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A Christmas Message from Mrs Bateman – As we come to the close of another blessed year, we give thanks to God for the many gifts He has bestowed upon our school community. This season of Advent and Christmas reminds us of the profound joy and hope brought into the world through the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the midst of celebrations, may we keep Christ at the heart of Christmas and embrace His message of love, peace, and compassion. We are deeply grateful to our students, families, and staff for their commitment to living out our Catholic values and for the spirit of faith and service that shines throughout our school.

May this holy season bring you and your loved ones abundant blessings, and may the New Year be filled with grace, joy, and renewed purpose. Let us continue to walk together in faith as we look forward to all that 2026 will bring. **Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year!**



Christmas Mass Timetable @ St Francis Church -

- Christmas Eve: Selwyn Village 3:30pm, Parish Family Mass 6.00pm
- Christmas Morning: 9.00am

Baptism - Congratulations to Joshua, Liam and Caden Kuplich, Cooper and Devon Sefuiva; and Aura and Abigail Han, who were all baptised at St Francis Church this past Saturday. We are so proud of you all!!! Thank you to Deacon John for stepping in when Father John was unwell.



Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner - Thank you to the Year 6 Graduation committee for a fantastic evening. Our children are very fortunate to have such amazing experiences!!



Congratulations to our graduating Year 6 class. Good luck at College, we will miss you!!

Caio Cabral Mcilroy, Summer Lougheed, Addison Cave , Pele Stevanon, Aine Chesbrough, Oscar Marshall, Alosio Huhane, Caesar Holani , Dante Ball, Mesith Yasarathne , Alexandra Nicholas, Anthea Peterken, Lachlan Gorringe, Tom Cabral McIlroy, Emily Hanly, Marco Dymond, Fletcher Talaic, Ketan Mudimela, Xavier Clayton, Otto Knowles, Petra Davison, Gino Johnstone, Nicholas Gagna Mariadas, Thomas Pope, Aisha O'Brien, Alice Peterson, Georgia Buchanan, Declan Robertson, Maxwell Lane, Max Morrison, Isla Miskimmons, Gien Gallurah, Victoria Nguyen, Samuel Smyth, and Keanu Funaki



Prizegiving Winners for 2025 -

Classroom Awards:

- For embracing Growth and Progress - Chloe Gorringe, Madeline Robben, Zamirah Tu'ua, Finnian Cathro, Thomas Pope, Charlie O'Donnell, Agasah-Junior Tu'ua, Lily Daysh, Eden Fellows, Ezekiel Atenta, Zedric Nansen, Maximus Vito, Melissa Tom
- For following in the footsteps of St Francis -Rio Rudez, Thomas Joyce, Edwin Donald, Miles Paget, Maeva Stevanon, Samuel Smyth, Honor Schaumkell, Mila Ilich, Marko Martin, Khayalarni Tuli, Jack Evans, Isla Tilley, Nell Francis
- For striving for 'pathways of excellence - Zoe Coll, Abigail Han, Gino Johnstone, Clara Thieme, Ashley Dixon, Emilia Chia, Ryley Courian, Evan Borges, Eliana Zhou, Bruno Gagna Quiroga, Zoe Hamilton, Zoe O'Shea, Emmy Leckie

Overall Academic Excellence:

- Year 2 – Lucy Hanly
- Year 3 – Archer Connellan
- Year 4 – Asger Jones
- Year 5 – Elspeth Joyce

Year 6 Trophies:

- The Newlands Family Cup for consistent service to the library is awarded to the student who in their role as a Librarian shows the following attributes: presents a consistent work ethic, shows a commitment in carrying out their library duties with enthusiasm and independence, and a willingness to encourage others to use the library – **Otto Knowles**
- The PTA shield for Religious Education is awarded to the student who has: acted as a role model by demonstrating the gospel values of St Francis, and participated in class lessons and school liturgies with diligence and reverence – **Emily Hanly**
- The B.O.T. cup for excellence in Mathematics is awarded to the student who has: achieved a high level of academic success in mathematics, and demonstrated a passion and enjoyment for mathematics – **Georgia Buchanan**
- The Marinovich Cup for Excellence in Language is awarded to the student who has: achieved academic success in reading and writing, and demonstrated a passion and love for all aspects of literacy – **Summer Lougheed**
- The Principal Shield for Physical Education is awarded to the student who has: demonstrated an all-round excellent ability in a range of sports representing the school, and demonstrated sportsmanship and fair play to their teammates and opposition teams – **Lachlan Gorringe**
- The O'Reilly cup for excellence in the Arts is awarded to the student who has: demonstrated dedication, talent and passion for Art – **Victoria Nguyen**
- The Proclaiming the Word Trophy is awarded to the student who has: won the St Francis Catholic School PTW competition for reading a Biblical passage with reverence, clarity and conviction – **Oscar Marshall**
- The St Francis Speech Cup is awarded to the student who has: won the annual St Francis Catholic School Speech Final – **Keanu Funaki**
- The Cultural award is awarded to the student who has: demonstrated excellence in promoting connection, belonging, and cultural pride. They lead by example, inspiring others through their respect, participation, and pride in our diverse school community – **Pele Stevanon**
- The AP Cup is awarded to the student who has: demonstrated determination to improve their learning by displaying a positive attitude and mindful approach – **Xavier Clayton**

- The Rice Family Cup for contributing to the life of the school is awarded to the student who has: demonstrated an ongoing ability to go above and beyond what is expected and constantly sought opportunities to take on extra responsibilities - **Maxwell Lane**
- Overall Academic Excellence for Year 6 is awarded to the student who has attained the highest academic results across all areas of the curriculum - **Aloisio Huhane**
- The Theresa Whitefield Memorial Cup for outstanding St Francis School Spirit is awarded to the student who has: been a role model and support to others and has consistently encapsulated the essence of our St Francis school values with humility, honesty and compassion - **Alice Peterson**

Medal Winners for 2025 -

- Room 2 - Dante, Eddie, Marco, Nico, Gien, Gino, Elspeth, Florentina, Maxwell, Oscar, Jackson, Emily, Victoria, Alex, Riley, Alice, Georgia, Declan
- Room 3 - Finn, Molly, Auri, Asger, Reann, Eva, Bhuvanesh, Miles, Cooper, Ranveer, Clara, Anthea
- Room 4 - Isla, Georgia, Tom, Petra, Ashley, Dominic, Keanu, Lachlan, Emily, Sio, Mia, Taavi, Otto, Zach, Leonardo, Anthea, Thomas, Harrison, Maeva, Posey, Fletcher, Markus, Florence
- Room 5 - Leona, Addison, Emilia, Xavier, Stella, Alice, Isla, Ketan, Lucy, Samuel, Pele, Mesith
- Room 6 - Harper, Archie, Ryley, Georgia Rose, Juliette, Jeeanna, George, Ashley, Baz, Jack, Austin
- Room 7 - Evan, Lachlan, Lily, Finley, Emily, Riley, Thomas, Jacob, Emma
- Room 8 - Eden, Eddie, Marko, Lochlan, Henricho, Ayden, Eliana
- Room 9 - Ezekiel, Awa, Emerson, Lucie, Sacha, Bruno, Austen, Harrison, Cruz, Jemima, Ari, John, Edie
- Room 10 - Milana, Lilian, Mila, Bennet, Jack, Zoe, Lucy, Zinnia, Joshua, Lucy, Angelo
- Room 11 - Brooke, Ethan, Aidan, Ellarose, Maximus, Hudson, Emilia
- Room 12 - Nell, Emmy L, Luca, Lucas

Congratulations to Isla Miskimmons, the first ever winner of the St Francis Catholic School Cross Country trophy. This trophy was donated by the Joyce family, as their three children - Erin, Liam and Cameron, were talented long distance runners.

Attendance Dues - This is a friendly reminder for parents and caregivers that Attendance Dues must now be paid in full. Families who are paying by instalments are exempt from paying in full by the given date, but must commit to continuing payments until the account is paid in full. Please confirm your arrangement with the school office prior to the end of the school year. Failure to pay the account in full may result in the Attendance Dues being sent to Auckland Common Fund Ltd (unless you contact the Principal or the Attendance Dues Office at the Diocese - 09 3603040).

St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night - last Thursday of the month to recommence in February 2026 - The next and FIRST stupendous darts session for 2026 is on Thursday, 26 February, from 8pm, at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club. The more the merrier - 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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Pt Chev Drama Club comes to St Francis for 2026 – NZ

Actress, Nicole Whippy, famous for Tina, Outrageous Fortunes and Shortland Street, will be hosting drama classes at St Francis next year on Thursdays after school. First in, first served!! Sign up below:

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Upcoming up in Term 1 2026 -

- Tuesday 3 February – First day of school
- Thursday 5 February – 11.30am Waitangi Liturgy
- Friday 6 February – Waitangi Day – No School
- Monday 9 February – 2 weeks of the Life Education Caravan
- Wednesday 18 February – Midday Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday 27 February – Welcome Assembly
- Friday 13 March – Assembly
- Friday 27 March – Assembly
- Monday 30 March – Holy Week
- Thursday 2 April – Last day of Term 1
- Friday 3 April – Good Friday
- Monday 20 April – Term 2 starts



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