



St Francis Catholic School

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The time of the year - The Catholic Church / community uses a liturgical calendar throughout the year. At the moment we are in 'ordinary time', but are about to move into a very important time of year, 'Advent'.

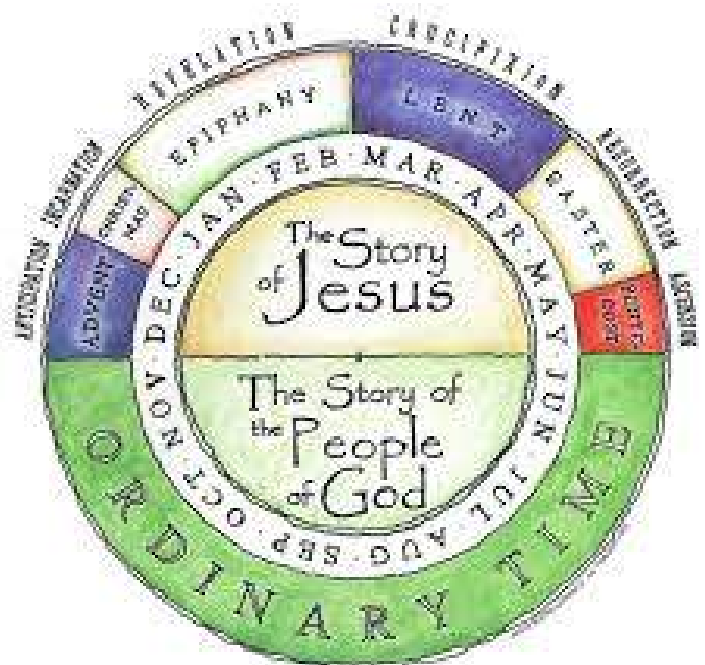
Now - Ordinary Time

1 Dec - 24 Dec - Advent Season

25 Dec - 8 Jan - Christmas Season

How to prepare for the Advent Season:

- Order or make an advent wreath
- Order or make a Nativity Scene
- Google "Jesse Tree" (so you know what the children will be learning about)
- Order or make an Advent Calendar



Parish News -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.

Ice blocks on Sundays for the month of November - Not that the kids need encouragement to attend Mass, but the School has kindly offered to provide ice blocks 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.

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. All speaking positions have now been filled, but please see Stuart on the night before Mass if your child would like to borrow a nativity costume for the Mass.

Welcome - A big welcome to our elderly neighbours who are now moving into the Kainga Ora housing development next door to us. We welcome them to the neighbourhood and look forward to be involved with their community garden. Check out more info -



https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en_NZ/news/new-apartment-complex-for-central-auckland-suburb/

Athletics Day 2024 @ Walker Park



From Mr Wright - Thank you parents for your help on Friday. Without your help these types of days can't go ahead. As always your help and support is appreciated by all St Francis staff.



St Francis Colour Fun Run!!

With only 16 sleeps to go till our first ever school colour run, we hope everyone is feeling as excited as we are!

The children will need to bring white / light coloured clothing that they will wear for the obstacle course, so things they can run, climb, crawl in and some obstacles also involve getting wet!

As well as being a fun end of year event for the children, it is a fundraising opportunity for our school for the canopy project over our lower courts, so we encourage you to support this.



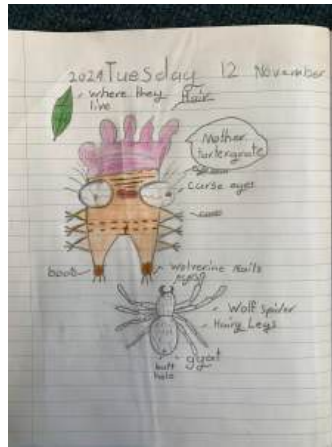
Foodie Friday – Friday 15th November Orders close today – 8pm Wednesday 13th November for Pizzas this Friday. Please get your orders in on time, as we cannot accept late orders after they have closed. Thank you to everyone for supporting Foodie Friday – the children love their Pizza lunches, and we appreciate the support for our school fundraising. A special thank you to all the parent helpers who help hand out over 500 Pizza slices every month – we couldn't do it without you!

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

Chapter Two – Forbidden Love – The Romance Part of the Story!!!! “Where’s that handsome warrior?” Ares walks in and whispers “I’m here Aphrodite”. “I can’t see, it’s too dark Ares” she says. “Just walk forward into my arms” Ares whispers. “Okay”, she takes a step and falls down the stairs. Ares runs towards her and catches her in his arms. “Why didn’t you tell me there’s steps Ares!” “Oh there’s steps” Ares giggles she hits him in the head while saying, “My father will hear about this”. “No one can hear about this” Ares quietly says. “Do not tell anyone this is our little secret”.

Want to read more then come back next week for our third chapter...

Year 4 Author Visit - On Monday, the Year 4 students had a visit by exciting new author Sandra Fay. She is a local author-illustrator who uses potatoes and paint to make art. She is the creator of two fabulous quality picture books; *The Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms* and *Three Little Tardigrades*. Check out the very cool Tardigrade character descriptions. Room 3 has some budding artists!



Lunchtime Basketball - Keeping our seniors physically active at lunchtime over the next few weeks, we began with basketball. Amazing skills were displayed by children from all three rooms. Many thanks to Mr Wright for refereeing our talented sports people.



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



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/>



Parent Helpers wanted for the School Disco early next year – 3 March 2025 TBC

Please contact Caroline Botting if you would like to help – carolinbotting@gmail.com

St Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month – The next and FINAL 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.



Iron Bridge – Sponsorship Through Referral Programme:

Property Management Services – St Francis Catholic School is excited to share a unique 'Sponsorship Through Referral Programme' offered by Iron Bridge Property Management. Through this special initiative, Iron Bridge – a family owned company – are offering discounted residential property management services to friends and family of the school community, while at the same time helping St Francis School.



How It Works:

- Refer someone who becomes a client for Iron Bridge Property Management services. The school will receive a \$500 cash contribution.
 - Plus, the new client gets a generous 20% discount on our standard management fee.
- We encourage the school community to spread the word about this opportunity through various channels. Please quote 'ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL / IRON BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP' when referring potential clients. Contact Marisa Johnstone (school parent) for more details:
Marisa@ironbridge.co.nz 022 633 5095 www.ironbridge.co.nz

Solace – Your Local Life Insurance Experts – Have you still got 'Sort Life Insurance' on your To Do List for 2024? Or do you already have protection, but have been meaning to review it for a few years? It's always something that just doesn't quite make it to the top of the priority list.



Well, St Francis Catholic School is excited to share a new referral partnership programme with Solace. This is a local, family owned advisory practice run by Mike & Mareesa Connellan. The team at Solace can help advise you on policies like Life Cover, Income Protection, Health Insurance and Critical Illness cover. This is a no-obligation service that Mike will provide and there are no fees for this service.

If you (or anybody you refer) ends up taking out a protection plan following Mike's guidance, Solace will make a contribution to our St Francis School Canopy project for the covered courts.

Please spread the word on this opportunity, as we would love to ensure that our St Francis whanau are well protected from unexpected health events, as well as helping us to reach our targets for the covered courts. Contact Mike or Mareesa (parents of Finn and Archie) for more details: mike@solacefinancial.co.nz 021 765 223 www.solacefinancial.co.nz

Check out their 5 star reviews here: <https://tinyurl.com/Solacefinancial>

Dates for 2024:

- Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December

Dates for 2025: (2 more government mandated Teacher Only Days to include soon)

- 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
- Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Wednesday 17 December
Public Holidays - School Closed: Labour Day - Monday 27 October

Coming up:

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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For all enquiries contact:
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Children safety - Onsite care with qualified staff
Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children
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Fun - Interactive and stimulating activities, including afternoon tea and homework assistance
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