



# St Francis Catholic School

We are a vibrant & empowering Catholic school, creating **pathways of excellence** for our tamariki.



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**TE KĀMAKA**  
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**Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

## Te Tiriti o Waitangi

In the Treaty of Waitangi, we find the moral basis for our presence in Aotearoa New Zealand and a vision that sets the country apart. We hold in our hands a great treasure - the opportunity to create a society that truly honours the rights of its indigenous people. We have an opportunity to heal wounds that have been present for too long. The Treaty of Waitangi was built on respect for persons and respect for their diversity. There is a way forward. It lies in continued goodwill and open recognition that there are many paths that we as a nation can embark on as we strive to realise the foundational foundation of our society. Together, we must find the way which meets the demands of justice and of solidarity among peoples.

(New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. A statement on the Treaty of Waitangi in today's perspective, 2019)



A painting depicting Bishop Pompallier at the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, 6 February 1840. (Bishop of Auckland, Catholic Diocese of Auckland)

**Waitangi Day and the Catholic Church** - The Catholic Church, represented by Bishop Pompallier at Waitangi in 1840, played a pivotal role in ensuring religious freedom and protecting Māori custom, often referred to as the "fourth article" of the Treaty. Today, the Church views *Te Tiriti o Waitangi* as a sacred covenant (taonga tapu), promoting bicultural partnership and advocating for Māori rights.

E te Ātua e aroha mai ana ki a mātou  
Ko ōu iwi katoa hei iwi mō mātou  
Awhinatia mātou ki te mārāma tetahi ki tetahi  
Kia whakapaingia tōu Hahi,  
E mahi tahi ana I roto I te kōmunio tuturu  
Āmene

God who loves each one of us  
All your people are our people,  
Help us to understand each other  
Let your Church be blessed,  
As we work together in true communion.  
Amen

**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.

### **Road Safety info for new families (and reminders for everyone else)** -

To keep Montrose Street safe and drama-free, please consider these things during drop off and pick up:

- Please turn around at the bottom of the road rather than doing U-turns in driveways. Last year a member of our community was hit by a car as they walked along the footpath because a driver did a quick U-turn without looking properly. Please keep our kids safe as they walk / scooter / bike to and from school.
- Please don't block our neighbours driveways, even for a quick drop off / pick up. We work really hard to foster good relationships with our neighbours, and they get very upset when their driveways are blocked.

- Please don't park on the yellow lines, particularly near the pedestrian crossing. I know that parking can be difficult, but our children can't be seen properly by drivers if there are cars parked on the yellow lines. Parking enforcement officers often come down Montrose Street during pick up / drop off giving out tickets to anyone parked on yellow lines.
- Please don't block Father John's driveway or use it for pick up / drop off, unless you have permission from Father John. Often Father's driveway is used for elderly people or for special needs drop off and pick up, not for school use.
- To encourage independence and resilience in our bigger kids, please consider dropping off or picking up further away from school e.g. Alberta Street or Tui Street. This is especially important for our Year 5 and 6 kids who will soon be catching public transport to College - a good stepping stone before the big "college transition".

**Whatsapp groups** - thank you to anyone who volunteered as class reps. If you have any difficulties joining your class whatsapp group, or if you don't want your contact details to be shared with the class rep, please contact Lisa Dixon (parent in charge / Board member) [lisa.dixon01@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dixon01@gmail.com)



### **St Francis Mums!!**

With over 25 new families at St Francis, we thought it might be a nice time for the mums to connect. Let's start with a casual coffee/cuppa on a Fri morning to kick things off. Look forward to catching up/meeting some of you in a couple of Fridays!

Thank you Chrissy Miskimmons for organising this.

### **Foodie Friday – 20 Feb 2026 – ICEBLOCKS**

Our first Foodie Friday for 2026 is happening on Friday, 20 February, with refreshing lemonade ice blocks for the children to enjoy at morning tea.

Foodie Friday is a regular school fundraiser helping us pay off the remaining balance of the loan for our fantastic school canopy. We'd love everyone's support again this year to help make it a success.

Ice blocks are \$2.50 each, and there is also an option to donate an ice block for a child who may not be in a position to purchase one. Our goal is to have enough orders and donations so every child can enjoy an ice block next Friday.

Orders open today, Wednesday 11 February, and all orders MUST be placed via Kindo (app or website) before orders close at 8pm on Wednesday 18 February.

**Please ensure all children are linked to their 2026 classroom in Kindo so orders are delivered to the correct class.**



**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.

### **WE ARE HAPPY TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL!!!!**



#### **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](mailto:office@stfrancis.school.nz) or through the school app

- For Attendance Dues information please contact Janet Skinner [janets@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto: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](http://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

### **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 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](mailto: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.



**EXCITING NEWS!**  
AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES AT ST FRANCIS PRIMARY  
STARTING 2026 | AGES 7+



Free Trial Classes - Register Now  
<https://enrolmy.com/point-chevalier-drama-club>

**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.

**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 - 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 -**

Wednesday 11 February - Room 5 visiting the Pt Chev library

Friday 13 February - Life Education lessons until Friday 20 February

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday 12.00pm Mass, Room 2 visiting the Pt Chev library

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

Sunday 1 March - Welcome Mass for new families 9.00am

Monday 2 March - R3 Marae trip

Tuesday 3 March - R7/5 Marae trip

Wednesday 4 March - Room 8 visiting the Pt Chev library

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

Wednesday 18 March - Room 3 visiting the Pt Chev library

Wednesday 25 March - Room 3 visiting the Pt Chev library

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](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz) or [principal@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancis.school.nz)

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**For all enquiries contact:**

**Jackie Arroyo**  
**M 021 975 642**

**MSD Approved**

**Children safety** - Onsite care with qualified staff  
**Venue** - School hall is comforting venue for the children

**WINZ OSCAR Subsidy Available**

**Fun** - Interactive and stimulating activities, including afternoon tea and homework assistance

**Sports** - Kids keep fit playing soccer, rugby, cricket, basketball, badminton, and other sport activities.

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