



St Francis Catholic School

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



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Parish News - Welcome Mass

On Sunday, our school community gathered together for our beautiful Term 2 Welcome Mass, where we officially welcomed our wonderful new students and their families to St Francis Parish! These lucky students were recognised at the front of the church and received a special, sweet blessing, as well as a chocolate in each hand! It was a fantastic way to celebrate the growth of our school family, and we extend a huge thank you to all the families who came along to support and welcome our newest tamariki.



Congratulations to Poppy from Room 5 who has made her first Holy Communion and Confirmation at St Mary's Church, Mt Albert.

Confirmation: Lessons are the 2nd, 9th and 16th of August. The Mass is on the 23rd of August. Please keep our candidates, their families and Catechists in your prayers.



🎉🎉🎉Exciting News - our canopy loan is paid off!!!!!! 🎉🎉🎉 In a super short amount of time we have paid off the small loan that we took out with the Diocese to ensure that our canopy was constructed in a timely manner. Our school Board of Trustees are now considering what our next long term property project will be. Exciting times ahead!!!!



Thank you to the Disco Committee for all their hard work in the background. They have been organising decorations, buying snacks, ordering sausages, making up gift bags etc. Hours and hours of work to make sure that our kids have a great time. All money raised from the disco will go towards exciting property upgrades around the school.

St Francis Has Talent: The Grand Final! The excitement is building and the stage is set! We are thrilled to invite our whole school community to the spectacular grand final of St Francis Has Talent on Friday 3rd July, starting at approximately 9:00 am and wrapping up around 10:30 am. Please spread the word far and wide—everyone is welcome to come along and watch, whether your child made it to the final or not!

For our amazing finalists; you are welcome to perform your original act again or change it up slightly, as long as it still fits into the category you won. However, to ensure we have enough time to get through everyone, please remember that acts must be kept to around 1 minute and 30



seconds (one verse and a chorus). We are really looking forward to this event and celebrating the wonderful creativity and courage of our tamariki. See you there!

Even in the rain, PLEASE DON'T PARK IN OUR NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS!!!!
We get many irate phone calls from neighbours who can't get out of their driveways because St Francis parents are parked there. Even if it's just for a few minutes, don't block our neighbours' driveways. This makes it very hard to maintain pleasant relationships with them.

Congratulations to our Trophy winners! At Friday's assembly, we had the absolute pleasure of presenting two very special trophies to recognise outstanding student achievements. A huge congratulations to our wonderful recipients:

- Micah Fullerton – The Cross Country Trophy: This trophy is awarded to the student who has won the St. Francis Catholic School cross-country event and achieved the highest placement at the inner-city competition.
- Dominic Franich – The Proclaiming the Word Trophy: This trophy is awarded to the student who has won the St Francis Catholic School Proclaiming The Word competition for reading a Biblical passage with reverence, clarity and conviction.

We are incredibly proud of both of these boys for working so hard, sharing their talents so beautifully and representing St Francis with pride.



Cultural Week Planning Meeting – A big thank you to everyone who attended our initial planning meeting on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see such great enthusiasm for celebrating our school's rich cultural diversity! If you were unable to make it but would still love to be involved, please look out in Term 3, Week 2, when Miss Neary will be stationed outside before and after school to see who might be able to help lead a cultural workshop or contribute a dish to our upcoming Cultural Picnic. Thank you all for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing more details with you next term!

Mid Year Reporting to Parents

Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home via the school app this Friday, along with an "Understanding your child's report" doc

Recent mandated changes to reports:

Including attendance percentages and formal assessment scores (such as 20 and 40 week Phonics Checks, Year 3-6 Progressive Achievement Tests - PAT testing scores etc)

Keeping up with recent changes in education e.g. Reporting to parents, curriculum change:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

Parent Interviews

When:

Wednesday 1 July 3.30pm - 6.30pm and Thursday 2 July 3.30pm - 6.30pm
(Room 8 - Monday 20 July 3.30 - 6.30 pm and Tuesday 21 July 3:30 - 5.00pm)
(Room 4 - No interviews, check in with new teachers instead: Mrs Vuksich/Mrs Courian)

How to book:

Via the school app - click on the 'Interview' icon

As a final note ahead of our parent-teacher interviews, if you are looking for extra tips on how to prepare, the Ministry of Education has a fantastic guide available on the Parent Portal. It offers great advice on questions to ask to get the most out of our time together. You can read the guide here: [Preparing for Parent-Teacher Interviews](#). We look forward to partnering with you for your child's success!

Thursday after school drama classes are shifting to Thursday at lunchtime, and they have included a holiday programme - all onsite at school!

<https://ptchevdrama.com/reservations>





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.

We are palaeontologists in Room 11 – As part of our learning about fossils, Room 11 excavated real fossils using the sort of tools paleontologists use. We had to be very patient and gentle. The chisel took big chunks off the block. The brush was for delicate work. Our next step is to check the identification chart to confirm exactly which fossils we have. Are they plants? Are they bones? Are they shells?



All whites top supporters on TV1 6.00pm news – I really can't believe my football team (Veida, Flossy, Georgia, Alice, Willa, Riley, Stella, Zoe and I) made the actual TV1 news!!! Clay (Willa's dad) filmed us but no one really thought we would make the news. Big thanks to Alice (Veida's mum) for putting us up there. It felt so special to be on the tv. Big thanks to Jeff (coach and Georgia's dad) too, for getting all of this organised. By Elspeth from Room 8.

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/player/tvepisode/1news-at-six-s2026-e173-1news-at-six> – check out our girls at the beginning of the episode from 9.54 – 10.15





Should my child stay home today?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend.

Not sure what to do?
Get advice you can trust from Health New Zealand.

Scan the QR code or visit:
healthnz.govt.nz and search school guidance



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Should I keep my child home from school or childcare?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend. Use this guide to help you make the right decision.

Should my child stay home today?

Usually ok to attend:

- ✓ Mild cough
- ✓ Running nose
- ✓ Mild headache
- ✓ No fever
- ✓ Eating and drinking normally

If mild symptoms become worse or more frequent, keep your child at home and seek health advice.

Keep them home if they have:

- ✗ A fever
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ A sore throat that requires pain relief
- ✗ Wheezing, coughing a lot or difficulty breathing
- ✗ School sores (impetigo)
- ✗ Untreated scabies
- ✗ Tested positive for COVID-19
- ✗ Been asked to stay home by a healthcare provider or your local public health service

Seeking health advice

Trust your instinct, if you are worried about your child's health contact your doctor or usual healthcare provider. You can also call **Healthline** for free anytime on **0800 611 116**.

In an emergency, call 111.

For more information scan the QR code or visit healthnz.govt.nz and search **school guidance**.



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Extra Curricular Activities -

- 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>
- Skills of Soccer with Billy Harris - Lunchtime Soccer lessons with former All White, Billy Harris – Text him on 0272799042 for info and prices.

Dates for 2026:

- Term 2 - Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July.
 - Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September.
 - Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December.
- Teacher Only Day - Friday 23 October. Public Holiday - Labour Day: Monday 26 October.

Lisa Bateman (Principal) & Olivia Neary (Deputy Principal) –
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For all enquiries contact:

Jackie Arroyo
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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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3.30pm art starts

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