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The Lenten Season - Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith. While Lent was originally intended as a time of preparation for those being baptized at Easter, it gradually became a time when all of us focus on getting ready to renew our own baptismal promises. It is a time when we reflect on the dying and rising of Christ that has made our salvation possible. The three Catholic observances we follow during Lent – prayer, fasting and giving alms – engage us in body, mind and spirit. Focusing on these traditional observances will bring your family closer to Christ ... and to one another.



Parish News - **Sacramental Programme upcoming dates:** Reconciliation during Lent: Lesson 2 16th March, Lesson 3 23rd March, Service Tuesday 25th March 6:30pm

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.

Church electric piano – After a lifetime, the Church electric piano has finally given up. We are seeking anyone who may have one lying around who'd kindly like to donate it to the Church. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 if you can help.

Father John visiting Room 11 – Every Tuesday morning Father John visits our Junior School classrooms. Yesterday he visited Room 11 and read the children a Gospel story about Jesus choosing his disciples.



LENT & HOLY WEEK PARISH TIMETABLE:

- Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6:30pm 14th, 21st, 28th March & 4th April
- Lenten Reconciliation: Tuesday 7pm 1st April Rite II
- Passover Supper: Friday 11th April in the Parish Hall
- Holy Thursday: Thursday 17th April 7:30pm followed by procession for Adoration in the Whanau Room until 9:30pm
- Good Friday: Friday 18th April 3pm
- Holy Saturday: Saturday 19th April 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April 9am

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 JOHN'S VENUE 7 Allison Park Drive, St Johns	WINDMILL DNRK VENUE 46 Windmill Road, Mt Eden
Date: 8 March 2025	Date: 16 March 2025
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm	Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Years: 1-6 (boys & girls)	Years: 1-6 (boys & girls)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Kelly Rasch, Development Program Officer
027 818 2403
E: development@stfrancisnetball.com

Auckland Council **AUCKLAND NETBALL**

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!

A message from Mrs Wishart – There are a lot of singles and pairs of sandals and shoes in the Whanau Room lost property bin! Do any of them belong to you?

Year 5/6 InnerCity Sports Cluster Cricket competition – Thank you Mr Wright for running this comp for all the children in our cluster. Thank you to Mr Halpin and Mr Gorringer for managing our teams and the parents who transported and supported our teams at Victoria Park.



Garden to Table - Perfect Pancakes by Taavi Room 4 - We had lots of fun mixing the wet and dry ingredients together. We had to use a whisk. We cracked a few eggs and put in all the milk. We ladled the runny mixture into the hot fry pan. Then we knew how to flip the pancakes when they were ready because the bubbles popped. The toppings were lemon and sugar or homemade chocolate sauce and the chocolate sauce was the most delicious. It is so fun going to Gardens the table to do cooking.



Mental Health and Wellbeing - Just a reminder that at St Francis we use the Mitey Programme, with the Sir John Kirwan Foundation, to cover this part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Below are the Learning Outcomes that we cover throughout the children's 6+ years with us (Level 1 - Year 1 and 2, Level 2 - Year 3 and 4, Level 3 - Year 5 and 6, Level 4 - Year 7 and 8).



MITEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

LEVEL 1

- Describe important aspects of my identity.
- Recognise the ways I am the same as and different to other people.
- Identify my role in my whānau
- Explore and share ideas about relationships with friends.
- Identify different feelings that I experience and describe how I experience these feelings in different situations.
- Explain that not everyone feels the same at the same time or feels the same about the same things.
- Recognise when myself or others need help with feelings, and that it is important to ask for help with feelings.

LEVEL 2

- Identify and share important things that make me 'me'.
- Listen to others and support their needs and feelings and share my own.
- Share ideas about the way our classroom environment contributes to the mental health and wellbeing of class members.
- Share ideas about how to show respect, manaakitanga, and aroha.
- Share ideas about how to seek support for myself and others.
- Develop problem-solving strategies for dealing with emotions, challenges and change.
- Describe emotions and identify when, how and with whom it is appropriate to share emotions.

LEVEL 3

- Describe personal characteristics and aspects of my life that affect my self-image.
- Identify factors that affect my wellbeing, describe my personal characteristics, and develop skills to manage changes that support my wellbeing.
- Identify ways to report abusive behaviours and access support for myself and others.
- Describe bullying and its impact on my own and others' mental health.
- Support others in my classroom and in the school in times of discrimination.
- Describe and affirm my feelings and beliefs about myself and others.
- Participate in a school initiative that promotes the acceptance of body appearance and celebrates diversity.

LEVEL 4

- Examine how things I value are an expression of my self-identity.
- Identify the qualities of friendship and the impact of changing friendships on mental health.
- Identify ways to manage changing relationships.
- Identify strategies to support myself and others in difficult times.
- Identify ways I can support the mental health of others.
- Demonstrate feelings in a range of ways and in a range of situations.
- Identify what gets in the way of maintaining and promoting mental health.
- Challenge attitudes and values that lead to stereotyping and discrimination.

Year 3 and 4 Football skills -



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/>

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.

Summer Beach Party Disco - A huge THANK YOU to the parents who helped make the Disco an excellent event: Caroline Botting and her organising team, Mary Rose Holani and her decorations team, Annalies Donald and her pizza team, and everyone who stayed behind to pack up at the end of the night. Thank you to Lee Smith for always doing our event security, and Marie Stuart for lending us her classic car for our beach theme.



Disco videos link -

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J8fx_ctbsFlsyTXSat83EN5VIBs0G0G-?usp=sharing



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 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.

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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>

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 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



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Enrolments for 2026 Close
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Applications for Enrolment in 2026 are welcome for Year 7.
A limited number of vacancies are available for Years 8-13.

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Application Forms are available from our website:
www.st-peters.school.nz

Contact Details:
Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office
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