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Parish News – Soup and Bun Night – The Parish Pastoral Care Council is hosting another popular Soup and Bun Night on Saturday the 25th of July, after the Vigil Mass.

A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the Church in the upcoming weeks.

Church Morning Tea Supplies – The biscuit supplies for our Sunday Morning Teas are still running low and need topping up regularly, so please bring along any biscuits, home baking, or pre-cooked sausage rolls (always a favourite) for sharing if you can.



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 – 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. We will be going to print with the next batch of plaques shortly (for donations of \$500+), so please get in touch quickly with Stuart King and let him know what wording you want on it. The St. Francis Parish bank account number is: 02-0108-0707331-003 and any queries, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403. And remember, all donations attract a 33% tax refund.



Introducing some of our Year 6 Whanau Leaders -

Talofa lava, kia ora. My name is Devon Joy Sefuiva. I am 11 years old. I have been selected as the whanau leader for Rangi. Some things I am good at are playing netball and water polo and being very kind to everyone and helping out.



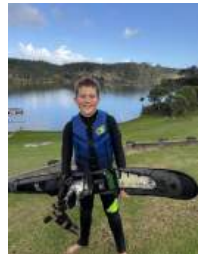
Malo e lelei, kia ora, my name is Levi and I have been selected for whanau leader for Wai. I am 11 years old and I am in Room 2. I am good at helping others and using my manners and showing leadership. Thank you, from Levi.



Hello, my name is Micah Fullerton and I am one of the St Francis whanau leaders for 2026. My whanau group is Wai, which is the colour blue. My friend Levi is also a Wai whanau leader. My hobbies are mountain biking, playing football and hanging out with my friends. I am going to St. Peter's College in the big 27. I am proud to be part of the St Francis community. Cheerio.



Hello, My name is Eddie Donald. I am a newly selected whanau leader for Ahi (red). Currently I am the only whanau for Ahi and I can't wait to have another great student alongside me. My hobbies are water polo, water skiing, swimming, triathlons and probably just having fun with friends. I look forward to encouraging and supporting you all to get involved in lots of different things.



Keep having fun AND GO AHI!!!

Celebrating Matariki – After an amazing Matariki Disco, the celebrations are continuing:

- All week in the school library: Make a wish on a Matariki Star and place it on the Matariki lantern in the library. Children can drop by and do this at morning tea or lunchtime or when they have their weekly lesson in the library. There is also a display of Matariki books.
- Lunchtime Workshops:
 - Monday – Whai String Games
 - Tuesday – Poi and Rakau
 - Wednesday – Matariki Quiz, Middle and Senior School only.
 - Thursday – Matariki Soup Day (cooked in GTT) Classes will be called over the speaker either before morning tea or before lunch.
- Learning in weekly Te Reo Maori lessons:



Senior School – Review what Matariki is. Name stars and what they represent. Matariki Bingo.
Children weave cross with harakeke.

Middle School – What is Matariki? Sing Matariki Macarena. Name stars and what they represent. Children make 8 point Matariki Star with coloured paper.

Junior school – What is Matariki? Sing Matariki Macarena. Name stars and what they represent. Children make Matariki Star Wands.

Pajama Day – Thank you to everyone who donated towards Jammies for June. We collected 8 boxes of pajamas to donate to the Middlemore Hospital appeal. What a great effort!



St Francis has Talent photos – A big congratulations to our talented students who performed at our talent show. Well done to our winners Mia and Ruby-Leigh, and thank you to our judges – Nicole Whippy (Pt Chev Drama Club), Nicole Tsui (St Mary's College Dance teacher) and Raystan (Y6 student representative).





Congratulations to these children who have completed their Term 2 Maths Challenge on time:

+Room 1 – Leila, Baxter, Hector

Room 2 – Aaron, Poppy, Sienna, Alice, Chongze, Cooper, Zamirah, Flossie, Emily ,Markus, Molly, Levi, Jackson, Ranveer, Rayston, Eliana, Eden, Riley, Clara, Ayden, Leona, Alegra, Charlie, Devon, Finn, Henricho, Stella, Reann

Room 3 – Maximus, Jeeanna, Zoe, Evan, Juliette, Finley, Lucy, Emily, Lucy, Baz, Mila, Mac, Jack, Ashley, Rose

Room 4 – Taven, Mia, Ada, Harriet, Bowie, Liam, Caden, Cora, Reuben

Room 5 – Georgia-Rose, Riley, Austin, Riley, Aidan, Thomas, Ethan, Emilia, Kiki, Ellarose, Aidan, Emma, Jacob, Thomas, Emilia, Poppy, Angelo, Austin, Harper, Bennett, Emilia

Room 6 – Thomas, Zoe, Dominic, Eva, Florentina, Lucy, Connie, Taavi, Mia, Marko, Nate, Mamie, Ashley, Luca, Alice, Van, Emilia, Mia, Nixon, Lochlan, Edward, Bhavanesh, Lillian, Eva, Isla, Yi

Room 7 – Effie, Ryley, Oliver, Archie, Lachlan, Zinnia, George, Archie,Jack, Lily, Josh, Hugo, Hudson, Mila, Eli, Zoe

Room 8 – Isla, Lucette, Maeva, Posey, Dominic,Georgia, Vinnie, Asger, Iviana, Anthea, Ruby-Leigh, Nate, Kierra, Brennan, Harry, Auri, Zach, Micah, Elspeth, Sam,Veida,Leonardo,Eddie, Finn, Eddie, Miles

Room 9 – Grae, Ewan, Aidan, Zoe, Ella, Peighton, Thomas, Abigail, Ivy, Harley, Rosie, James, Luna, Saoirse, Jack, Madeline

Room 10 – Jett, Oliver, Ezekiel, Emerson, Harry, Charlie, Ruffael, Luca, Nell, Lucie, Evie, Ari, John, Emmy, Edie, Austen, Harrison, Cooper, George

Room 11 – Antonio, Bruno, Hayley, Sacha, Jack, Lily, Cruz, Emmy, Theo, Vinh, Harry, Jemima, Jacob, Awa

Room 12 – Audrick, Roween, Zariah, Finn, Ethan, Rio, Chloe, Maddison, Levi

The Term 3 Challenge Booklet will be sent home next week. Remember to receive a medal at the end of the year children need to complete all 4 booklets within the expected time frames.

PMP helpers Term 3 – 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

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.

St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month. The next stupendous darts session is on Thursday, 30 July, 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 –

Phenomenal Dad indoor golf was on full display at Grey Lynn's Green Pinnacle a few weeks back with 15 likely lads battling out for glory – watch this space for another session in September.



Father John is clearing out some excess items – these items are free for collection from the Presbytery garage:

- lazy boy type chair
- Falton Food Steamer

Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 if you are interested.



Extra Curricular Activities –

- 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>
- Complement your child's school experience with music lessons! Piano and guitar lessons available at school, helping students build confidence, creativity, and lifelong skills.



https://musiceducation.co.nz/pages/music-in-schools?utm_source=NEWSLETTER&utm_medium=NEWSLETTER&utm_campaign=NEWSLETTER-MIS&utm_id=MIS&utm_term=MIS&utm_content=MIS

- Skills of Soccer with Billy Harris – Lunchtime Soccer lessons with former All White, Billy Harris – Text him on 0272799042 for info and prices.
- Playball is excited to be back at St. Francis School in Term 3, 2026!

Playball is a sport and movement programme for children aged 2–9 years. Our goal isn't to create sporting superstars, but to give children the opportunity to develop essential social, educational, and personal skills through fun, active play. From a child's perspective, the most important part of



our programme is FUN! For many children, their Playball lesson is the highlight of their week. Children are coached in a wide range of sports skills, and our qualified coaches follow a structured curriculum to ensure every child receives the best possible coaching.

When: Every Wednesday during Term 3, Time: 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm. Coaches will meet the children in the school hall, they will have time to eat their lunch before the session begins. Term 3 Fees: \$110 for the 8-week term (incl. GST). To enrol your child, sign up online at:

<https://www.playballkids.com/franchise/aucklandcbd>, Select "St. Francis School" under the Classes section. Be quick – places are limited! If you have any questions, please contact Tania on 021 0289 5901 or email tania@playball.co.nz. Starts in Week 3.

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.

Coming up:

Wednesday 22 July – ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy lessons begin
Thursday 23 July – Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 29 July – St Mary's College band performance
Thursday 30 July – Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 6 August – InnerCity Rugby comp, Year 4 Swimming
Friday 7 August – St Mary MacKillop liturgy
Thursday 13 August – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 August – The Feast of the Assumption liturgy
Tuesday 18 August – Auckland Proclaiming the Word comp – Good luck Dominic!
Thursday 20 August – InnerCity Speech finals, Year 4 Swimming
Friday 21 August – Foodie Friday
Sunday 23 August – Confirmation Mass
Tuesday 25 August – 6.30pm BOT meeting
Thursday 27 August – InnerCity Netball comp, Art Exhibition in the hall, Year 4 Swimming
Friday 28 August – Grandparents Day
Thursday 3 September – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 4 September – Year 5 and 6 Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 7 September – Year 1 and 2 Stepping Out Week, with NZ Police
Thursday 10 September – InnerCity Football comp, Year 4 Swimming
Monday 14 September – Cultural Week
Thursday 17 September – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 18 September – Cultural Day & Picnic
Thursday 24 September – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 25 September – Foodie Friday, Last day of Term 3, Enviro Mass

Lisa Bateman (Principal) & Olivia Neary (Deputy Principal) – lisab@stfrancis.school.nz &
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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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