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Parish News – November Counts – Throughout every November the Auckland Catholic Diocese does a census of how many people are attending church at each parish. To make sure that our parish continues to grow and is prioritised by the Diocese, please try to attend any of these Masses throughout November –

- the Saturday night Masses at 5.30pm
- the Sunday morning Masses at 9.00am
- the Monday 10.00am Mass at Selwyn Village

Throughout November there will be ice blocks for the children after Sunday morning Mass.

Church renovation update – The handrail has already been installed in front of the Church, so there's just a few other things left to do, such as the external wooden stairs leading to the lower courts. **The “Buy the Brick” campaign** continues in order to replenish the Parish's building repairs & maintenance fund. 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 start painting the outside of the Presbytery this week.

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.

Year 6 Camp - A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who made the Year 6 Camp an unforgettable experience -

Teachers who went to camp - Miss Neary, Mrs Jones, Miss Kang, Mrs Milne, Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Wishart
Camp parent helpers - Mr Sullivan, Mrs Knight, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Vuksich, Mr Limsico, Mrs Jaggard, Mr Sua and Mr Wright

Parents who helped with transport - Mrs Fullerton, Mr Huhane, Mr Joyce, Mrs Burns, Mrs Fellows, Mr Illich, Mr Huang, Mr Robertson and Mrs Friis

Check out the Camp photos on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063832638314>



Summer Uniform - Term 4
Compulsory after Labour Weekend

Sandals, rather than shoes and socks

No long sleeves or thermals

No Hat, No Play

Hats can be purchased from the school office

Messages from Mrs Mahoney in the Library -

- Tuesday October 29th from 11.30 to 1.00pm Jez Smith, a zookeeper at Auckland Zoo and author of Pu and Ru's Bird Beak Clues will be visiting the Year 1-3 pupils in the library. Click on the QR Code in the flyer below to preorder a signed copy of his new book.
- Scholastic Book Orders are all due in next Wednesday October 30

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!

ORDER THE BOOK
Preorder the book and get a signed copy for free!
Scan or click the QR code to be directed to the St. Francis ordering page, where you'll also receive a 10% discount.
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SCHOLASTIC

Thank you -

to Marist College and St Mary's College who sent our former students; Isabella, Maddison, Evelyn, Siendra, Farrah and Sienna, to talk to our Year 6 students about transitioning to College. While each College does Orientation Days, testing and school visits, it was great to have a general discussion about life at College, and it gave our children a chance to ask questions and hear stories. Very worthwhile!!!



Run Club -

The first run club kicked off with 12 kids and a couple of parents, energetic and eager at 8am this morning! There were fast runners up front and laidback walkers at the back... everyone doing it at their own pace! They did a short downhill run down to Eric Armishaw Park and back again - a cruisy 2km.



Niuean Language Week – Katina from Room 11 was very proud to share a bit of her Niuean heritage with her class last week.



Private Music / Instrument Lessons – Ignite your child's creativity this school term with our in-school music lessons!

In collaboration with Auckland's leading music education provider, the Music Education Centre, we have professional music lessons right at our school. Each lesson is designed to inspire and nurture your child's unique musical interests while making learning both fun and rewarding. With lessons held conveniently at school, it's an ideal option for busy families. Limited spots are available for Term 4, so don't wait! For more information on instruments and availability, contact the Music Education Centre at 0800 89 39 39. <https://musiceducation.co.nz/>

Gumboot Friday is coming up – Friday 1 November

<https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/2024>

Wear your gumboots (or something similar) to school next Friday and bring a gold coin donation towards supporting youth mental health work in NZ.

Parent Helpers Needed

Friday the 8th of November is our annual Athletics Day at Walker Park.

If you are able to help on the day please contact Dan Wright –

danielw@stfrancis.school.nz

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 For further event information, for times & distances etc please visit – <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>



St Francis School Colour Run 2024 – Friday 29th November We are excited to announce that St Francis will be holding a School Colour Run on Friday 29th 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

Setting up sponsorship - Firstly, 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! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form!

Term 4 Challenge Booklet: Spelling - is coming home today. For a child to receive a medal at the end of the year they need to:

- Have finished Term 1, 2 and 3 booklets within the expected timeframes
- Handed in their Term 4 booklet before Thursday the 12th of December

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, 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:

Thursday 24 October – Shake it out Earthquake drill practice

Friday 25 October – Assembly R3 and R10

Monday 28 October – Labour Day – School closed

Tuesday 29 October – Y6 Grad Committee meeting 7.30pm in the Whanau Room

Wednesday 30 October – Y6 Grad Committee Bake Sale

Thursday 31 October – Inner City Sports Cluster Basketball comp

Friday 1 November – 9.15am All Saints Day Parish Mass Year 4 –6, Gumboot Friday, St Mary's College Orientation Day, Assembly R7 and R12

Monday 4 November – R4 attending Mass at Selwyn Village

Friday 8 November – Athletics Day at Walker Park – Helper needed

Monday 11 November – R5 attending Mass at Selwyn Village

Thursday 14 November – Year 5 Sleepover, Y6 Kahui Ako Sports Day

Friday 15 November – Foodie Friday

Monday 18 November – R2 attending Mass at Selwyn Village

Wednesday 20 November – South Auckland Weetbix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon

Thursday 21 November – Inner City Sports Cluster Athletics comp

Friday 22 November – Assembly R9 and R8, Confirmation Mass at 7pm

Monday 25 November – Y6 Liturgy Leaders and Ukulele players attending Mass at Selwyn Village

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

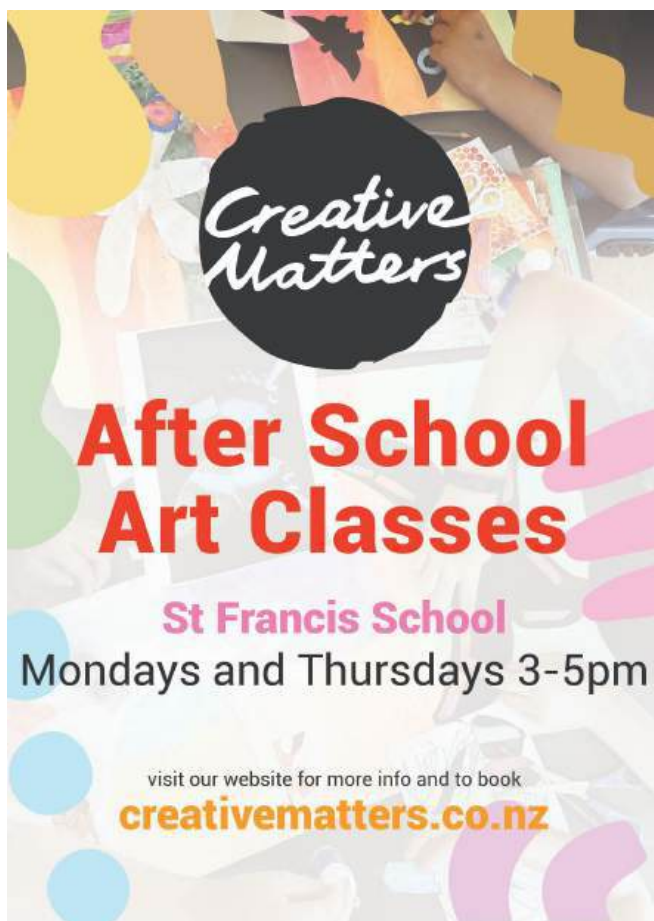
Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent

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



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JUNIOR ENGINEER Term 4 Topic: Prehistoric Perspectives History Science Problem Solving Engineering skills In Term 4, our Junior Engineers will explore Prehistoric Perspectives, transforming into historians and paleontologists while mastering hands-on engineering. Students will dive into STEAM concepts and bring history to life by building motorized models of prehistoric creatures and artifacts with robotic LEGO®.	FRIDAYS Junior Engineer Year 0-6 Start date: 25 October Class time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm Location: Garden to Table Lesson Cost: \$28
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Holiday programme 8.00am - 6.00pm Mon to Fri
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Children safety - Onsite care with qualified staff
Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children
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