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Year 5/6 students - 'TE ARATAKI TEAM' - TAKE OVER THE NEWSLETTER!

This is our second week of a newsletter takeover. It is up to Room 2 to update you all this week on some parish news, including a comic of what we did at Selwyn, some posters on why we should attend church, and an interview on the upcoming Year 6 leavers' mass. Room 4 is sharing a piece about our Athletics tabloids, as well as the events for the week. Room 5 has shared an interview with some of our incredible support staff, Mrs Skinner and Mr Wilkie, as well as some of their wonderful images of God.

Harley's Baptism - Here are some photos from when Harley, from Room 12, was baptised on the weekend.



Parish News - Sponsor a Christmas Gift for Children spending Christmas at the 'Mother's of Divine Mercy' Women's Refuge next door - If you are able, please wrap and label your gifts with gender and age it is suitable for. Gifts can be left at the School Office until the last day of school. Thanks for your ongoing generosity.

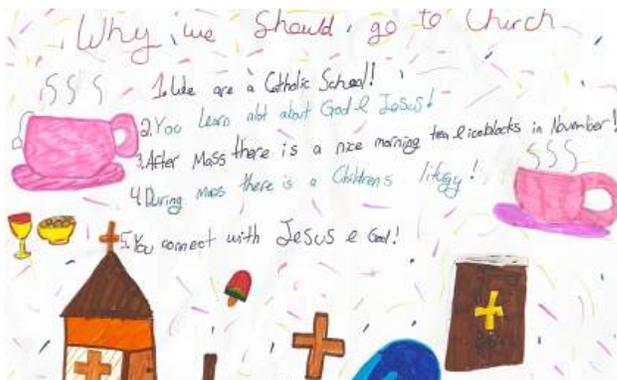


Christmas Mass Timetable at St Francis Church:

- Advent Reconciliation: Rite 2 Tuesday 9 December at 7.30pm
- Christmas Eve Masses: Selwyn Village 3.30pm, Parish Family Mass 6pm, Croatian Mass 8.30pm
- Christmas morning Masses: English Mass 9am, Croatian Mass 11am

At Selwyn Village By Mia 'Uhila (Room 2) & picture by Zamirah Tu'ua & Gien Gallurah (Room 2) & posters by Nico, Nate, Axel, Victoria, Riley & Emily (Room 2)

There we were. It was a hot day, and we were walking to Selwyn Village. There were two lines, but they weren't big enough. In the lines, everyone was pretty bored. Finally, we arrive and enter the Church. We sit down in empty seats and meet our new friends. I sat with Alex and Zamirah. The people we were sitting next to didn't really talk, so when everyone else was talking to the elderly people, we just sat in awkward silence. We eventually met the first person. We all introduced ourselves and shared some information about ourselves. He was so funny! He called Alex Island and Zamirah Samarah, and I was called Pia! He was also very lovely. He must have had a whole 5000 kg of happiness inside of him. The other person we were sitting next to didn't talk to us. I guess he was nervous, like us! Then Father John and Deacon John came out to greet us all. The mass was long, but worth the wait. All the elderly people were absolutely lovely. I'm not sure about the other people in my class, but I'd like to go and see our new friends again. I don't really remember my friend's name, but I do know that he was very nice and funny. I want to see him again, and I know that all the others would want to see their new friends!



A comic about our time at Selwyn – By Gino & Maxwell Room 2



Wordle – By Oscar & Dante from Room 2 – This is a Wordle to remind you to attend Church. If you do not know what a Wordle is, it is when you get six chances to guess a six-letter word. If you don't guess it, that's ok, but if you do guess it, you win! Enjoy our Wordle and click on the link.

<https://mywordle.strivemath.com/?word=fsjxd>

Interview – Alex, Caio and Alice (Room 2) interview some students about the upcoming Year 6 leavers' Mass.

1. What are you most excited about in the Mass?

R2-Nico – I am excited about getting the certificates.

R4-Petra – Getting to do my job in it.

R5-Pele – I'm most excited to sing 'Shalom' to the parents.

2. What was your favourite part of doing the placemats?

R2-Nico – Doing fun art because I love drawing.

R4-Petra-Designing the place mat.

3. What is your role in the Year Six Leavers Mass?

R2-Nico – Doing the singing for Mrs Jones and the projector.

R4-Petra-Saying a prayer of the faithful.

R5-Pele-I am a Cantor.

4. How do you think you're going to feel at the Mass?

R2-Nico – Anxious because I am going to sing in front of Year 6.

R4-Petra- Sad because by then it will be my last few days at St Francis.

R5-Pele – Sad because I will miss my Y5 and Y6 friends and my teachers.

5. What do you think you will remember most about the Mass?

R2-Nico – Doing the singing job that Mrs Jones gave me.

R4-Petra-Saying my part in front of the year 6 and my parents.

R5-Pele-Getting to see Father John host the mass for the last time.

A message from Mrs Bateman – Dear Families, you may have seen recent media reports regarding coloured sand products and potential asbestos contamination. We want to reassure our school community that **our school has not been affected by this issue**. We have confirmed that none of the materials in question were used in our classrooms, art supplies, or playground areas. Regular health and safety checks continue to ensure our environment remains safe for students, staff, and visitors. The well-being of our students is always our highest priority. While we understand that news stories like this can cause concern, please be assured that our school remains a safe and healthy place for learning.

An interview with... Mrs Skinner and Mr Wilkie By Alice Kelly & Lucy Murray (Room 5)

Alice Kelly's interview of Ms Skinner at the office:

Q. What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

A: Social studies

Q. What is your favourite book right now?

A: picture book The Chosen day by Jennifer Beck .

Q. What are you doing the school holidays?

A. going camping .

Q. What are you looking for to next year?

A. Visiting my daughter in Australia.

Q. What was your favorite part this year?

A. Listening to the students singing

Lucy Murray's Interview of Mr. Wilkie

Q. What do you like about our school?

A. The caring and happiness and the communication around the school.

Q. What do you like about your job?

A. Being outside , making things tidy ,helping nature grow and teaching children how to garden .

Q. What's your favorite gardening thing to do at school?

A. Pruning ,growing flowers and vegetables .

Q. What's the thing that annoys you the most?

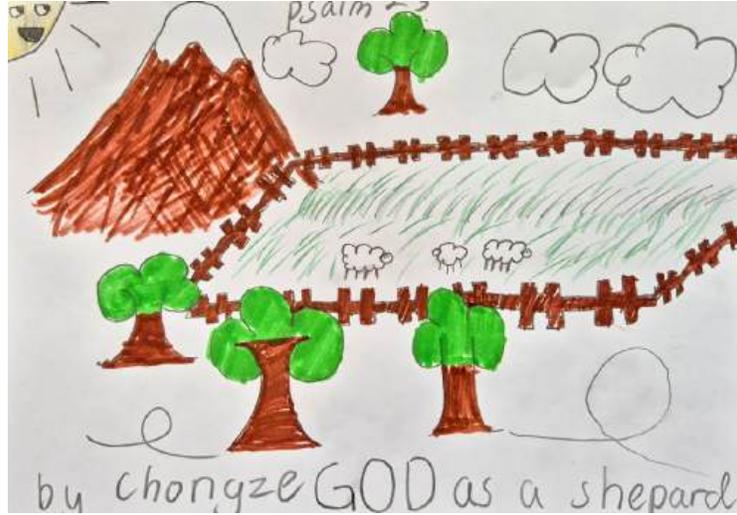
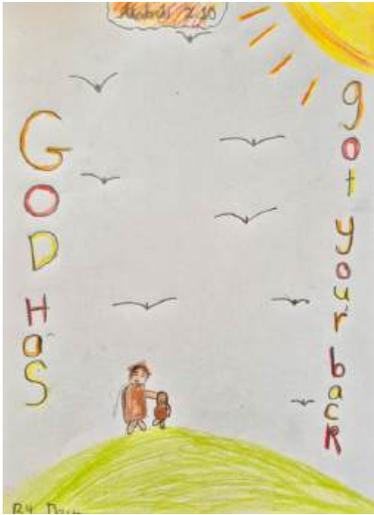
A. Damage to the trees and when students in the garden to table don't listen to teachers.

Q. What's your least favourite job at school?

A. Cleaning up vomit and rubbish .

Room 5's images of God

Room 5 have been reading stories from the old testament to learn about God. Here are some images of God we did after reading the Bible.



Athletics Tabloids - By Room 4



Athletics Day Rained Out Tabloids by Maeva and Iviana-Rm 4.

On Wednesday the 19th of November, Athletics got cancelled because it poured with rain. So our teachers organised tabloids for all the Senior class rooms and the middle school classrooms. We all geared up and were ready to roll. As you can see, in this photo we are getting ready to get out on the field.

There were heaps of cool activities like...

- 1.egg run
- 2.relays
- 3.sack race
- 4.dino dance
- 5.three legged race
- 6.bean bag walk
- 7.chicken walk
- 8.ball roll

Our favourite activities were;
Iviana -egg race, three legged race
Ashley-three legged race.



Maeva-three legged race

It was a shame that the athletics were cancelled, but we had lots of fun carrying out our activities.

We hope the seniors have a successful time at the inner city athletics day on Thursday this week.





Te Ako Māori Word of the week:

te taenga mai
(advent)

St. Francis Dads' Support Group infamous early Christmas Pub Crawl – It was quite the session at last Friday night's St. Francis Dad's annual pre-Christmas pub crawl. A few sore heads the following day and slightly disappointed wives as a result, but all within expectation.



St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month – The next and FINAL stupendous darts session for the year is on this 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.

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.

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What's on this Week? By Elspeth, Gien and Victoria (Room 2) and pictures by Alice, Georgia, Emily & Riley (Room 2) -

Thursday 27th Nov - Inner City Athletics Day for the Year 5 and 6 representative team in Takapuna

Friday 28th Nov - Christmas Lights at Selwyn Village for the choir, ukulele and the Kapa Haka group. Time of departure: 2:30pm Time of arrival back at school: 4:14pm

Tuesday 2 Dec - Music show. Fransican Colleges Brisbane will visit us to perform a music show in the morning. They will arrive at 8:50, for our concert in the hall.

Wednesday 3rd Dec - Junior School Fun Day (Trip to Eric Armishaw Park cancelled)

Coming up this term -

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 - Children 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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