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**Praying the Angelus** - In the month of October we will pray this traditional prayer to Mary, at midday each day. The Angelus is a "call and response" prayer.

*Leader - The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,*

*Response - And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

***Hail Mary, etc...***

*Leader - Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

*Response - Be it done unto me according to Your Word.*

***Hail Mary, etc...***

*Leader - And the Word was made flesh,*

*Response - And dwelt among us.*

***Hail Mary, etc...***

*Leader - Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

*Response - That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.*

*Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**Parish News - Anointing Mass** - There will be an Anointing Mass led by Father John at our lovely renovated Church next Wednesday, 23 October, at 10am - everyone is welcome, so please spread the word to grandparents, those of ill health and anyone else keen for a blessing. A yummy morning tea in the Whanau room will follow Mass so feel free to bring along a plate for sharing.

**Church renovation update** - There's just a few 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 loved ones a Brick - refer below. We will be going to print with the seventh 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.

**Refresh external painting work of the Presbytery** - Due to some generous recent brick purchases, the Parish is in the favourable position to finally paint the outside of the Presbytery, which should start in the coming weeks.

**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.

**Parish Morning Teas** - Our wonderful Parish Morning Teas following Sunday morning Masses will resume on 10 November, once the Sacramental Program finishes. Please contact Stuart if you would like to be rostered on to help out and feel free to bring along any home baking, etc.

**Thank you** - to our neighbours over the fence, Kainga Ora, who gifted us a new fence over the school holidays. Kainga Ora have been very easy to deal with throughout the building project next door and we look forward to a continued relationship with them. Also, thank you to Cam Evans (Jack's Dad) and CE Construction, who cleared the fence line for us with the digger.

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## Summer Uniform - Term 4

### Compulsory after Labour Weekend

Sandals, rather than shoes and socks

No long sleeves or thermals

No Hat, No Play

### Messages from Mrs Mahoney in the Library -

Join local author and Auckland Zoo birdkeeper, Jez Smith, for a reading of his brand-new book

# PU and RU'S Bird Beak Clues

Tuesday 29th October  
In the school library  
From 11:30am

**AUTHOR VISIT**  
Jez Smith will be reading his book to students in the school library from 11:30am on Tuesday 29th October

**ST FRANCIS STUDENTS MEET PU and RU!**

PU the pukeko and RU the ruru pose a series of rhyming clues for children to solve. Whose beak belongs to whom? And who has the best beak? Long beaks, short beaks, scooping beaks and grabbing beaks – you'll spy them all with our funny, feathered friends!

**ORDER THE BOOK**  
Buy your copy of the book and we will bring a signed copy to the event.  
Scan or click the QR code to be directed to the St Francis ordering page where you'll also receive a 10% discount.  
When ordering, please select the 'pick up option' and enter your child's name.

**A winning combination of FUN, LEARNING and a love for Auckland's UNIQUE BIRDLIFE!**  
Jez Smith's clever rhymes are enhanced by humorous commentary from two outdoor bird-enthused judges, PU and RU, while their beak-clues are detailed and funny illustrations offer a sneak peek of each book. Can you guess whose beak it is before turning the page?

**SCHOLASTIC**

- Whitcoulls have updated their Top 50 Children's books as voted for by children – a helpful list of parents when choosing reading material or buying age appropriate books /gifts. <https://www.whitcoulls.co.nz/recommends/kids-top-50>

**Run Club** – Join us on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. at the school gate for a fun 2–3 km run with the kids! If your children are keen to participate, please message Anne McGregor on 021 866 108 to be added to the WhatsApp group where run details will be shared the night before.

Start date Wednesday 23rd October and we will run each week (except for the triathlon on Wednesday 20th November) with the last week being Wednesday 27th November, the week of the colour run.

We're also looking for volunteers to help support the kids during the run. Anne will be running, but we'd love to have someone quick to keep up with the faster kids, as well as someone to stay at the back to ensure no one gets left behind. It's a great way to train for the triathlon and the upcoming colour run—everyone is welcome, no matter their age or speed!



## **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/>



**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)

Setting up sponsorship – Firstly, go to [schoolfunrun.co.nz](http://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! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form!



**St. Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night** – last Thursday of the month. Despite Halloween festivities, the next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, 31 October, 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,



**Bake Sale**

3pm  
Wed 30th Oct  
Outside the  
whanau room

CLASS OF  
2024

YEAR 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISER!!

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.

**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 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:**

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

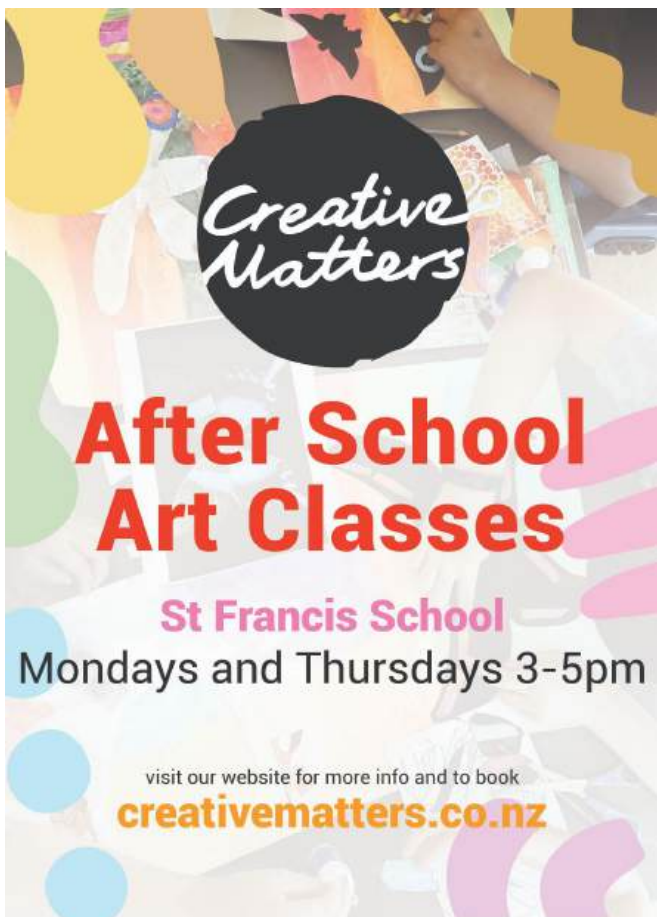
Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Lisa Bateman [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz) or [principal@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancis.school.nz)



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