



St Francis Catholic School

We are a vibrant & empowering Catholic school, creating **pathways of excellence** for our tamariki.



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Confirmation - Good luck to our Confirmation candidates, who will be confirmed by Bishop Steve this Friday at 7.00pm. We are all very proud of you - Aine, Xavier, Marco, Gien, Lachlan, Declan, Jax, Charlie, Summer, Alice, James, Anthea, Samuel and Fletcher.

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.

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

5 Spiritual Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1303

CHILD OF GOD It roots us more deeply as children of God which makes us cry "Abba Father!"	EFFECT 1	
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	EFFECT 2	CLOSER TO CHRIST It unites us more firmly to our Saviour Jesus Christ.
It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us: wisdom, courage, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, fear of the Lord.	EFFECT 3	FULLY CATHOLIC It renders our bond with the Catholic Church more perfect.
DEFEND THE FAITH It gives us a special strength to spread and defend the Faith as true witnesses of Jesus Christ.	EFFECT 4	
	EFFECT 5	



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 has resumed and was a huge hit with the kids last Sunday. 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.

Gumboot Friday – Thank you for supporting our first ever Gumboot Friday, in conjunction with the Mitey Programme, we have learnt to look after our wellbeing, use a positive mindset and to ask for help when we are struggling. Thank you Miss Albrecht for organising this for us, as well as the very popular Gumboot throw at lunchtime.



A message from Miss Albrecht – Hi everyone, as we come to the end of the year some of our students may be feeling nervous about next year. More possibly with our Year 6's starting at new schools. Here are some readings about dealing with change and managing worries that may be appropriate.

<https://sparklers.org.nz/activities/worries-101/>

<https://sparklers.org.nz/activities/managing-worries/>

Year 5 Leadership Sleepover



Thank you to the parent helper and teacher who made this such a wonderful event, despite the heavy rain!!!

Year 6 -While the Year 5 students were busy at their sleepover, the Year 6 students were either being good role models of servant leadership by preparing the meals for the Year 5 sleepover, or attending the Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako Sports Day.

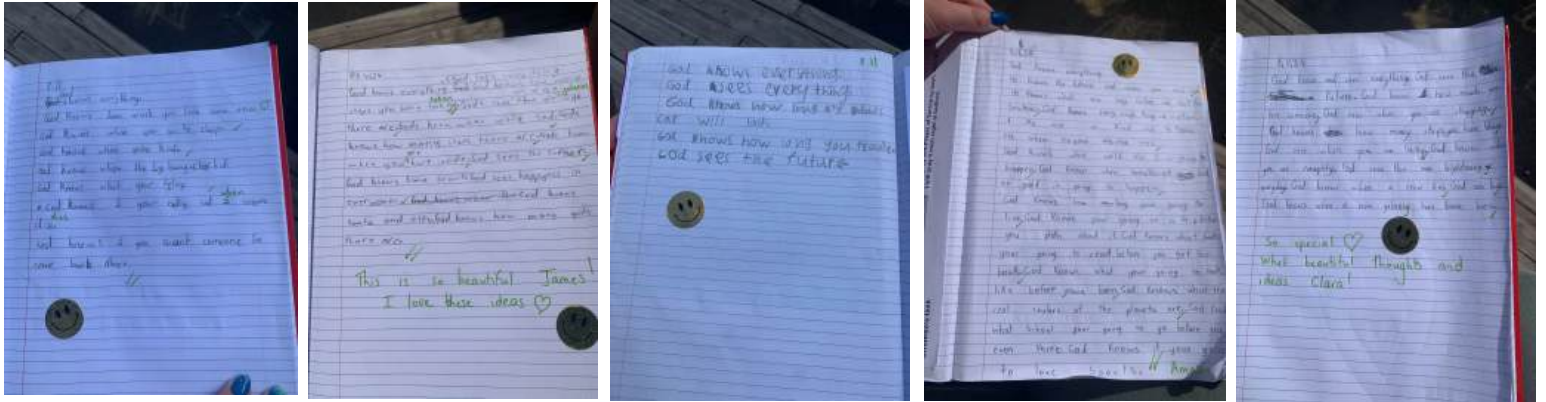


Thank you Mrs Hanly, for organising the food for the sleepover. Thank you Mr Wright for organising the sports day with our friends from the local Catholic schools.

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.

God knows everything by Room 7 -



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/>

Parent Helpers wanted for the School Disco early next year - 7 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 - it's a wrap!- Oh, what a festive night of frolicking for over 40 wonderful St Francis Dads, including some newbies. It could've/should've finished earlier if it wasn't for the copious cries out for "encore" as the Megastar St. Francis Dads karaoke singing prowess at Wapiti Sports Bar was on fine display (Stuart's recollection may have been a wee bit blurred). Some sore heads the following day, perhaps, but then again, the majority of supernatural Dads backed up early morning Saturday for numerous kids sports and dog walking. Beat that Mum's!



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:

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

Thursday 28 November - Inner City Sports Cluster Athletics comp

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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