



St Francis Catholic School

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of excellence for our tamariki.



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Parish News – Social get together at the Pt Chev Bowling Club after Saturday night vigil Mass –

The next session will be held on **22 November** from 6:30pm. People can carpool to the Club from the Church. This invite is open to all Parishioners and not just those attending Mass on Saturdays. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 should you be interested in attending in order for him to book tables.

NZEI Teacher's Strike Day – Thursday 23 October – Tomorrow

- Thursday the 23rd of October – Strike Day – School open for limited supervision only, with significantly reduced staffing.
- Friday the 24th of October – Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- Monday the 27th of October – Public Holiday – Labour Day (School Closed)

If you are going to be sending your child / children to school on the strike day could you please fill out this form so that we can ensure there is enough staff for safe supervision ratios:

<https://forms.gle/nCSUElhjS3yzCrwU6>

So far we have 16 children signed up for school on the strike day.

Year 6's at Camp Adair, Hunia -



A huge thank you to everyone who made the amazing Year 6 camp happen: Our teachers - Miss Neary, Mrs Jones and Mrs Kang; Our parent helpers - Mrs Hanly (Emily's mum), Mrs Botting (Alex's mum), Mrs Wilkie (Max's mum), Mrs Robertson (Declan's mum), Mr Talaic (Fletcher's dad), Mr Stevanon (Pele's dad), Mr Johnson (Gino's dad), Mr McIlroy (Tom and Caio's dad); and all the parents who helped with transport to and from the camp.

School camp is a huge amount of work for the teachers, a big expense for parents, but the highlight of primary school for the children!!!

And while the Year 6's were away... The Year 5's had a great time! Dance, Drama, Cooking, Football, Cricket, Netball, Basketball and a trip to the Wave Pools. What a blast!



A message from the Garden Club - The Garden Club is selling seed bombs, kowhai seeds and our Flower Aid worm products to boost your Spring garden and pot plants. All funds raised go towards buying plants for the school grounds.

Save the Date - Thursday 13 November - Athletics Day at Walker Park - Please contact Mr Wright if you can be a helper on the day - danielw@stfrancis.school.nz

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night - **St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month** The next stupendous darts session will be on Thursday, **30 October**, at the Pt. Chev. Bowla from 8pm. All Dads are very Welcome - no darts experience is necessary given the majority of us are woeful. Contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 to join the Dad's WhatsApp group.

St Francis Dads' Support Group infamous early Christmas Pub Crawl - Back by popular demand, the St. Francis Dads will have a pub crawl on Friday, 21 November - 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 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.



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

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:

- Term 4 – Monday 6 October – Wednesday 17 December **Teacher Only Day – Friday 24 October**. Public Holidays – School Closed: Labour Day – Monday 27 October

Dates for 2026: (a couple of Teacher Only Days sometime in Term 3 and 4)

- Term 1 – Tuesday 3 February – Thursday 2 April. Public Holidays – Waitangi Day: Friday 6 February, Good Friday: Friday 3 April.
- Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July. Public Holiday – ANZAC Day: Monday 27 April, King's Birthday: Monday 1 June.
- Term 3 – Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September.
- Term 4 – Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December. Public Holiday – Labour Day: Monday 26 October.

Coming up this term –

Thursday 23 October – NZEI Primary Teacher's Strike Day

Friday 24 October – Teacher Only Day – School closed

Monday 27 October – Labour Day – School closed

Tuesday 28 October – BOT meeting

Friday 31 October – Welcome Assembly 2.15pm, Halloween

Saturday 1 November – All Saints Day

Sunday 2 November – All Souls Day, Welcome Mass 9.00am

Friday 7 November – Year 6 Bake Sale

Thursday 13 November – Athletics Day at Walker Park – Helpers needed

Friday 21 November – Assembly 2.15pm

Sunday 23 November – Confirmation Mass 9.00am

Monday 24 November – End of Year Reports go home this week, via the school app

Tuesday 25 November – BOT meeting

Sunday 30 November – First week of Advent

Tuesday 2 December – Music Show 9.30am

Friday 5 December – Foodie Friday, Year 6 Grad Mass and Dinner

Sunday 7 December – Second week of Advent

Friday 12 December – Assembly 2.15pm, Nativity Play

Sunday 14 December – Third week of Advent

Monday 15 December – Visiting 2026 classes

Tuesday 16 December – Prizegiving Mass at St Benedict's Church, Y6 visit the Auckland Cathedral and St Ben's Church

Wednesday 17 December – Last day of school – school finishes at 1.00pm

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

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