex walls and our jackets were best.



Year 5 and 6 Football - Congratulations to our boys who represented St Francis last week at the Inner City Schools Boys Football competition at Seddon Fields. The A grade team played well all day, and the B team WON THEIR GRADE!!!! Amazing!!! Good luck to the girls teams who compete tomorrow, also at Seddon Fields.



Cultural Week - Next Week

Lunchtime Workshops:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Library	Vietnamese	Croatian	Kahoa Hole making	Brazilian Culture
Room 2	Tongan Dancing		Kpop	Thai humming and tagging
GTT Room	Te Reo	Making Dumplings		Making Dumplings
Room 1			Malaysia	Argentina

Cultural Dress: The children can wear their Cultural Dress / Costumes / Traditional Outfits anytime throughout the week if they want to (Seniors will also need their PE gear), but particularly on Friday for 'performance day'.

The approximate plan for next Friday -

- 11.00 - 12.00pm (ish) - Cultural Performances in the hall.
Parents are welcome to join us, and even dress up if they want to!
- 12.30pm (ish) - Cultural Food Tasting Picnic - Some parents have been preparing to give all the children a "taster" of cultural food. This won't be a "meal", just a small selection of different types of food - children will still need to bring their usual morning tea / lunch / lunchbox. Food will be served into the children's lunchboxes, to avoid creating any rubbish. Parents are welcome to join us.
- If you can volunteer on the day to help with set up / serving / clean up etc, please let Miss Neary know - olivian@stfrancis.school.nz
- Thank you to all those parents who have already volunteered to help throughout the week with workshops, dance practices, costumes, food etc. We appreciate all your efforts.

TOUCH RUGBY – Term 4 – Any children interested in playing Touch Rugby in Term 4, please contact Annalies Donald at 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.

A message from the Garden Club – 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.

St Francis School Colour Run 2024 –

Go to schoolfunrun.co.nz and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page. Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! Prizes MUST be ordered between the 22 nd November 2024 and the event day of 29 November 2024.



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 School Mums Pre-Xmas get-together – Friday 29th November from 6pm @ the Auckland Irish Club, Rocky Nook Ave, Fowlds Park Morningside. RSVP to Renee Foster (Darcy's mum) 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 Programme Hours: After School Care: 3:00–6:00pm; Holiday Programme Care: 8:00am–6:00pm.



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September October

Monday 30th

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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.



Tuesday 1st

YOU ARE UNDER THE SEA

Dive into the underwater world! Make your own yummy jellyfish quesadillas and create your own underwater volcano.



Wednesday 2nd

YOU ARE A SUPERHERO

Dress up as your favorite superhero! Make your own comic and enjoy superhero-themed activities.



Thursday 3rd

YOU ARE AN OUTDOOR EXPLORER

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



Friday 4th

AUCKLAND ZOO TRIP DAY

Today we are visiting our animal's friends. Please wear comfortable shoes and do not forget to bring water bottle and a hat.



Monday 7th

YOU ARE A SPORT STAR

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!



Tuesday 8th

MINI GOLF LILLIPUTT TRIP DAY

A journey in to the mystical lands of lore the talking tree, the troll crossing and the village of the white rabbit. Can you return what is hers and save the realm?



Wednesday 9th

YOU ARE A MAGICIAN

Discover the wonderful world of magic! Learn enchanting tricks and showcase your newfound talents at the sKids dazzling magic show.



Thursday 10th

YOU ARE AN INVENTOR

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.



Friday 11th

JOIN OUR IMAGINATION PARTY

Celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with glow-in-the-dark bowling and party full of fun with your friends!



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:

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

Friday 20 September – Mufti Day

Monday 23 September – Cultural Week, St Peter's College visiting Y6 boys, Football game against St Joseph's Grey Lynn at 2pm

Tuesday 24 September – Father John away until 19 October, Father Ezio is covering weekend Mass

Friday 27 September – Last day of term, Cultural Performances in the hall, "Taste of...." cultural food

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
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

Lisa Bateman lisab@stfrancis.school.nz or principal@stfrancis.school.nz

MIHA MĀORI

-Māori Mass-

Taite 19 Hēpetema
19th September

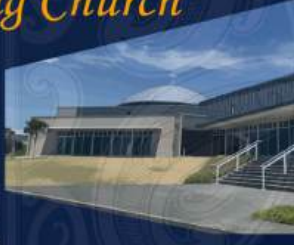
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