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Parish News - A great turnout at the Welcome Mass last weekend for the new St Francis School children and their families, to the wonderfully inclusive St. Francis Parish community. The Children's Liturgy breakout session and yummy morning tea following Mass in the Whanau room were also well attended.

Lenten Talks with Fr Gerhard Hattingh continue tonight - Fr Gerhard will be with us again from South Africa in the coming weeks and is an expert on Scripture. He will be holding Lenten Talks for anyone interested. They will continue every Wednesday on the following dates: 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th March. 7-8pm in the Church.



St Patrick's Day dress up - Tuesday the 17th of March. This is optional, so children can come to school dressed in green/irish gear, in their uniform with a little bit of green, or just in their uniform. No pressure! 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀



The Friends of St Francis – This is our PTA group, the group of parents and community members that run fundraisers and community events for our school. They are also involved in helping with pastoral care, 2nd hand uniforms and welcoming/supporting new families. In the past, this group had a leader, a budget and regular meetings, nowadays with pressures on parents working full time, this isn't a sustainable model. Instead members of the Friends of St Francis volunteer for one or two jobs throughout the year via the google doc below. Any one can join the Friends of St Francis, and any one can put their names down for a role. There is no pressure, but we would love your involvement.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1noNRKdBFWsDdjC8fDgKaNLzZD0yMQQBeRrGJAR23UcQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Please add your name to any volunteer roles that you would like to participate in. If you are interested in running an event or a fundraiser please add it to the google doc, and we will look into whether that will work for our community. We are open to your ideas!

Yummy Fruit Stickers – Dear families, this year St Francis will participate in the Yummy Fruit Stickers Promotion. This is a great way for the school to access a share of free sports equipment given away by Yummy. You can learn more about it on their website. The intent is to have all of you as part of the promotion by collecting as many Yummy Fruit stickers as possible. The more you collect, the more sports gear the school will get, so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! Ask your friends and families to collect the stickers for you too. Yummy Apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. In addition to Yummy Apples, the sticker collection includes Yummy stone fruit such as Nectarines, Peaches & Plums.



How to Collect : Purchase Yummy fruit, either bags with cut-out labels or individual fruit with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 fruit stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. There are two options for Yummy Fruit sticker collection. If you're collecting individual stickers, print out this collection sheet.

https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sticker-Collection-Sheet-2024_NEW_upload.pdf

If you're collecting the Yummy apple bag labels, print out this collection sheet.

https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf_Cut_Out_Label_Collection_Sheet_compressed.pdf

If you cannot print the Sticker Collection Sheets, no problem, just place the stickers neatly on a A4 sheet and we will sort them out later. Once completed, please return them to the school office. We'll collect the sheets in Term 3. Ade Dallimore is the co-ordinator for this year. Please contact Ade on 021 027 40815 or email adenisel@live.com if you have any questions.

Pt Chev Library Visits – Room 2

visited Pt Chev Library. We got books out, we did a scavenger hunt and we read books.

The scavenger hunt: We got buddies and a piece of paper with symbols on it. The instructor said to us “find the symbol, all of the symbols have letters on them and the letters will

spell the word”. We all got a turn but one half of the class did reading and a scavenger hunt.

Reading: We all read lots of different interesting books like dragon girls, ninja turtles, Lilo and Stitch and a lot of other books.

Game night: The librarian told us that there is a Games Monday (Card, board, role playing) every other Monday for 10+ children at 4pm.

We had lots of fun and reading books is the best brain activity to make you brain exercised and happy. By Alice and Molly



The middle and senior school at the Marae and some letters of thanks from Room 8!



- Gluten Free / Vegan Cheese

There is the option to also order a juice box for \$2.50, and to 'Donate a Slice' which is an additional donation towards the school fundraising.

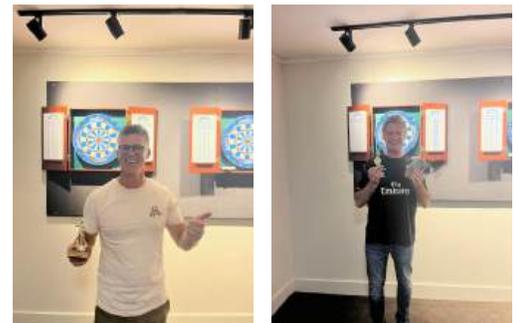
Pizzas will be delivered to school just before lunchtime on the Friday, and orders will be handed out in Junior / Middle / Senior school groups by our parent helpers and Year 6 students.

Orders must be made and paid for using the 'My Kindo' App or My Kindo website, which you will need to register for and load each child individually – connected with their 2026 classroom. Then complete & pay for their orders. Please make sure your orders are in your children's name and not the parent/caregiver. If you have any questions for the March Foodie Friday (or if you'd like to get involved as parent helper) please contact Angela Franich 021 857 446. **Kindo will be open from Wednesday 11th March – 8pm Wednesday 18th March via 'My Kindo'**

Please make sure your child is allocated to their 2026 classroom in the app for their order to go to the right place. No late orders will be included.

St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month – Virgin winner

Mike won the prestigious darts trophy this month after a hard fought final. Some would say he was lucky – namely those he left in his wake. Stuart took out the all important money round, with Marcelo and Leonardo being stoked to share in the winnings. The next stupendous darts session for 2026 is on Thursday, 26 March, 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.



Mums Catch Up – We can't be letting all the dad's have the fun so the mums are arranging →→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→

Community message – From the Pt Chev Sports Clubs / Bowling Club – There was an amazing turn out to the community meeting on the weekend. A few calls to action so far for our community:
* Join as a member (eg: of the Tennis Club, Bowls Club, Croquet Club and/or Community Garden) to show the numbers of people that are involved

* Go to the Givealittle page to make a donation towards the legal fees & share this link far & wide (<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/save-our-sport-clubs-support-our-legal-fight>)

* Possible activity to do at home with the kids – Put some (respectful) pressure on the Anglican Trust to discontinue their claim – write a letter saying why you love the Pt Chev clubs so much or do a drawing / paint a picture. It could simply say: "Please don't try to take away our Tennis, Bowls



and Croquet Clubs and our Community Garden, we love & need them." These will be collected from the school.

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
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- 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>

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 -

Thursday 5 March – Cricket Innercity Competition

Friday 6 March – R8 Point 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

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

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