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**Parish News - Welcome Mass for new St Francis children** - It was a great turnout at the Welcoming Mass on Sunday - the iceblocks and chocolates, as well as the subsequent Morning Tea, proved to be a successful drawcard. We had 242 people in attendance, including a record number at Children's Liturgy.



**Social get together after Saturday night vigil Mass** - The next social session will be held on 22 November from 6:30pm at the Point Chevalier Bowling Club. 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.

**Room 5 attended Mass at Selwyn Village** - making connections with the older members of our community.



**It's Calendar Art time!- Great for Christmas presents -**

The students have been busy creating art work that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. All funds raised go towards paying off our small canopy loan.



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**Term 4 - Hats and sandals time**

No hat, no play

Black school sandals, no more school shoes and socks.



**The Pt Chev library has finally re-opened** - The official opening is this Saturday from 11.00am - 1.00pm. There will be live music, a sausage sizzle, kids activities and face painting.



**A big thank you to our PMP parent helpers** – Bridget Gallagher, Rachael Courian, Dianna Vezich, Amanda Aumua, Sam Eggins, Maria Quiroga, Adele Pederson, Samantha Yallop, Anne de Silva, Frances Hunt, Genevieve Walla, Claire Evans, Jose Figuiera, Charloene Loheni, Nives Zagorac, Julia McKee Meredith, Estelle Lum, Petra Vukich, Cristina Nansen, Tiffany Chia, Mary Holani, Anna Lenehan, Georgia Ramatalei and Kate Hanly. These fantastic parents have worked tirelessly to ensure that our PMP programme was a success throughout Term 2 and Term 3.

Senior students baking thank you gifts for our PMP helpers –



**Foodie Friday Lemonade Ice Blocks** – Friday 7th November (this Friday). Orders close Wednesday 5th November (tomorrow) at 8pm. \$2.50 per lemonade ice block. Order via Kindo. Our goal is to make sure every St Francis child gets one – so feel free to add an extra ice block to your order at checkout! Ice blocks will be handed out at the end of the school day. All proceeds go towards the Year 6 Graduation Dinner. Thanks again for your support!

**Thursday 19 November – Athletics Day at Walker Park** – If you can be a helper on the day please contact Mr Wright – [danielw@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:danielw@stfrancis.school.nz) or Annalies [annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz](mailto:annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz)

**Juniors getting stuck into training for Athletics day**



**Kapa Haka Uniforms** – We're excited to announce that St Francis now has kapa haka uniforms! These will be worn proudly by our kapa haka group at future performances and events!



**St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night** –

last Thursday of the month. An early reminder that the next and FINAL stupendous darts session for the year is on Thursday, 27 November, from 8pm, at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club. The more the merrier. The winner gets to hold the trophy for a staggering 3 months given we don't start back at darts till February – you can imagine the gloating rights. It's all to play for! 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.

**Yet another Dad's session** – Golf this time! As a result of an unscientific poll taken last week at Darts, it was decided the St. Francis Dads deserve to have a golf session (accompanied by drinks). The shambolic affair will be held at 2pm on 20 February at Chamberlain public Golf course. It's a while away, but best to put it in the diary now so the fun won't be trumped by work or family. It's got "working from home" that afternoon written all over it.



The plan is to play 9 holes Ambrose, which for those not in the know, means it will be a golf team format where all players on a team tee-off, and the best shot is selected for the team to play their next shot from. In short, it means muppets can play and no golf experience is required. Green fees for 9-holes is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Stuart on 027 818 2403 so we can track numbers and in order for him to give the Golf Course a heads-up. The more the merrier.

**St Francis Dads' Support Group infamous early Christmas**

**Pub Crawl** Friday, 21 November

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.



**St Francis School**

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Thursday 30th Oct
- Time: 3:05-3.50pm
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$69 per child  
\$49 per extra sibling

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**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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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:

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**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 -**

Monday 10 November – Rm 5 visiting Selwyn for Mass

Monday 17 November – R2 visiting Selwyn for Mass

Wednesday 19 November – Athletics Day at Walker Park – Helpers needed

Friday 21 November – Assembly 2.15pm

Sunday 23 November – Confirmation Mass 9.00am, with Bishop Steve

Monday 24 November – End of Year Reports go home this week, via the school app, Ukulele players visiting Selwyn for Mass

Tuesday 25 November – Last BOT meeting for 2025

Friday 28 November – After school performances at Selwyn for the Kapa Haka group, the choir and the ukulele players

Sunday 30 November – First week of Advent

Tuesday 2 December – Music Show 9.30am (Fraincian College for Australia touring schools)

Wednesday 3 December – Junior School trip to Eric Armishaw Park

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

Sunday 7 December – Second week of Advent

Friday 12 December – Christmas Walking School Bus, 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**



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