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**The Lenten Season** – by Georgia Buchanan Room 4 – As you know, this week is the second week of Lent. In the senior school, for R.E, we are learning about the phrase “pray, fast & give”. Your children may have made a lenten promise that they try to keep for the forty days of Lent. We might be giving up lollies or chocolate, not eating icecream or doing extra jobs.

As you may know, in each classroom there is a small cardboard money box. Your child can bring in money such as pocket money or if they do a couple of extra jobs at home maybe you could give them some extra money for the box. This money goes to Caritas, a charity that helps people in need throughout N.Z. and the Pacific. Please give generously.



**Parish News** – **Sacramental Programme upcoming dates:** Reconciliation during Lent: 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.

### **LENT & HOLY WEEK PARISH TIMETABLE:**

- Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6:30pm 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

**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.



**Writing in Room 3** - Room 3 have been working on adding adjectives to their writing. Feel free to try some of these amazing recipes at home!

**The world's most disgusting sandwich - recipe 1** First get some mouldy bread. Then add some tomato sauce. Next add some sour olives. Afterwards get some brown chocolate sauce. After that, put some warm yoghurt in. Then add in yellow and cold mustard. Next put in some mushy mashed potatoes. Then put some gross garlic in. Also pour in some water. Finally eat! By Eva McKenzie

**The world's most disgusting sandwich – recipe 2** First get a piece of mouldy oatilicious bread. Then, put in some expired raw eggs. Make sure you put it in the oven for at least a day. After a day or so it will have fire coming out of it. At that point you have to take it out of the oven. Next, you have to put in some mashed chilly to make it more nasty. For the secret ingredient, pour in some oat milk, to make it soggy. Enjoy! By Thomas James–Scooter

**The world's most disgusting sandwich – recipe 3** First get some mouldy bread. Next, get some ugly old slugs that are disgusting and gross. Next get some raw egg and splat it on. Now, get worms! Make sure they are alive. Then get some ugly and mouldy cheese. Now you want to get some chocolate and ants. Then, put in some raw fish and octopus. Get some milk and pour it on so it gets wet. Now, get mud and add snails. Get a brown onion and add this to your sandwich. Now look, your sandwich should be ugly and disgusting. By Connie Pickering

**Anthea's pet chickens** – Anthea from Room 3 loves her chickens. These chickens were her 7th birthday wish (last year) and she has been a very caring chicken mama. One of the chickens (Heihei) keeps getting broody so Anthea's family eventually got some fertilised eggs for her – on the weekend four little babies hatched!



Fun facts about the chickens (Anetha read most of them from a book called “Chickenology”):

- It takes about 25 hours for a hen to make an egg.
- Chickens are quite smart and scientists believe that they can count to 4.
- Chickens like to sleep on a perch because their ancestors slept in a tree. They only use the nest to lay eggs, not for sleeping.
- It takes about 3 weeks for a fertile egg to hatch.

**St Francis Basketball Teams** – St Francis currently has two basketball teams playing weekly in the Bay City Slick competition.

- Blue Lightning (Year 5 and 6 Mixed Team) have faced some tough competition thus far but are showing strong teamwork and a positive attitude. PODs to date: Aishah, Isla and Sio
- Thunder (Year 5 Mixed Team) are off to a flying start with two wins and one loss. They are strong on defence! PODs to date: Jackson and Taavi



**Te Reo Māori** - This term our akonga have been exploring the concepts of te whānāu (family) and whanaungatanga (relationships and connections). This includes being able to introduce themselves and their parents or caregivers and is leading towards learning our school wide mihimihi (introduction).



The senior children have been learning about poupou (carved wall panels) and their significance in Māori culture. They are designing their own poupou to represent themselves and their whānau, incorporating symbols and designs that reflect their identity and heritage. They are producing some beautiful artwork. Ka pai tō mahi!

**Year 6 Beach Education** - Last Thursday at 8:30am we were on our way to Muriwai Beach for a Beach Education day. The lifeguards showed the Year 6s where they live and the tour was very good and interesting .

The lifeguards told us about rips. A rip is a body of water that is pulling you away from the shore. You can notice a rip by seeing if it is as a calm patch of water, has discolored water, has criss cross waves and debris aka stuff that floats like driftwood.

If you get in to a rip. first relax, second raise your hand, and third ride the rip. The lifeguards told group two of the Year 6's a story that a surfer was in the rip and he dislocated his shoulder so he put his leg up instead. Being at the beach was fun! By Nicholas Gagna Mariadas and Oscar Marshall from Room 2.



**Garden to Table Week 6 Room 4** – At Garden to Table we made some spaghetti and we put lots of veggies in it like tomato garlic onions and then we put it in a pan and we cooked it and we threw in some salt. We also made some Lemon Muffins. In the muffins there was flour and sugar, after we put in those things we had to get a separate bowl for the wet ingredients, eggs and milk and whisked it for about five minutes. We also put in lemon zest and freshly squeezed lemon juice and sugar in the lemon juice and then we had to bake it in the oven. They tasted delicious. That's all for this week!Bye!!! By Posey and Ashley from Room 4



**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 gage 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](mailto: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 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:**

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Marisa@ironbridge.co.nz 022 633 5095 [www.ironbridge.co.nz](http://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](mailto:mike@solacefinancial.co.nz) 021 765 223 [www.solacefinancial.co.nz](http://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 -**

Friday 21 March - 2.15pm Assembly

Thursday 3 April - Year 5/6 Interschool Softball Comp  
- Cox's Bay

Tuesday 8 April - BOT meeting

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

Lisa Bateman [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz) or  
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Contact Details:  
Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office  
email: [enrolments@st-peters.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@st-peters.school.nz)  
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#### JUNIOR ENGINEER

Terms 4 Topic: Precision  
Participants: 10-12  
Programme: 10 weeks (10 sessions)  
Sessions: 1.5 hours each

As Term 4 and Junior Engineers will continue Precision Programme, Enrolments are limited and applications will close on 23 October. Enrolments will close on 23 October. Enrolments will close on 23 October. Enrolments will close on 23 October.

Location: Number 11 Table  
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