



St Francis Catholic School

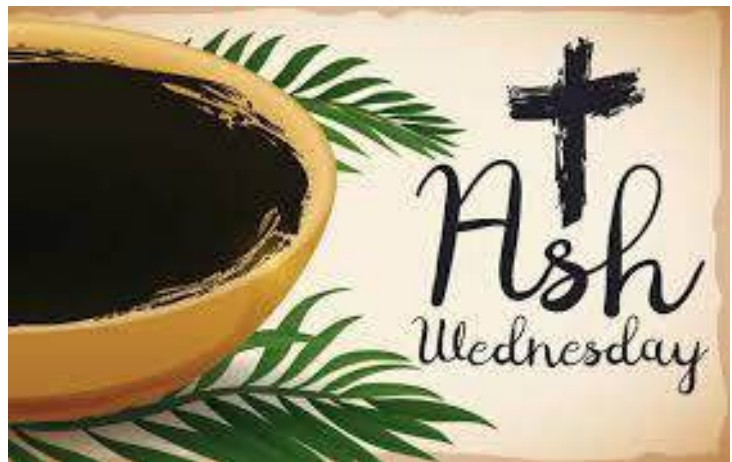
We are a vibrant & empowering
Catholic school, creating **pathways**
of excellence for our tamariki.



P 09 846 4696 | office@stfrancis.school.nz | www.stfrancis.school.nz | 2 Montrose St, Pt Chevalier, Auckland | PO Box 44177

Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten Season - Lent begins today, Ash Wednesday. It lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and ends on Easter. Lent is about the amazing love that both God and Jesus have for all of us. It's a season in which we remind ourselves about the true meaning of our faith. It's a time when we can challenge ourselves to be more prayerful, kind, generous, charitable and loving toward one another. During Lent we prepare the upcoming celebration of Easter.

As Catholics we try not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday, and even the Fridays during the six weeks of Lent. Maybe your family goal could be to do at least one or two Fridays during Lent with no meat.



Parish News – **Sacramental Programme** forms are available at the school office.

Donation Tax Refund Time is fast approaching – get your charitable Donations in before the end of March to recover 1/3 in the form of a Donation Tax Refund.

The **“Buy the Brick”** campaign continues in order to replenish the Parish’s building repairs & maintenance fund, as well as to fund the proposed new deck and built-in surround seating. So, be part of history, forever be immortalised and get yourself and/or your loved ones a Brick. We will be going to print with the next 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.

Weetbix Kids Tryathlon – East Auckland – Sunday 30th March 2025 – Its time to Swim, Bike, Run & Have FUN!! The Weetbix Kids TRYathlon 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. The event capacity is 3,000 children and ALWAYS sells out, so if you are keen entries need to be done ASAP to ensure you get a spot at this popular event! 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/>

CALLING ALL ST FRANCIS FUTURE SILVER FERNS!!



The 2025 Netball season is just around the corner, so now is the time to get in touch and register your interest in playing in one of our awesome St Francis Teams.

This is open to Year’s 3–6, both girls & boys.

All games are played at Windmill courts Mt Eden with

Year 3/4 playing on Thursdays and Year 5/6 on Wednesdays.

Season starts Term 2 and runs through to the end of August. Please contact Kelly –

Kelly.rasch@gmail.com if you would like to register or have any questions or queries regarding netball.

NETBALL IS BACK
Come along to our Junior Netball 'Give it a Go' days. Everyone welcome!

FREE SESSIONS

Learn new skills, play netball, and have fun! Free sessions - no registration required. Guest appearances from Northern Mystics & Stars players!

ST JOHNS VENUE 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns	WINDMILL PARK VENUE 48 Windmill Road, Mt Eden
Date: 8 March 2025	Date: 15 March 2025
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm	Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)	Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)

Scan the QR code carefully and ensure it directs to Auckland Netball's official website www.aucklandnetball.co.nz. Guests of some - Auckland Netball will never require sensitive information or payment via our social links.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Caitlin Sardon, Development Program Officer
T: 09 280 4129
E: development@aucklandnetball.co.nz



Summer Beach Party Disco!

Date: This Friday

Dress up theme: Think tropical vibes, surfers, lifeguards, or anything fun that brings the beach to life. Adults, feel free to dress up too!

Bring your own picnic and drinks, or you can order Domino's pizzas and drinks via Kindo.

Disco Details:

Families are welcome to stay from 3pm—bring a picnic and relax until it's time to disco.

Disco Sessions:

- Years 1-3: 5:30pm – 6:15pm (Pizza pick-up: 5:00pm – 5:30pm)
- Years 4-6: 6:30pm – 7:15pm (Pizza pick-up: 6:00pm – 6:30pm)

Parents MUST stay at the school disco. This is not a drop-off and pick up event.

Pizza for Disco Dinner!

Ordering must be done via Kindo before ordering closes TONIGHT at 8pm.

No late orders, so please get your orders in before ordering closes.

- Before the Junior Disco (collection time 5.00pm – 5.30pm)
- Before Senior Disco (collection time 6.00pm-6.30pm).

There will be Mini (\$7) or Large (\$12) whole pizzas available in

- Cheese
- Ham & Cheese
- Gluten Free / Vegan Dietary Options (Large Only)
- There will also be Sprite / Juice / Water available to order.



Minipolo / Flippaball - On Sundays between 11:30am and 3pm at St Cuthbert's College, 4 St Francis teams play in the minipolo and flippaball league. The 2 minipolo teams are off to a strong start in the deep water and the 2 flippaball teams are unbeaten so far this term. If your child is interested in taking up these sports, there may be spots available next term. It is recommended that your child is comfortable in the water for flippaball and is able to swim confidently for minipolo. For more information please contact Chrissy on 021 500951



Run Club is Back! 🏃 Run Club is back for the term! Join us every Wednesday morning at 8:00am inside the school gate. All kids are welcome, and parents are encouraged to join in—whether to run alongside or cheer the kids on! This term, we'll be focusing on building up to the triathlon, with our final session on Wednesday, 26th March. To stay updated with weekly messages, please contact Anne McGregor on 021 866 108 to be added to the Run Club WhatsApp group. See you on the track!



Next Project - Decking and Seating next to the School upper court and Church. In conjunction with the Church, we are planning on decking the currently unused no-man's land between the School upper turfed court and the Church. The plan is to have built-in bench seating around the perimeter of the deck and around the existing Kauri tree. This will utilise this great space for the School Community parents and kids as well as the Church parishioners for socialising.



Accordingly, we are seeking much needed donations to fund this exciting new project, which again are tax deductible, and can take the form of a "Brick(s)" (refer above). The rudimentary picture above is a "non-artists" impression from Stuart.

Spanish lessons - The Foreign Language School are wanting to continue coming to St Francis for after school classes which will be based loosely around covering the NCEA Level 1 Spanish and activities, play and games focus. Whilst the day is not confirmed yet (as they gauge interest) if you or anyone you know at the school is interested please contact José Figueira (father of Sienna and Theo) via email: josecoaching@gmail.com with your son and/or daughters names, class and age.

Skills of Soccer with Billy Harris – Lunchtime Soccer lessons with former All White, Billy Harris – Text him on 0272799042 for info and prices.

Private Music / Instrument Lessons – Ignite your child's creativity next 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 2025, 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/> Leaflets went home this week and are in your child's school bag.

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month – The first darts session for 2025 resulted in a win (again) for Richard Wager. It was great seeing some new Dads rock up. The next session will be on Thursday evening, 27 March, from 8pm at the Pt Chev. Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome. 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 Dads' WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.



St Francis Dads' Support Group Endless Summer pub crawl – Back by popular demand and before the end of daylight savings, the St. Francis Dads will have a pub crawl on Friday, 4 April – for all new, existing and past St. Francis Dads – everyone is invited. The fun and shenanigans will commence at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club from 5pm, where it will be onwards and upwards to Amblers, Nomads, Cupid Bar and of course Wapiti. To find out where we are on the night and for any queries, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403.

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 Wow those holidays whizzed past! Or did they drag on?? Either way, you've hopefully got a little more free time now to focus on life admin and getting the year off to a good start. This is the perfect time to check in on your financial goals and make sure that everything is in order. Life can be unpredictable, but having the right insurance in place can

bring peace of mind knowing you're prepared for whatever comes your way. At Solace we specialise in helping families like yours find the best life cover and health insurance options to fit your needs and budget. If you're not sure where to start, or just want to review your current coverage, we're here to help! And as previously promoted, if you (or anybody you refer) ends up

taking out a protection plan following our guidance, Solace will make a contribution to our St Francis School Canopy project for the covered courts which is still looking for further support. 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 our 5 star reviews here: <https://tinyurl.com/Solacefinancial>

<https://tinyurl.com/Solacefinancial>



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

- Term 1 - Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April
(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 this term -

Thursday 6 March - Year 5/6 Interschool Cricket Comp - Victoria Park

Friday 7 March - School Disco and Picnic

Sunday 9 March - The first Sunday of Lent

Wednesday 12 March - Collectively Kids ECE visiting Room 1

Thursday 13 March - Year 6 Beach Education Day

Friday 21 March - 2.15pm Assembly

Tuesday 25 March - BOT meeting

Thursday 27 March - Year 5/6 Interschool Softball Comp - Cox's Bay

Friday 11 April - 2.15pm Assembly, Foodie Friday, last day of Term 1

Lisa Bateman lisab@stfrancis.school.nz or principal@stfrancis.school.nz

bricks 4 kidz ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL LEGO STEAM CLASSES

Bricks 4 Kidz After School STEAM programmes are essential in equipping students with future-ready skills and a strong educational foundation which empowers them to excel academically and thrive in an AI-driven, technology-focused world.

GAIN FUTURE READY SKILLS

- STEAM EDUCATION
- ALWAYS ON LEARNING
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- CREATIVITY & INVENTION
- CRITICAL THINKING & LOGIC
- INTEGRATION & COLLABORATION

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS & PROBLEM SOLVERS

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 motorised models of prehistoric creatures and artifacts with robots LEGO®.

FRIDAYS
Junior Engineer Year 0-6
Start date: 25 October
Class time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Location: Garden to Table
Lesson cost: \$28

www.bricks4kidz.co.nz | 0800 LEGO 4 K | info@bricks4kidz.co.nz

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS & PROBLEM SOLVERS

Creative Matters

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASS
At St Francis Catholic School

MONDAYS 3-5pm
Starting in week 2 every term

for more information and to book:
creativematters.co.nz

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL!

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our individualised lessons that're both fun and educational! Learning music supports all areas of learning through developing confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!

To enrol, please visit www.musiceducation.co.nz/pages/mis-enrolment

RoyWhite

RAY WHITE PT CHEVALIER

Premium service is our priority. Your locally based team bringing unmatched knowledge and a stellar track record, ensuring seamless property solutions tailored to you. Trust us for the best outcome in renting, buying & selling.



338 Pt Chevalier Road
team.ptchevalier@raywhite.com
www.rwptchevalier.co.nz

Lawrence von Sturmer | 027 227 9294
Jo de Beer | 027 469 4148
Semanie Cato | 021 803 137



After school care 3.00 - 6.00pm Mon to Fri
Holiday programme 8.00am - 6.00pm Mon to Fri
For all enquiries contact:
Jackie Arroyo
M 021 975 642

MSD Approved
Children safety - Onsite care with qualified staff
Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children
WINZ OSCAR Subsidy Available
Fun - Interactive and stimulating activities, including afternoon tea and homework assistance
Sports - Kids keep fit playing soccer, rugby, cricket, basketball, badminton, and other sport activities.
stfrancispchev@skids.co.nz
www.skids.co.nz/locations/st_francis_pt_chevalier

To Enrol: www.skids.co.nz & Select Find your local Skids



Point Chevalier Veterinary Care
67 Pt Chevalier Road
Pt Chevalier Auckland 1022

Phone: 815 0696

www.veterinarycare.co.nz

"Your Friendly" Electrician

PANCH ELECTRICAL

PO Box 44 117, Pt Chevalier
Web: www.panch.co.nz
Email: panchelectrical@gmail.com

Call Michael 021 654 999



Help give the
Miracle of Sight
to children living in the
world's poorest places.

To send a gift call
0800 77 22 64
or go to
www.cbmnz.org.nz/kyle

GOODWINS

Getting the best price
for your property.

That's a good win for you.

Join the
Winners
Circle

- Executive rentals, residential & commercial property management & residential sales.
- Trusted advisors: rent, buy sell, invest.
- 50 years in real estate, family owned & independent.

Real Estate
Sales ▾ Rentals

0800 GOODWINS
goodwins.co.nz

Creative Matters

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASS

AT ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MONDAYS 3-5pm
Starting in week 2 every term



for more information and to book:
creativematters.co.nz

**Your children are amazing
already. We just help
them prove it.**

Grey Lynn Ph 360 0816
numberworkswords.com/nz

**NumberWorks
'nWords**

TUITION
CONFIDENCE
RESULTS

**ENGLISH
& MATHS**
Free assessment
Book now!