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Celebrating Pentecost – Thank you to everyone who made Friday's Pentecost Mass such a vibrant celebration! Our school and parish communities came together beautifully, and it was wonderful to see so many students looking magnificent in their cultural dress. It was a perfect reflection of how the Holy Spirit unites us in diversity, spreading peace and love throughout our community.



Sacred Prayer Spaces by Flossy Room 2 - On Monday the 11th of May the Te Arataki (senior school) had a wonderful visitor come to St Francis all the way from Otorohanga which is in Hamilton. Her name was Dianne Porter (known as Mrs Porter). Dianne is awesome at designing and decorating prayer spaces so she came to us to show everyone how to make beautiful looking prayer spaces.

In my group was Willa and Stella, together we created a very pretty sacred prayer space using shimmering and colourful prayer cloths. The instructions were: think of the theme and when you've decided, go find a prayer cloth that will match the theme, then find items and decorations for your prayer space.

We would like to build up some resources for our senior classes to continue making these displays for prayer in our rooms. Donations of scarves, fabrics,

shells, candles, hearts etc or any items that you no longer need would be greatly appreciated.

See our examples in the photos. We will leave a box in the office for donations.



The moment we received our First Holy Communion - By Archie, George and Eli Room 7

We went to the altar and then Father John gave us the bread and said,

"This is the Body of Christ."

We then responded with.

"Amen."

Then we got handed the wine and they said,

"This is the Blood of Christ."

After the event, we felt accomplished and closer to God.



Parish News- 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.

The Cross Country Innercity Competition – Eliana Room 2



St Francis' top eight students for cross country went to the inner city running event on the 21st May. The course was at least 3 kilometers including a very steep hill that we had to run up twice and about 80 people were in each race.

9 year boys

When the 9 year old boys ran we cheered St Francis on and they had an amazing result with a 20th place for Thomas. He was a speed demon at the finishing shoot!

9 year girls

The 9 year old girls had a great start to the race, they were proud to be representing St Francis school. We had a great result with Eva 14th and Eliana 5th.

10 year old boys

10 year old boys also smashed it at the end with an incredible result, Micha 5th and Jackson in 14th place.

10 year old girls

Last but not least the final race of the day was the ten year old girls. There were excellent results, with Emily 8th and Posey 14th. What an incredible result for St Francis!

The prize giving

The moment of truth was at the prize giving. St Francis placed third overall for both the nine year girls and 10 year boys.

St Francis did an awesome job in the inner city running. Good luck to the students who get into inner city next year!

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

Calling all adventurous St Francis kids!

Come tackle the mud, obstacles and fun at the **Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** in Kumeu on **Monday 10th August**.

Open to Year 3 children and above.

For more information and the school entry link, contact Annalies at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz

All children must have a parent / caregiver to transport them & supervise for the event in its entirety.

ARE YOU TOUGH ENOUGH?

Matariki Disco – We're excited to let you know that our St Francis Matariki Disco will be held on:

- **Friday 26 June 2026**
5:00pm – 7:00pm
St Francis School Hall

This year we'll be holding one whole-school disco session and we can't wait for a fun evening of music, dancing and celebration together.

Children are encouraged to dress in WHITE so they glow under the disco lights and shine like the stars of Matariki but don't worry if that's not possible! Most importantly, we want the kids to feel comfortable and have fun!

Tickets and food options are available to pre-purchase through Kindo, **OPEN NOW**. Please see the attached FAQ document (click the [HERE](#)

for the link) for full event details, including supervision requirements, ticket pricing, food information etc.

MATARIKI DISCO

FRIDAY JUNE 26TH 2026
5PM-7PM
ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL HALL

Bring your best dance moves & shine like the stars of Matariki ✨
Come dressed in white & let's light up the night together 🌟

More information coming soon

A huge thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have volunteered to help organise and / or help on the night. We had an amazing response from our school community and truly appreciate your support.

We would also like to sincerely thank our generous sponsors for supporting this year's disco:

- Bakers Delight Pt Chev and Mad Butcher Mt Roskill for sponsoring towards the cost of the sausage sizzle
- The Earl Family (Harley and Rome) for sponsoring the cost of the goodie bags
- The Dixon Family (Poppy and Charlie) / Auckland Quality Flooring for sponsoring the cost of the photo booth

We look forward to celebrating Matariki together as a school community. Your support of the disco is hugely appreciated, as the funds raised will pay for exciting upcoming property upgrades for our school.

Maths Books for Sale – *Maths No Problem!* books (which do not align with the new curriculum but are excellent for extra home practice) are available for \$10 each, first-in, first-served, available for purchase at the office.

Year 3, Book B – 4 left

Year 5, Book B – 5 left

Year 6, Book A – 3 left

Year 6, Book B – 2 left

St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – 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.

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<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.



School Photos (Monday 8th June) - A reminder to make sure you don't have a 'bad hair day' on Monday 8th June, for school photos. Sibling forms went out last week. Please fill these in and return them to the office as soon as possible. If this has been misplaced, please see the school office.



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 29 May - 2.15pm Assembly

Week beginning Sunday 31st May - Samoan Language Week (Samoan learners welcome to wear traditional cultural wear all week)

Monday 1 June - King's birthday weekend

Monday 8 June - School Photo Day

Tuesday 9 June - Community Constable visiting, Y5/6 Proclaiming the Word Comp

Monday 15 June - Liturgy leaders @ Selwyn Village

Friday 19 June - Welcome Assembly 2.15pm, Feast of the Sacred Heart

Sunday 21 June - Welcome Mass @ 9.00am

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 and St Francis Has Talent Final at 9.15am - All Welcome! Last day of Term 2

Lisa Bateman & Olivia Neary - Principal & Deputy Principal - lisab@stfrancis.school.nz & olivian@stfrancis.school.nz

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