



St Francis Catholic School

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Catholic school, creating **pathways**
of excellence for our tamariki.



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ANZAC Liturgy - Yesterday, our school community gathered for a moving ANZAC Liturgy to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans. It was a solemn opportunity for us to reflect on the enduring legacy of the ANZAC spirit. The service began with a powerful tribute as Mr Wilkie played the bagpipes, leading us into the Church. Our students are to be commended for the exceptional reverence they showed during this procession and throughout the entire liturgy. Watching our children listen in respectful silence during the Liturgy was a poignant reminder of the importance of remembrance. **Lest we forget.**



Parish News: The Easter that keeps on giving - Given Easter isn't a singular one-day event and just like Jesus returned, so too will the Easter Bunny for another joyous Easter egg hunt following this Sunday's morning Mass, on 3rd May. We already have a large supply of Easter Eggs thanks to the generosity of Parishioners and of course, the Easter Bunny.



Callout to the Musical Youth - Please get in touch with Stuart if your musical angel is keen to perform at Mass during Collection, as we are always after a wee bit of musical fun. Also, please reach out if they would like to give playing music during Mass a go as Chris, Jo and Annie are always looking for new recruits - full guidance will be provided.



Buy-a-Brick Campaign - We are very grateful for the recent bricks donated. Our "Buy a Brick" campaign continues in order to replenish the Parish's building repairs & maintenance fund. So, be part of history, forever be immortalised and get yourself and/or your loved ones a Brick - refer below. We will be going to print with the next batch of plaques shortly (for donations of \$500+) - so please get in touch with Stuart King and let him know what you want on it. All donations are eligible for a 33% tax refund.



Waterski National Championships - By Eddie Donald (Rm 8) and Jack Evans (Rm 3)

During the school holidays, the New Zealand Waterski National Championships were held at Lake Kereta. Jack (Rm 3) and I (Eddie - Rm 8) competed in the under-10s slalom and tricks. The tournament was in the middle of the cyclone we recently had; luckily, when it was our turn to ski, the weather was some of the best we'd had. We competed against others from all around the country, and I (Eddie) won Gold in the slalom event and came second in tricks. Jack was the youngest competitor there, and we both had lots of fun competing and playing with our skiing friends. Next year's Nationals are in Wanganui, and we can't wait!



Cross Country - The day you have all been training for is finally arriving next week... IT'S ST FRANCIS CROSS COUNTRY! The event will start at 12:00 PM, and we will begin with our younger classes and move through the age levels throughout the afternoon. Please note that there are no specific set times for individual races.

To keep everyone energised, our Friends of St Francis Cross Country Cafe will be open, serving delicious cakes. We gratefully accept gold coin donations or bank transfers via QR code for all cafe treats. We look forward to a fantastic day of racing!

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – TOMORROW – The next stupendous darts session is on this Thursday, 30 April, 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.

Year 5 and 6 Mother's Day Fundraiser – It is your last chance to enter, with only 2 numbers left to choose from. The date for this to be drawn is 2nd May. Please see the poster for more details!

Mountain Biking Success – Micah Fullerton was the series winner of the U13 College Sport Enduro Mountain Bike Racing Series. Micah placed 1st in all three races in the series and was awarded the overall winner's trophy for St Francis. Enduro mountain biking involves riders completing multiple stages on a course, with times recorded on the downhill sections. He'll be competing in the cross-country series soon. We look forward to hearing how Micah gets on with this!

PMP helpers needed – Parents and grandparents, we are continuing our popular and highly valuable PMP programme on Thursday and Friday mornings in Terms 2 and 3. We need YOU! Commit to a weekly or less frequent casual slot. Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) is a parent-led programme at St Francis School. It develops Y0-2 children's perceptions and understandings of distance, height, and space, as well as their memory. PMP is a step-by-step programme based on physical and sensory activities, repeated over two sessions. Teachers observe the children and note areas for development through the parallel classroom programme. Please contact Bridget – bridget.gallagher@hotmail.com



This term our charitable efforts are going towards **'Jammies for June'** – providing (winter) Pyjamas for less fortunate children, particularly children in Middlemore Hospital .

<https://www.jammiesforjune.org.nz/>

If possible, please purchase a new set of children's pyjamas and put them in the Jammies for June box in the school office.

We will finish the term with a St Francis Pyjamas Day on Friday the 3rd of July – the last day of Term 2.



Room 11's Persuasive Writing – Contrary to popular belief, having oranges in your lunchbox is very important! Room 11 has discussed how having an opinion which is our own is important, and to try to back up an opinion with facts to persuade the reader to their point of view. They also looked at the impact of punctuation and using bold text when trying to persuade someone to our opinion. So here is why having oranges in your lunchbox is so important...

- I want oranges because they are sweet and juicy and super yummy. They keep me hydrated. They are so juicy that I want them at home. Khayalarni
- I want oranges because they are very sweet. Oranges are juicy. They are cheap. Oranges are healthy. I like oranges because they are yummy. Antonio
- I like oranges because they make me have energy. They have vitamins and keep me hydrated. It's sweet and it's yummy. They are cheap and they are yummy as. Jack
- I like oranges because they have vitamins and are healthy. They make muscles. Emmy

If you want to hear more about why or why you shouldn't have oranges in your lunchbox, you can find what Room 11 had to say about it all [here](#).

St Francis Has Talent: Round One! – The search for our next star begins this Friday at 1:10 PM with the first stage of our competition! We are kicking things off with the Year 4–6 singing category. Parents are more than welcome to come along and cheer on our performers; please note there are no set times for individual acts, as we will be running through the group starting from lunch. For our younger performers, we haven't forgotten you! On Monday, we will be visiting classrooms to see which students would like to enter the Year 1–3 singing category. We can't wait to see what they have in store for their turn the following Friday!

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.
- 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>



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Dates for 2026: (a couple of Teacher Only Days sometime in Term 3 and 4)

- Term 2 - Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July. Public Holiday - 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:

- Friday 1 May - Mums Drinks @ Malt Bar 7pm
- Wednesday 6 May - School Cross Country
- Thursday 7 May - Year 5/6 Inner City Swimming Comp
- Friday 8 May - Year 5/6 Mother's Day Breakfast, Assembly 2.15pm, Feast of the Ascension
- Tuesday 12 May - Father John's birthday, Y1/2 Jesus Meal in the hall
- Thursday 21 May - Inner City Cross Country Comp
- Friday 22 May - Pentecost Mass
- Sunday 24 May - Pentecost
- Tuesday 26 May - 6.30pm BOT meeting
- Monday 1 June - King's birthday weekend
- Monday 8 June - School Photo Day
- Friday 19 June - Welcome Assembly 2.15pm
- Tuesday 23 June - 6.30pm BOT meeting
- Friday 26 June - Matariki Disco 5pm - 7pm
- Mid Year Reportings, sent home via the school app

HUGE THANKS TO AQUALINE AND RYAN (ISLA & EVIE'S DAD) FOR SPONSORING OUR INNER CITY SCHOOLS SWIMMERS WITH RACE GOGGLES AND CAPS EACH YEAR.

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Wednesday 1 July - Thursday 2 July - Parent Teacher Interviews. Booking details to come closer to the date

Friday 3 July - Pyjama Day, Last day of Term 2

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

<p>Your children are amazing already. We just help them prove it.</p> <p>Grey Lynn Ph 360 0816 numberworkswords.com/nz</p> <p>NumberWorks 'nWords TUITION CONFIDENCE RESULTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">skids We Care When You Can't Be There</p> <p>After school care 3.00 - 6.00pm Mon to Fri Holiday programme 8.00am - 6.00pm Mon to Fri For all enquiries contact: Jackie Arroyo M 021 975 642</p> <p>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. stfrancisptchev@skids.co.nz www.skids.co.nz/locations/st_francis_pt_chevalier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Enrol: www.skids.co.nz & Select Find your local Skids</p>
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