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Welcome Back to a New School Year! As we open the doors to a brand new school year, we extend a joyful welcome to all our students, families, and staff—both returning and new. We begin this year with grateful hearts, excited for the learning, growth, and blessings that await us.

In the spirit of our Catholic tradition, we entrust this year to God's loving guidance. May the Holy Spirit inspire our curiosity, strengthen our friendships, and help us walk together in faith, hope, and love.

We look forward to classrooms filled with wonder, playgrounds filled with laughter, and a community that continues to shine Christ's light in all we do.

Wishing every family a year filled with peace, purpose, and the joy of discovering new possibilities.

Welcome back—let's make this an extraordinary year!

Parish News - the Women's Refuge are moving out at the end of this month: The Parish property located at 32 Point Chevalier Road will be available for rent for \$1,500 per week from the beginning of March. The property has 7 single bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms and an additional toilet at the back of the house, one of which is an accessible bathroom; a kitchen and dining area in the middle of the house and 4 large bedrooms with a full bathroom at the front of the house. There is a double carport and space for at least 5 off-street carparking on the property. Any enquiries can be directed to Stuart King on 027 818 2403.



Sacramental Programme – Registrations are now open for the 2026 Sacramental Programme. Hardcopy forms are available at the back of the Church or from the school office.

Criteria required – Your child must:

- Be baptised Catholic – please attach a copy of their baptism certificate on registering.
- 9 years or older by the end of 2026.
- Attend weekly Mass
- At least 1 parent must attend the adult sessions with Father John.
- There will be no make-up classes so please ensure your child can make all the classes.

1st Reconciliation: Lessons – 22/02, 01/03, 08/03. Service – 10/03 @ 6.00pm.

1st Holy Communion: Lessons – 03/05, 10/05, 17/05. Mass – 24/05.

Confirmation: Lessons – 02/08, 09/08, 16/08. Mass – 23/08.

Training for Altar Servers – If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, or would like a refresher, Father John is holding a training session on Saturday 28/02 @ 3.30pm in the Church.

New Trillian Trust Sports Grant Approved – Following the successful grant application in December for \$4k that went towards replacing the senior playground canvas cover, the BoT are happy to announce that we were successful in securing a grant last month for \$6.5k for a set of additional football goal posts for the field and some netball and inner-city sports uniforms.



Welcome to our new students – Room 1 – Hope, Cora, Rome, Bowie, Mia, Taven, Harriet, Caden, Liam and Michael. Room 2 – Alice. Room 5 – Samuel, Theo and Poppy. Room 6 – Mamie. Room 7 – Eli and Hugo. Room 8 – George and Dominic. Room 9 – Luna. Room 10 – Charlie. Room 11 – Jack and Harry. Room 12 – Lucy, Finn and Reuben.

School info:

- School website – <https://stfrancis.school.nz/>
- School Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063832638314>
- Friends of St Francis (PTA group) Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162830310827978>
- School policies – <https://stfrancis.schooldocs.co.nz/> U: stfrancis P: brave
- Attendance – if your child is away from school please inform the school office via email office@stfrancis.school.nz or through the school app
- For Attendance Dues information please contact Janet Skinner janets@stfrancis.school.nz, all invoices for Attendance Dues are available on the school app
- School Internet Bank Account details – St Francis Catholic School A/C: 12 3020 0386688 00

- Ordering stationery - <https://www.myschool.co.nz/stfranciscatholic>
- Uniform - <https://prestidges.co.nz/school-wear/> School code: SF206
- Lunch Orders - www.ezlunch.co.nz
- Kindo - <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login> (for lunch orders/Foodie Friday etc)
- Newsletters - <https://stfrancis.school.nz/news-and-events/#newsletters> or sent out on the school app every Wednesday afternoon

Staff contact details:

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

Deputy Principal - Olivia Neary olivian@stfrancis.school.nz

Assistant Principal / Year 4 - 6 Pastoral Care Leader / Maths Leader / Sports Leader - Dan Wright danielw@stfrancis.school.nz

Year 1 - 3 Pastoral Care Leader / Literacy Leader - Megan Wishart meganw@stfrancis.school.nz

Director of Religious Studies - Veronica Jones veronicaj@stfrancis.school.nz

Learning Support Coordinator - Loretta Bayliss lorettab@stfrancis.school.nz

Classroom Teachers:

Room 1 - Miss Nisha Nadarajah nishan@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 2 - Mrs Veronica Jones veronicaj@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 3 - Mrs Charlotte Hart charlotteh@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 4 - Mrs Pip Smith pips@stfrancis.school.nz (Maths / Literacy groups)

Room 5 - Miss Jimin Kang jimink@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 6 - Miss Katrina Albrecht katrinaa@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 7 - Mrs Claire Evans caliree@stfrancis.school.nz and Mrs Sabrina Waite sabrinaw@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 8 - Mr Dan Wright danielw@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 9 - Miss Moana Besselink moanab@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 10 - Miss Adele Ryan adeler@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 11 - Mrs Megan Wishart meganw@stfrancis.school.nz

Room 12 - Miss Dianne Nilles diannen@stfrancis.school.nz

Release Teachers: Mrs Susan Milne, Mrs Kate Hanly, Mrs Monique Vuksich

Teacher Aides: Mrs Haedie Brake, Mrs Tema Tuifua, Mrs Kelly Rasch, Mrs Adriana Vuksich, Mrs Estela Harwood

Office Staff: Mrs Anne Lengauer, Mrs Janet Skinner - Office Phone number - 09 8464696

Groundskeeper: Mr Andy Wilkie

Parish Priest: Father John Webb – Phone: 09 8467612 Email: stfrancis-ptchev@extra.co.nz

Board of Trustees Presiding Member: Phil Joyce pjoyce@fyersjoyce.co.nz

Board of Trustees members: Phil Joyce, Father John Webb, Stuart King, Susan Milne, Lisa Bateman, Olivia Neary, Lisa Dixon, Patrick Gorringe, Nick Jones, Adrian Stevanon, Michael Connellan

Term 4 - Hats and sandals time

No hat, no play.

Black school sandals.

Hats can be purchased from the uniform supplier or the school office (\$21.00).



Extra comms -

- School app - email the office if you don't have access or are having trouble. The app is used for messages, weekly newsletters, accounts, consent forms, academic reports and an up to date calendar.



- Class whatsapp groups - this is organised by Lisa Dixon (Board of Trustees), with a rep from each class. These should be up and running any day now. If you are interested in being the class rep please email lisa.dixon01@gmail.com Just a reminder that these Whatsapp groups are optional, and are only used as a platform for sharing school information. Supportive and positive vibes only!!! Any problems or concerns should be directed at staff, not the Whatsapp group chat!!!

General Consent Forms – Time for the annual consent form to be filled out. Approving and signing this doc on the school app means that we don't need to bother parents with paper consent forms every time their child goes on a (low risk) trip or participates in an extra activity. Any high risk activities such as swimming will still require an individual consent form.

Upcoming Trips to the Marae – As part of their Te Reo Maori studies, all of our children will be visiting the Mangere Mountain Education Center. <https://www.mangeremountain.nz/>

- Tuesday 24 Feb – Room 8
- Wednesday 25 Feb – Rooms 6 and 2
- Monday 2 March – Room 3
- Tuesday 3 March – Rooms 7 and 5
- Tuesday 10 March – Rooms 1, 9 and 10
- Wednesday 11 March – Rooms 11 and 12

Attendance Dues – Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020 and a condition of enrolment at St Francis Catholic School. Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. Attendance Dues are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues.

Attendance Dues are collected by St Francis Catholic School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The attendance dues collected by St Francis Catholic School are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of attendance dues.

- **Attendance Dues** payable for 2026 school year: \$136.00 per term (\$544.00 per year) including GST
- Attendance Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the school year, per term or by regular instalment. More information is available from your school office on attendance dues, if you require further information or need any financial assistance.
- Voluntary Donations:

Building Contributions Financial Contributions collected on behalf of the Proprietor are raised under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020. (Tax deductible)
Voluntary payments to the Bishops Trust Account for the purpose of developing buildings and other projects at St Francis Catholic School.

1 child – \$30.00 per Term or \$120.00 per year

2 children – \$50.00 per Term or \$200.00 per year

3 children – \$70.00 per Term or \$280.00 per year

Special Character Contributions – collected on behalf of the Proprietor are raised under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020. (Tax deductible) \$17.50 per child per term or \$70.00 per child per year.

- Payment can be made by: Internet banking: St Francis Catholic School A/C 12 3020 0386688 00 Particulars: Attendance Dues. Reference: Surname
- Cash/Eftpos is available at the school office.

<https://stfrancis.school.nz/enrol-with-us/#school-fees>



Touch Rugby at Cox's Bay

📍 Location: Cox's Bay Reserve, Auckland

📅 Season Dates: Term 1 2026: Tuesdays 17th Feb - 31st March

🕒 Playing Times (Roughly):

Year 1&2: 4:00 PM

Year 3&4: 4:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Year 5&6: 5:00 PM

Year 7&8: 5:00 PM & 5:35 PM

📖 Grades:

Yr1&2 and Yr3&4 (boys & girls combined), Yr5&6 and Yr7&8 (boys & girls separate)

School Yrs 1-4 is 5-a-side, coach allowed on the field, played on 1/2 a Touch Field with a dropped ball counting as a Touch

Yr 5-8 Standard Touch Rules, 6-a-side

🕒 GAMES FOR Y1-4 ARE 2 X 12 MIN HALVES.

Games for Y5-6 is 2 x 14 minute halves.

📅 Season Length: 7 weeks

💰 Team Fee: \$450 per Term - referees included!

Please contact Chrissy on 021 500951 if you are interested in signing your child up. (State child's full name & year) .

Closing date for entry is 6th Feb 2026.

Note – deadline for sign ups is this Friday. So get on to it quick!

Term 1 2026 – Value



Our School Values: Respect – For ourselves, for others, for the environment

What does it look like if a child can display these values, relevant to their age group / cohort?

By the end of Year 2	By the end of Year 4	By the end of Year 6
<p>Can accept with patience and politeness gifts, resources, attention of others, accept disappointments then move on.</p> <p>Can maintain a clean and tidy learning and wider environment with minimal prompting (use initiative).</p> <p>Using classroom equipment with respect by using it appropriately and packing it up after use.</p> <p>Respect all teachers, adults, and visitors to the school by using manners and appropriate behaviour.</p> <p>Keeping our hands to ourselves</p> <p>Caring for the environment (indoor and outdoor)</p> <p>Helping others</p> <p>Use people's names correctly.</p> <p>Looking after our belongings.</p>	<p>Can keep ourselves tidy by wearing uniforms correctly.</p> <p>Keeping our school clean by taking our food rubbish home.</p> <p>Using manners, taking ownership of belongings, actions and feelings.</p> <p>Understanding and accepting that we are all different and that we feel different about things.</p>	<p>Helping both students and teachers when there is a need.</p> <p>Demonstrating tolerance and patience towards others?</p> <p>Manners, address people by name, stand back for others, offer to help carry things.</p> <p>Look for ways to do things.</p> <p>Show appreciation and thank people.</p> <p>Speak to others the way you wish to be spoken to.</p> <p>Respect when we are outside school, knowing we are the role models for the school e.g. coming to the side of the road</p>

Extra Curricular Activities –

- Skills of Soccer with Billy Harris – Lunchtime Soccer lessons with former All White, Billy Harris – Text him on 0272799042 for info and prices.
- Term 1 After School Art Classes – We're excited to kick off Term 1 from the 2nd Week of Term with our new theme: Abstracted. Inspired by abstract art, children will explore how artists use shape, colour, form and expressive mark-making to communicate ideas and feelings – without needing to create a "perfect" picture. It's all about experimentation, confidence, and creative freedom. Our after school sessions are screen-free, hands-on, and designed to nurture creativity, problem-solving, and self-expression – while building confidence week by week. New to Creative Matters? We offer a single FREE trial class for new after-school students. Love it? Sign up for the term. To book a free trial: admin@creativematters.co.nz <https://www.creativematters.co.nz/after-school-art-classes>

- Music lessons right at school – Personalised lessons designed to support your child’s confidence, focus, and learning – with no extra travel for families. Enrol here: <https://musiceducation.co.nz/pages/mis-enrolment>

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!

The St. Francis Dads will have a well deserved 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. We already have over 20 lads signed-up.

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 \$35 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.

Community message – Save Pt Chev’s Sport Clubs – Community Meeting Sunday 22 February, 2:00pm–3:30pm Point Chevalier Bowling Club, 25 Dignan Street

For almost 100 years, Pt Chev’s bowling, tennis, and croquet clubs, together forming the Hallyburton Johnstone Sports Club have been a central part of life in Point Chevalier. That long history is now under threat, with the Anglican Trust for Women and Children seeking to take over the land the clubs occupy. This meeting will explain what’s happening, outline the legal process, and talk through how you can help protect our community assets. Your support is important, and we encourage you to come along and be part of the conversation.

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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 -

Thursday 5 February – 12.30pm Waitangi Liturgy

Friday 6 February – Waitangi Day – School closed for the public holiday

Friday 13 February – Life Education lessons until Friday 20 February →

Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday 12.00pm Mass

Tuesday 24 February – R8 Marae trip, Board of Trustees meeting
6.30pm

Wednesday 25 February – R2/6 Marae trip

Friday 27 February – Welcome Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 2 March – R3 Marae trip

Tuesday 3 March – R7/5 Marae trip

Tuesday 10 March – R1/9/10 Marae trip

Wednesday 11 March – R11/12 Marae trip, Year 6 Beach Education trip

Friday 13 March – Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 27 March – Assembly 2.15pm

Sunday 29 March – Palm Sunday

Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April – Holy Week Celebrations

Thursday 2 April – Holy Thursday, Last day of Term 1



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

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Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children
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