



St Francis Catholic School

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Parish News - November Counts - Ice locks on Sundays for the month of November - Not that the kids need encouragement to attend Mass, but the School is providing iceblocks for the children after each of the Sunday Masses for the month of November, which just so happens to be when we perform the annual counts of Parishioners to show the Diocese that we are an ever-growing Parish community.

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

Service to the community -

On Monday Room 4 attended Mass down the road at Selwyn Retirement Village. Next will be Room 5's turn. The children are learning to introduce themselves to the residents and have a conversation while they wait for Mass to start.



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 paint the outside of the Presbytery, which should be completed at the end of 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.

Christmas Eve Family Mass - The fun family Christmas Eve Mass will be at 6pm on Tuesday, 24 December, and will be presided by Father Jonathan Hurrell and children-led as in previous years. Please text Stuart on 027 818 2403 if your child would like to participate in any of the following roles or if they want to borrow a costume for the Mass:

- Welcome (already filled)
- Altar servers (all positions already filled)
- Readers (all positions already filled)
- Prayers of the Faithful (all positions already filled)
- Offertory (2 more children required)
- Collection (1 more child required)

Summer Uniform - Term 4

Sandals, rather than shoes and socks

No long sleeves or thermals

No Hat, No Play

Hats can be purchased from the school office

Run Club - It's been a fun couple of weeks at the Run Club with energetic young kids and parents. There's only 1 session left this term. Come join us at 8am Wednesdays - leaving from the school gate.

Year 5 and 6 Basketball Comp -



Miniball and flippaball continues with the St Francis teams continuing their success in the pools. We now have 3 miniball teams and 1 flippaball team competing at St Cuthbert's every Sunday. We will be looking for kids from year 3 onwards who are interested in joining the teams and learning about this sport next year.



St Francis Colour Fun Run!

With only just over 3 weeks to go till the first ever St Francis Colour Fun Run!!

This message is to give everyone a heads up on what the kids will need to wear for the Colour Run -

Ideally if all kids can please wear white / light coloured clothing so that the coloured powder will show up on them. A sunhat, as the children will be on the field & hopefully it's a lovely sunny day! Children may also want to have sunglasses / goggles to keep powder out of their eyes. Any children with asthma or breathing complications may wish to also have a mask / mouth covering. Think about clothing that the children can climb, crawl & run in as they go through the obstacles - some obstacles also involve getting wet.

More info will come out closer to the time.

We are still looking for more helpers, so if you are keen to be involved (and haven't already been added to the helpers whatsapp group) please flick me a message - Annalies 0274677170.

We have been really impressed by everyone's fundraising efforts, and we encourage you to get behind this event and help with raising the funds for the canopy over the lower courts (BIG, EXCITING CANOPY ANNOUNCEMENT COMING VERY SOON!!!!!!).

We hope everyone is feeling excited about the day!!



Athletics day - this Friday @ Walker Park

9.00am - Competitive Y5/6 students walk to Walker Park

9.15am - 11.00am - Competitive Y5/6 students - Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Sprints

10.45am - The rest of the students walk to Walker Park

11.15am - 12.15pm - Athletics Rotation

12.15pm - 12.45pm - Lunch Break

12.45pm - 2.30pm - Athletics Rotation and Relays

2.30pm - Walk back to school

Children (and Parent Helpers) will need: Morning Tea, lunch, water, school hat, sunscreen, raincoat etc. Children come to school in their PE gear and running shoes – No school uniform.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. Spectators, if you want to help on the day please see Mr Wright, Annalies Donald or Adam Milina. They will be able to point you in the right direction.

Foodie Friday – Friday 15th November

Orders Open Today & close 8pm Wednesday 13th November. Slices are \$2 per slice and order options are:

- Ham & Cheese
- Cheese
- Gluten Free Cheese
- Gluten Free / Vegan Cheese
- Juice Box



Orders must be made and paid for using the 'My Kindo' App or My Kindo website. Please check that the order is under your child's name and not the parents, and that they are allocated to the correct room.

We are always looking for helpers for Foodie Friday – involves approx. 1 hour from 12.30pm to set up, hand out pizzas and tidy up. Children love seeing family members helping, so please contact Annalies at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz if you would like to be involved to help with future Foodie Fridays.

Year 6 Writing – BEAUTY WAR POWER! By Nina Brown and Georgia Lamontanaro

Blurb – Two normal teens living a normal life. Two young warriors training for the moment to strike. This is a tale of...BEAUTY, WAR AND POWER!

CHAPTER ONE: TRAINING "Go to the left, go to the right", I said "right, you nimbat". Apollo yelled "it would be easier if you stopped yelling at me" Athena cried triumphantly. "You're dead," "You don't talk to your opponents in battle Apollo". "Can you help me up" Apollo grunted. She grabbed his arm and the trainer yelled "how many ways to dislocate an arm?" "200". Athena screamed as she snapped Apollo's arm "how many ways to relocate someone's arm?" Apollo whined " 1 you cry baby!" she said as she cracked his arm back in place. Good job at training Apollo" she said sarcastically. HaHa very funny" Apollo said. CHAPTER TWO NEXT WEEK.

A message from the Garden Club – If any St Francis whanau would like worm castings and worm wee please let the office know and the Garden Club will arrange for delivery to your child's class or for pick up from the office – \$5 for one litre, \$10 for 2 litres, \$13 for 3 litres, \$1 for a 500 gm bag of castings.

School Fees – Attendance Dues for Term 4 are now due. These need to be paid in full by the first week of December. You can access your statement on the School App or contact the school office for more information.



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/>

**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 Dads Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month. Serial winner Richard Wager struck once again to win last Thursday. The next and final stupendous darts session for 2024 will be on Thursday, **28 November**, from **8pm**, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club. The lucky winner gets to retain the trophy for a staggering **3 months** given the first darts session in 2025 isn't until 27 February. 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,

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 8 November - Athletics Day at Walker Park - Helper needed

Sunday 10 November - Ice Blocks at Sunday Mass

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

Sunday 17 November - Ice Blocks at Sunday Mass

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

Sunday 24 November – Ice Blocks at Sunday Mass

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



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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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