



St Francis Catholic School

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



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Holy Week - Our wonderful children have been leading whole school prayer this week in preparation for Holy Week (which is the first week of the school holidays). Our Holy Week liturgies cover: Palm Sunday, Jesus washing the disciples feet, the Last Supper, and the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus.



LENT & HOLY WEEK PARISH TIMETABLE:

- Passover Supper: Friday 11th April in the Parish Hall
- Holy Thursday: Thursday 17th April 7:30 pm 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

Room 3 baking and breaking

bread - For Holy Week, Room 3 decided to make some bread and share it just like Jesus did during the Last Supper. First we mixed yeast with water and some sugar. While we were waiting for the



yeast to go frothy, we watched a science video about yeast. We learnt that the bubbles that are created are 'yeast farts'. We then mixed the liquid with flour and salt and left it in the fridge overnight. The following day, we took the dough out of the fridge and left it on the bench for about 2 hours. Finally, after decorating it with rosemary, we put it in the oven. The best part was sharing it with our friends.

Parish News - 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.

Free Cafe Vouchers for Secondary School young women - Not that our young women need any encouragement, but we are offering a \$25 cafe voucher per term to all secondary school young women that complete a minimum of 10 Service Hours for our Parish per School Term. This can take the form of altar serving, being a Reader at Mass or running the Children's Liturgy on Sundays (with oversight by an adult(s) and full instruction and access to materials provided). Running Children's Liturgies earns a whopping DOUBLE service hours. Parents can reach out to Stuart on 027 818 2403 for those interested.



Kapa Haka – Our wonderful Whaea Liv has worked tirelessly with both our middle and senior school this term, we are so lucky that she shares her talents with our students. Pictures don't do it justice, our senior school students were incredible yesterday and we look forward to sharing what we have learnt with you soon!



Parent Meeting about Internet Safety – We have Andrew Cowie coming back on Thursday 8 May to do an Internet education and safety talk. The focus this time will be on social media and AI. Anyone who has watched "Adolescence" recently might find this particularly compelling! This is a PG session, open to Year 5's and above so we can all learn about these topics together and it gives the kids a chance to hear from someone who isn't their parent. Start time will be 6.30pm in Room 1 with expected finish 8.00pm.

Canopy Update -

All steam ahead with the canopy!

We are hoping for an official opening / community get-together straight after school on the first day back after the holidays, depending on the construction timeline.

More details will be communicated during the school holidays via the app and the School facebook page / Friends of St Francis facebook page (just waiting on the fancy outdoor speakers and lighting that haven't arrived in the country yet!!).

When the "opening" is confirmed, please pass the invitation on to anyone you know who has been involved with raising funds for the canopy project over many years. There are

many people to thank, who have worked quietly in the background for many years to make this happen – parents, grandparents, board members, Friends of St Francis (PTFA)

members, community members, neighbours etc.



Foodie Friday this Friday! – Foodie Friday orders close tonight at 8.00pm. No late orders.

A message from Mrs Mahoney in the library – With our local Point Chevalier Community Library out of action until at least June, parents are warmly invited to use the school library to get home reading material. We have a gorgeous modern collection and plenty of books – we would love to see more books issued to families. Come in before or after school on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday with your children to choose some great books.



'Mitey Moments' in our Junior School –



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I CAN...

- Talk about the special things about me.
- Describe the ways I am the same and different to other people.
- Talk about my role in my whānau.
- Show how to be a good friend.
- Name different feelings and talk about how I feel at different times and in different places.
- Understand that we don't all feel the same way, at the same time, about the same things.
- Recognise when I need help with my feelings.
- Be aware when someone else needs help with their feelings.
- Ask for help.

MITEY.ORG.NZ

Mental Health Education in Schools –
Building Mitey children!!

Mitey is an evidence based, school wide approach to teaching mental health education which is built around the NZ Curriculum and aligned to the Mental Health Education Guidelines.



PMP helpers needed – Parents and grandparents we are starting our popular and highly valuable PMP programme on Thursday and Friday mornings in Terms 2 and 3. We need YOU! Commit to a weekly or less frequent casual slot.

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a parent led programme at St Francis School. It develops Y0-2 children's perceptions and understandings of distance, height and space as well as memory. PMP is a step-by-step programme based on physical and sensory activities that are repeated over two sessions. Teachers observe the children and note areas for development through the parallel classroom programme. PMP prepares the brain for learning. A consistent and varied "diet" of physical and sensory experience is the key to developing perception and co-ordination.

The store of experiences when those perceptions and reactions become automatic leaves the brain free for higher thinking tasks.

We need a roster of 8 to 12 parents or grandparents to monitor and explain the activities to children and help with equipment pack up. The commitment is 8:30 to 11:10 Thursdays and Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. Training is given to the helpers at the end of Term 1. Classes come to the Hall for 25 minutes and move through the 4 stations for the day. Stations develop fitness, locomotion (moving the whole body), hand-eye and balance. You don't need to be fit just check the children do the activities correctly and safely while the teachers assess the children and support you.

We need a Parent Co-ordinator as well. This role just requires someone to set up the roster and to remind the parents each week. Last year we had a WhatsApp PMP group which could be a way this could work again. Please email Ms Wishart or leave your details at the school office if you can help in any way. meganw@stfrancis.school.nz

Y5/6 Duathlon – TOMORROW at Walker Park from 10am.

Y3/4 are attending as an audience / participating in a limited capacity.

Cross Country – The annual School Cross Country is coming up early next term, on the afternoon of Thursday the 1st of May. As always, we are going to have the 'Friends of St Francis cafe' for parents. If you are interested in helping with the stall or providing home-made baking please email me – lisab@stfrancis.school.nz

Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to provide baking. We now have enough volunteers. Please drop the baking off in the whanau room on the morning of the cross country.



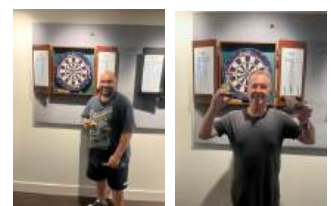
St Francis Dads' Support Group Endless Summer pub crawl –

Over 15 Dads weathered the stormy night at the pub crawl last Friday, 4 April, including the revenant Father John. A few were seen the next morning having a greasy brekkie to soak up the previous evening's refreshments. Keep an eye out for the next shenanigans session.

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last

Thursday of the month – A fantastic darts turnout on 27 March of over 30 likely lads, with Dan taking out the prestigious trophy for the first time and JD winning the money round.

Due to School Holidays, the next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, **29 May**, at the Pt. Chev. Bowla from 8pm. Contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 to join the Dad's Whatsapp group.



Playball after school – For our younger students, Playball is on every Thursday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Enrolment details – <https://www.playballkids.com/index>

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.

Holiday Soccer with Billy Harris: 14–17 April, 9am– midday, Okahu Bay. All welcome. \$20 a day. Text Billy to enrol for some or all the days.

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.



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:

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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>

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

- 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 10 April – Y5/6 Duathlon at Walker Park

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

Coming up next term -

Monday 28 April – Start of Term 2

Wednesday 30 April – Easter Liturgy

Thursday 1 May – School Cross Country Day

Thursday 8 May – Y5/6 Interschool Cross Country Comp, Internet Safety Parent Meeting

Friday 9 May – Easter Mass

Friday 16 May – Foodie Friday

Friday 23 May – Welcome Assembly, led by R5 and R6

Thursday 29 May – Y5/6 InnerCity Swimming Comp

Monday 2 June – King's Birthday Weekend

Monday 9 June – School Photos day

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



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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.

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Class time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Location: Garden to the Table room
Lesson Cost: \$30

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