



# St Francis Catholic School

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## Parish News

**Mothers' Day Church Morning Tea:** All Mum's (and hanger's on) are very welcome to join us for a cuppa at Morning Tea following this Sunday's 9am Mass on 10 May in the School Whanau room to celebrate your awesomeness.



**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.

**Sacramental Programme** - 1st Holy Communion lessons: the 10th and 17th of May. The 1st Holy Communion Mass is on the 24th of May at 11.00am. Please keep the 51 candidates, their families and the Catechists in your prayers.

## Congratulations:

- Congratulations to Miss Moana Besselink, the fantastic teacher in Room 9. After completing her degree at Auckland University in the middle of last year (after spending 6 months on practicum at our school), she is graduating tomorrow. St Francis Catholic School is so lucky to have a young, passionate and extremely competent teacher like Moana.



- Congratulations to Leanne Frisbie, Stevie Coburn's Mum, who won the Year 5/6 Mother's Day Raffle. Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle, we managed to raise \$800 towards paying off our ever decreasing canopy loan.

- Congratulations to Austin Morris, who at Sunday's Region 19 Kumite tournament, competed in a strong division of around 20 boys. After three tough bouts, he



topped his heat and advanced to the finals, where he faced three more competitors from the opposing pool. He went on to win every round in the final stage, securing Gold once again – an outstanding performance! 🏆 He's still fundraising to get to the Karate World Cup in the UK in July by selling Whittaker's chocolate bars and also has a Givealittle page: [https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-austin-represent-nz-at-the-karate-world-cup?ref=home&ref\\_code=donation\\_feed](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-austin-represent-nz-at-the-karate-world-cup?ref=home&ref_code=donation_feed)

- Congratulations to our amazing WaterPolo players – Over Anzac weekend, Emily Miln-Harris, Stella Halpin, Flossy Wright, Posey Sullivan, Eddie Donald, and Dominic Franich headed to Mt Maunganui to take part in the Atlantis Club U12 Waterpolo Tournament. For four of them, it was their very first tournament, which made the whole experience even more special. They played some tough matches but kept smiling the whole way through and had an awesome weekend away. All six players have come up through flipperball and mini polo for school and have progressed into waterpolo for club – and their confidence and skills lifted with every game. If any students are keen to give flipperball a go from Year 3 onwards, please contact the school office and they'll connect you with the relevant parents involved.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our St Francis tea towel fundraiser. We raised \$1737 toward our canopy loan. A huge thank you to Mrs Claire Evans for all the work she put into this.

### Health and Safety -

- After some observation, we have noticed that many of the people who are causing issues on Montrose Street at drop off and pick up (unsafe U turns into driveways, holding up traffic, parking over our neighbours driveways!) are grandparents (who don't receive this newsletter, so probably have no idea that they are causing such a problem). Please make sure that everyone in your family who does drop off or pick up understands the expectations (so that everyone's stress levels can remain at a reasonable level!!!)
- Children can only be onsite from 8.00am, before that there are no adults available to look after them.
- Children must be picked up by 3.15pm, after that there are no adults available to look after them.
- Leaving a child under 14 years old unsupervised is illegal, and requires intervention from the police.
- While we absolutely love that many of our families walk their dogs to school for drop off and pick up in the mornings and afternoons, just a few reminders:
  - No dogs on the school grounds
  - If you are going to tie your dog up to the fence (please continue doing this, as most of our children love patting the dogs) while you go into school, please make sure it is not near the front gate. Some of our children/parents don't like having to walk closely to even the friendliest dogs. At least a few meters away from the front should be fine!



## Senior School Writing -

Thinking of letters by Lucette and Veida  
A is a wine glass turned upside down with  
glee!!!

C is a handle to your cup of tea!!!

H is a letter in the word "hair"!!!

L is a comfy spot, you call it a chair!!!

X is a timer,Oops I guess it ran out!

O is a whirl pool in the middle of the ocean 🌊

C is a tipped over glass with a potion 🧪

E is a bridge turned around 🌉

A is as volcano with lava dripping down 🌋

N is a NEVER ENDING STOOOOORRRRRYYYY

AAAAAHHHHHHHAAAAAHHH

Kennings poem by Posey

What am I???????

Page turner

Novel chomper

Parent mechanic

Intelligent machine

Principal hater

Teacher lover

Mathematics queen

Chokey deshiveler

Dr suess reader

Chocolate caker

MATILDA!!!!!! By Roald Dahl

**St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night** - last Thursday of the month

A fantastic turnout last week for darts. Mike took out the darts trophy, with Matt Brown winning the coveted money round. The next stupendous darts session is on Thursday, 28 May, 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.



**Dad's Indoor Golf session** - The 3 wisemen (as in Dan, Siti and Stuart), being the last ones standing at midnight at darts last week decided in all their misguided but infinite wisdom, to hold a Dad's indoor golf simulator session at Grey Lynn's Green Pinnacle. Tee-off will be at 6pm on Friday, 10 July, which just so happens to be the same night as the Warriors play (as in beat) the West Tigers - so it will be back to the Pt Chev Bowla to watch that. Everyone's welcome - just register your interest with Stuart on the Dad's WhatsApp Group so we can confirm numbers and book the venue well in advance. We already have 10 shambolic Dads signed-up.



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.



### 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.
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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:

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  
Wednesday 1 July - Thursday 2 July - Parent Teacher Interviews. Booking details coming soon  
Friday 3 July - Pyjama Day, Last day of Term 2

Lisa Bateman - Principal - [lisab@stfrancis.school.nz](mailto:lisab@stfrancis.school.nz)  
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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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