



St Francis Catholic School

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Catholic school, creating **pathways**
of excellence for our tamariki.



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Serious Road Safety incident

Last week one of our children was hit by a car while walking past a driveway on Montrose Street.

While the child was not seriously hurt, it was a very close call and a huge shock to all involved.

Please be extremely vigilant on Montrose Street. It is busy, and it is overflowing with cars and people.

- **Don't u-turn into driveways**
- **Don't park on yellow lines**
- **Don't block our neighbours driveways**
- **Follow the speed limit**

🎈🎈 **Official Canopy Opening – this Friday 3.00pm – 4.00pm** 🎈🎈

🎈🎈 Thank you speeches, music, games, lollies, ice blocks etc. Feel free to bring an afternoon tea picnic etc. Please invite any previous St Francis families that you are in contact with.

Everyone is welcome. 🎈🎈

Netball Results

- Yr 6 Wolves Won 38-0
POD going to Addison
- Yr 6 Flames Lost 4-5
POD going to Levi
- Yr 5 Saints Won 17-4
POD going to Mia J
- Yr 5 Angels had a draw 5-5
POD going to Georgia
- Yr 4 Shooting Stars Won 9-1
POD going to Clara
- Yr 3 Sapphires Lost 0-6
- Yr 3 Diamonds Won 9-0
POD going to Katina

A fantastic start to the season for all 7 St Francis Netball teams.



ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!! 2025 Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge – Tuesday 29th July

Come along and join us for an epic event full of physical challenges, mud, sweat, and most importantly smiles and a great time. Think Cross Country with obstacles and LOTS of Mud! Event is Tuesday 29th July in Kumeu for Year 3 and above students. Cost is \$32.50 per student. Entries are now open and the event sells out, so please contact Annalies Donald at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz or 027 467 7170 if you would like to be involved. *(Parents need to transport and supervise to / from and at the event in its entirety).*



Congratulations to our Term 2 Whanau Leaders, announced last week:
Max, Fletcher, Alice, Sio, Pele, Anthea and Maxwell

Pink Shirt Day

Best Dressed winners – Sacha from Room 9, Lucy from Room 10, Felicity from Room 11, Peyton from Room 12, Axel from Room 2, Emily from Room 4 and Veida from Room 5



Cultural Week – We are in the planning stages for

our yearly 'Cultural Week' celebration which we will be celebrating in Week 6 (Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 6th June). We have made the decision going forward that even years, e.g. 2026, will include a larger celebration with food afterwards and odd years, e.g. 2025, will include the Pentecost mass and a performance to finish off.

Lunchtime Cultural Workshops – Every year, we will continue to open it up to anyone from the community to share a workshop or 20-minute demonstration on an aspect of their culture e.g. singing some songs, sharing a story or showing an object important to that culture. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, for this year's cultural week please sign up on the document [here](#). We really would appreciate if people can try and keep a relatively even split across days and please list your email and any resources you require on the sign up sheet so I can follow up with the room you will be in and make sure this is equipped with what you need.

Cultural Day Mass and Performance – As I am sure you have all heard, children are extremely busy practising at Morning Teas and Lunchtimes for the performance on Friday 6th June and we look forward to hosting this for the first time under the canopy. Throughout the cultural week, we encourage and welcome children to wear cultural dress, but in particular on Friday 6th June. The Pentecost Mass will begin at 9.15am followed by a long morning tea to get children dressed into costume if needed.

We will aim to begin the performance at around 11am to give us enough time to get children changed. We would really appreciate it if parents would help us with getting children changed during the extended break as we are aware this may be time-consuming.

As always this is an event in the calendar that the whole community looks forward to and we are looking forward to yet another exciting year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on olivian@stfrancis.school.nz Ngā mihi, Olivia Neary

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month –

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>

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

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.

Private Music / Instrument Lessons – 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:



- 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 Whilst our area of specialty is insurance, we can also assist any families who need advice on mortgages. We work alongside a number of fantastic local Mortgage Advisers who can provide free, no-obligation advice to our St Francis whānau.



For anyone working hard to buy their first home, there are a number of tips that we can provide, as well as potential pitfalls to avoid. And for any of you who are already home owners, if your mortgage is approaching the end of its fixed term, it's a great time to look at your options, as a number of the banks are offering great incentives for new customers.

And as previously promoted on the insurance side, if you (or anybody you refer) ends up taking out a new mortgage following our guidance, we will make a contribution to the school for any new projects, now that the covered courts have been completed. Please spread the word on this opportunity, as we would love to ensure that our St Francis whānau continue to be well protected and are getting the best financial advice possible. 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 – 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 next term –

Friday 23 May – 2.15pm Welcome Assembly, led by R5 and R6, Canopy Opening 3pm
Monday 26 May – Wednesday 28 May – Y1/2 Stepping Out NZ Police safety programme
Tuesday 27 May – Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 29 May – Y5/6 InnerCity Swimming Comp, Ascension Thursday
Monday 2 June – King's Birthday Weekend – No School
Tuesday 3 June – Friday 6 June – Cultural Week
Thursday 5 June – Y5/6 Inner City Rugby League Comp
Friday 6 June – Pentecost Mass, Cultural Performance
Monday 9 June – School Photos day, Y5/6 Proclaiming the Word Comp
Friday 13 June – 2.15pm Assembly, led by R3 and R9, Foodie Friday
Wednesday 18 June – 6.00pm Pasifika Mass @ Grey Lynn, Y3/4 trip to the Zoo
Thursday 19 June – Mid Year Reports sent home
Friday 20 June – Matariki Public Holiday – No School
Tuesday 24 June – Parent Interviews, Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 25 June – Parent Interviews
Friday 27 June – Last day of Term 2, 2.15pm Assembly, led by R1 and R8



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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
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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.

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