



St Francis Catholic School

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Francis Fridays – Our St Francis or, as it's more popularly known, 'Francis Friday' celebrations have continued in full swing this week, bringing even more excitement and fun to our Friday routine! Here's what's been happening over the past week...

St Francis Videos by Levi and Raystan (Room 2) – Miss Kang showed videos about St Francis at morning tea in the library on Friday. It was for St Francis Friday, to celebrate his 800th year anniversary.

Dance Off by Devon in Room 2– Last Friday, at morning tea, the seniors had a dance off on the bottom court. It was crazy, everyone was jumping up and down and screaming around. It was so spectacular. We did the Dance Off because when St Francis was a young man, he liked to dance at parties with his friends, before he followed God's calling.

The children appreciated Miss Neary and Miss Albrecht's nod to St. Francis's love of the environment – 'Big Bad Wolf' and 'Sunflower' were crowd favourites – From Miss Neary and Miss Albrecht.

Blessing of the pet (toys) by Ashley Room 6 –

On the 11th of August we had a special occasion take place. Anyone could bring any stuffed animal and the animals would be blessed by Father John. But sadly he was sick, so Mrs Jones



took his place instead. She took a holy cup of water and told everyone to hold up their pets to be blessed. This was a special occasion and we can now call our pets blessed.



Parish News – **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.

Senior Fun Friday is on this Friday!

Final reminder for Senior Fun Friday takes place this Friday during school hours (students only)! This fun event supports our Year 6 Vector Wero trip and Year 5 Wave Pool experience as part of our financial literacy programme.

On the Day – What to Send with Your Child:

- **Coins:** Please start saving up your spare change! We ask that children bring gold coins (\$1 and \$2) or silver coins rather than large notes, as this makes it much easier for our stalls to give out change.
- **Shopping Bag:** Send a reusable bag so they can carry home any crafts or prizes.
- **Food Container:** Leave space in their lunchbox or send a small empty container for treats.
(Note: Students still need to bring their regular lunch on the day!)



Stalls & Raffles on the Day: Students will have the chance to visit a variety of stalls. Full pricing details are provided below:

	Room 2	Room 6	Room 8
Food - Sweet	Every class - bake sale - \$2 & \$4		
Food - Savoury	Sausage Rolls \$2	Popcorn \$2	Pizza \$2
Drinks	Soft drinks and juice \$2		
Games	Corn Hole \$2	Treat Pong \$2	Golf Game \$2
Arts and crafts	Glove Monsters \$1 or \$2 Ooshies \$2	Genius Hour \$1 or \$2 Ooshies \$2	Stress Balls \$1 or \$2 Ooshies \$2
Raffles purchased every morning and afternoon during Week 5 and Week 6 (Monday, 17th August – Friday, 28th August).	Snack pack \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 ticket	Chocolate/Sweets \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 ticket	Stationery \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 ticket

St Francis Speech Winner – Mia Uhila Room 6 – I could feel my heart thumping out of my chest, sweat trickling down my forehead and my hands sweating like crazy. Suddenly, I hear my name get called out... I slowly rise from my seat and stand a few inches away from the audience. My Mihi is done, here comes the hardest part. Before I notice, I sing! My cheeks are burning hot with nervous energy. Floods of thoughts come running through my mind, *will they like it? What if they laugh? What if...* Before I know it, that's the fifth card done! Last card, yet my heart is going around like a rollercoaster that's not supposed to be ridden. Last sentence... finished! Before an eye can blink, a round of applause! I can't keep this smile off my face. I'm proud that I won, and happy that I can share my speech with new people.



REMINDER – Cultural Week Workshops & Cultural Picnic – Sign Up in Week 4 before and after school!

We are getting ready for our upcoming Cultural Week, in week 9, and would love for our wonderful school community to get involved! We are currently looking for volunteers to support in two ways:

1. Host/Lead a Cultural Workshop: Share a piece of your heritage! This can represent any culture and could involve reading a book, singing, dancing, showing taonga, crafting, drawing, or making something special with our students.
Note: If we have enough volunteers, workshops will take place during school time; otherwise, they will run at lunchtime.
2. Bring a Plate: Contribute a dish from your culture for our upcoming Cultural Picnic!

How to Sign Up: Miss Neary will be outside with a sign-up table every morning before school and after afternoon pick-up during Week 4. Please pop by to say hello and let her know how you'd like to be involved. Thank you for helping us make this a rich and vibrant celebration for our children!

Whānau & Fono breakfast – We warmly invite our Māori and Pasifika families to join us in the school staff room for a special Whānau & Fono breakfast on Wednesday 19th August at 7.45 am in the staffroom for the adults and in the library for the children! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather, catch up, and connect with other families in our school community while enjoying delicious breakfast baked goods, tea and coffee for adults, and Milo for the children. Come along, share a warm drink, and enjoy the morning with us—nau mai, haere mai, we look forward to seeing you there!

St Francis Wins Brightest School by Eddie Donald (Room 8) – On Monday morning, about sixty students from St Francis arrived with great excitement, ready to take on the tough-guy gal courses. We all wore our PE gear and our shoes taped on tight with bright accessories, hoping to win the prize for the brightest school. As soon as I heard the buzzer go off, I was filled with too much excitement. The first part of the course was about 1 km of just running with no obstacles and once you come around the corner, that's where the fun starts. You start off with little jumps over barriers, then you climb over a huge fence. Once you're down off the fence you come to your first mud pond. The mud pond was so deep that it was over my waist and that was definitely my favourite bit. Then you keep running and go through a chain of three more mud ponds. It then gets easier, and you are just crawling under big heavy nets and pipes and then you have come into the finishing shoot. As the sprint to the finish starts, you feel all dried up and the mud feels very heavy, stuck all over you and your clothes. That is what a mud run should be. We then celebrated a great fun day with St Francis winning the brightest school award. It was a great fun day.



St Francis - COLOUR FUN RUN 2026

A COLOURFUL OBSTACLE FUN RUN FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026

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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

Garden to Table From Leona and Willa (Room 2)

On Thursday, Willa and I were in the kitchen for Garden to Table. At the beginning, we went over the rules for Garden to Table and talked about the foods we were going to make and eat: vegetarian nachos and lemon drizzle cake. Willa and I chopped lots of vegetables from the garden. Leona and I had to use cocoa powder to make the nachos brown and a little more flavourful. We used 2 types of beans: lentil beans and kidney beans. After all of the hard work we put in, we were finally done. We all enjoyed the delicious vegetarian nachos with cheese and sour cream. In the other group, they made a delicious lemon syrup loaf using simple ingredients and they also used the rind of a lemon by grating the skin. They made the golden-looking syrup, which was so sweet and mouthwatering and looked even better when glazed on top of the lemon loaf.

We all cleaned up and restarted the process for the next class to do Garden to Table, so the next group could see all the ingredients and read the recipe. Willa and I loved making vegetarian nachos and eating the yummy, sweet lemon syrup loaf. We are so lucky to be able to find the recipes on Google Classroom and make them at home.



Innercity Rugby Competition by Lochlan Miskimmons Room 6 –

Tweet, the whistle blows, Levi kicks the ball. We all run up to the ball, and make some good tackles, passes, kicks and tries. We win 7-1 at Richmond Road, now it's time for lunch. "Come in", Mr Wright calls a team talk for our next game. Bayfield is hard, but we are better and we win 4-3. We have a short break.

"Come quickly", Mr Wright shouts. This game is going to be hard.

We go out there, we try our best, but we still lose 5-1 to Ponsonby. Last game, try your best. ST FRANCIS ON... ONE TWO THREE ST FRANCIS! We start off well. One try up, but in the end we lost 4-2. The day is over; we did our best. Now it's time to go home. UP THE WAHS!



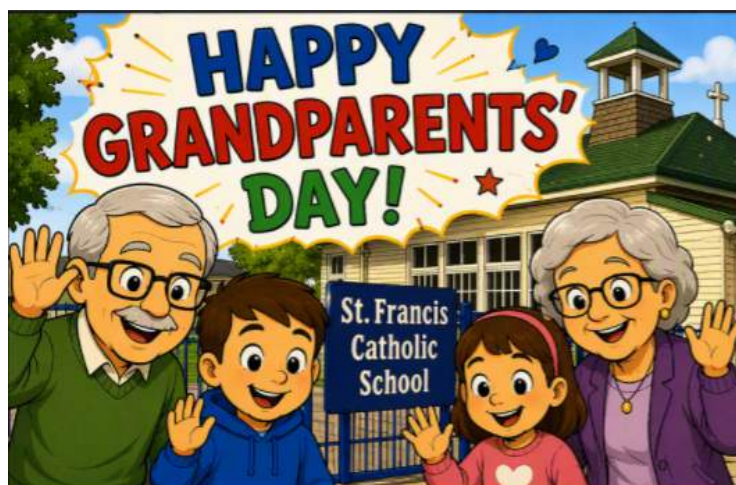


Scholastic Book Club Reminder - Don't forget to place your orders through the Scholastic Book Club! The latest brochure should have come home with your child in Week 1. Every book purchased helps our school as we receive 15% of all sales! These rewards are then used to purchase new books for our school library, giving our students access to an even wider range of exciting and engaging reading materials. Every book bought helps put more books on our library shelves!

Grandparents Day – Friday 28 August

- 9.15am – Mass in the Church – Year 4 – 6 students, grandparents (and any younger students who want to accompany their grandparents to Mass)
- 10.15am(ish) – 11.30am: Morning tea in the hall, art exhibition etc
- 11.30am – 12.30pm: Classroom Visits

Homebaking for Grandparents morning tea: Last year we had about 30 families contribute lovely home baking for the morning tea, which was the perfect amount. If you want to contribute home baking this year, or volunteer to help with set up, making cups of teas etc, please email the school office – office@stfrancis.school.nz or Angela Franich (parent coordinator) – angelajshand@gmail.com or 021857446.



St. Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – last Thursday of the month The next stupendous darts session is on Thursday, 27 August, 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.

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.

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:

Thursday 13 August – Year 4 Swimming
 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) –
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CLASS OF 2026

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

 **FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026**

 Mass | 5.00–6.00pm
Dinner in the school hall | 6.00–8.00pm

WHAT WE'LL NEED FROM YEAR 6 FAMILIES

- 1 YEARBOOK & SLIDESHOW**
Complete a short Microsoft Form with your child and provide two photos by 27 August. Link to follow.
- 2 FUNDRAISING**
Help us raise funds for the dinner and a graduating-class gift to the school. Our main fundraiser is a bake sale on 8 September, with baking supplied by Year 6 families.
- 3 LEAVERS' T-SHIRTS**
Order and pay through Kindo later this term. T-shirts will be presented with the yearbooks at dinner and can be worn—and signed—during the final week of school.
- 4 BRING A PLATE**
Please bring a side dish or dessert on the night. A Meal Train link will be sent so families can advise what they will bring.

More information and links will follow.



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Children safety - Onsite care with qualified staff
Venue - School hall is comforting venue for the children
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Fun - Interactive and stimulating activities, including afternoon tea and homework assistance

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