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Proclaiming the Word Innercity Final (Luca Tilley and Miles Padget Room 6 & 8) – On

Tuesday 18th August, St Francis Church held the Proclaiming of the Word grand final. All the finalists from the catholic schools across Auckland. Dominic Franich was representing St Francis. The reading was about a poor widow and each student read the same piece from the bible. Even though we heard the same story read each time, the readers all sounded different and they all did a really good job. The Competition was tight and the atmosphere was tense as the winner was announced. In the end, the winner was a student called Knight. We were all really proud of Dominic for participating even though he wasn't feeling 100%. We really enjoyed the experience and look forward to participating next year.



Parish News – Children’s Liturgy – We are seeking some more Helpers to run the Sunday Children’s Liturgy sessions in the School whanau room. It’s a brief breakout session (around 20 mins during the Sunday 9am Mass) where the leader reads the Children’s version of the gospel, discusses it and gets the kids to do some fun colouring-in. All materials and the process is provided. Please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403 for more info. It’s a great Service hour generator for high-schoolers and you’ll only need to do it once or twice a term.



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.

Free to a good home – Father John is clearing out some excess items – these items are free for collection from the Presbytery garage:

– lazy boy type chair

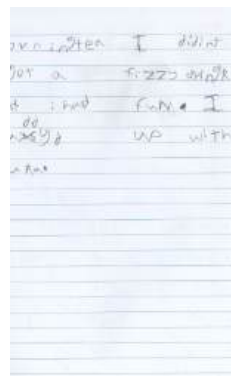
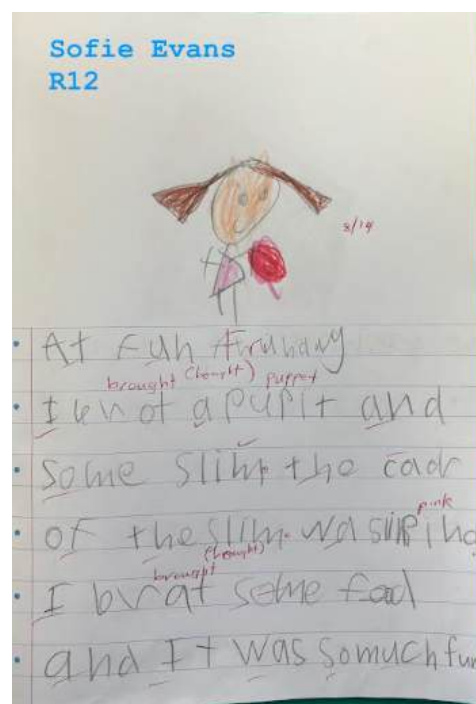
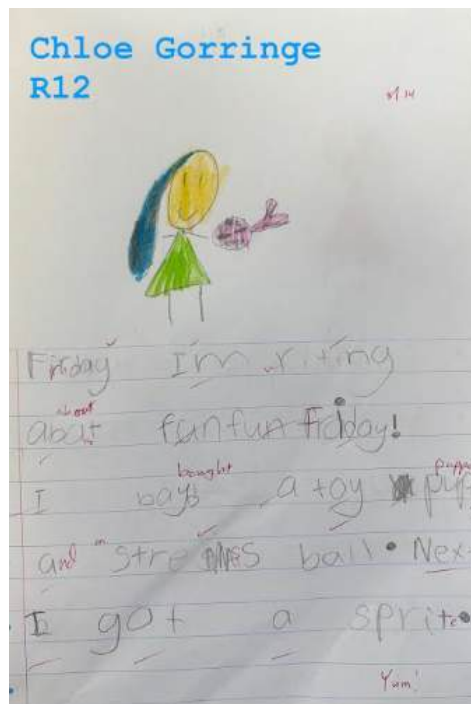
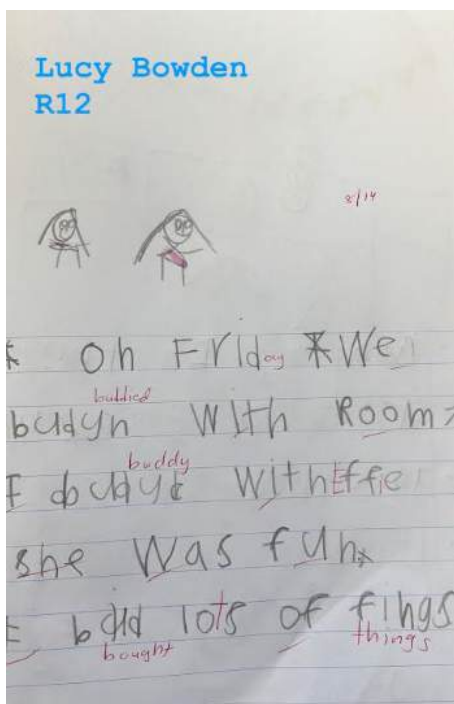
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Buy a Brick – What a fantastic Gift idea for a loved one(s) – a Personalised Church brick to be permanently remembered. We are very grateful for the recent bricks donated. Our “Buy a Brick” campaign continues in order to replenish the Parish’s building 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.



Thank You: Senior Fun Friday Success! A massive thank you to our amazing school community for your incredible support of Senior Fun Friday! It was an exciting day for all, with Bruno in Room 11 sharing, “I spent my money wisely.”. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an astounding \$3,075.00, which completely covers the Vector Wero water park portion of the Year 6 camp trip, as well as the Year 5 Wave Pool entry, including hydroslide, and bus transport for the event. Here is what Room 9 and 12 had to say about the day...



Raffle Tickets Still On Sale! – We are continuing to sell raffle tickets both before and after school outside the Garden to Table room with sales wrapping up on Grandparents Day!

- **Prizes:** Snack Pack, Chocolate/Sweets Pack, Stationery Pack and Doll House
- **Pricing:** \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets

Thank you again for making this financial literacy event such a huge success for our students!

School Colour Fun Run – Big Thank You to Our Major Sponsor – Goodwins – A huge thank you to Goodwins, our Major Sponsor for the St Francis Colour Fun Run on **Friday, 20 November!**

Goodwins is an independent, family-owned real estate and property management agency with strong ties to St Francis—including current students Jacob (Room 11), Leila (Room 1), and ex-pupil Jax (now at St Paul's).

We are incredibly grateful for their support. If you're looking for expert residential sales or property management services, please support the business that supports our school.

Visit goodwins.co.nz to see how they can help your family.

Colour Fun Run – Parent Helpers

We are looking for helpers who are keen to be involved in helping at the 2026 St Francis Goodwins School Colour Fun Run. If you would like to be a part of this great day, please complete the link below. There is the opportunity to be involved with setup / during the event & with cleanup, or all of the above! This event is not possible without the support and involvement of our amazing parents, so we thank you in advance for your time in helping make this event a huge success. Any questions please contact Annalies at annalies.donald@meshconsulting.co.nz

Link for parent helper signup – <https://forms.gle/UtoLzCzEksowofwG8>

Whānau & Fono breakfast – Kia ora & Talofa Whānau! A huge thank you to all our Māori and Pasifika families who joined us for our Whānau & Fono breakfast. It was wonderful to catch up and share a morning together!

Save the date: Our next breakfast will be on Wednesday 11th November at 7:45am in the staffroom (and every Week 5 after that). All welcome—ngā mihi nui!





FOODIE FRIDAY

Orders close tonight -
Wednesday 8pm.



ALL ORDERS TO
GO THROUGH KINDO.

Thank you for supporting this
school fundraising initiative

Room 3 Class Prize and Party! (Jack Evans and Mila

Vuksich-Beattie Room 3) - Yesterday, it was a special day for someone. It was Amelia's birthday! In the afternoon, we got our dojo point class prize and Amelia's birthday at the same time, so we got to watch Peppa Pig as a whole class. It was awesome. We ate popcorn, got lollies and Amelia was dressed up in a pink tutu and pink crown for the occasion. The class was decorated in all things Peppa Pig and it was the best afternoon ever!



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

Quiche and Apple Cinnamon Muffins (Riley and Emily Room 2) - On Thursday 11th August we made apple and cinnamon muffins and quiche. The gardeners would usually be with Mr Wilkie in the garden but because Mr Wilkie wasn't there they made glove puppets for fun friday, but enough about the gardeners! The chefs in the kitchen did a spectacular job creating a crustless quiche and delicious apple and cinnamon muffins which we also sold on fun friday.

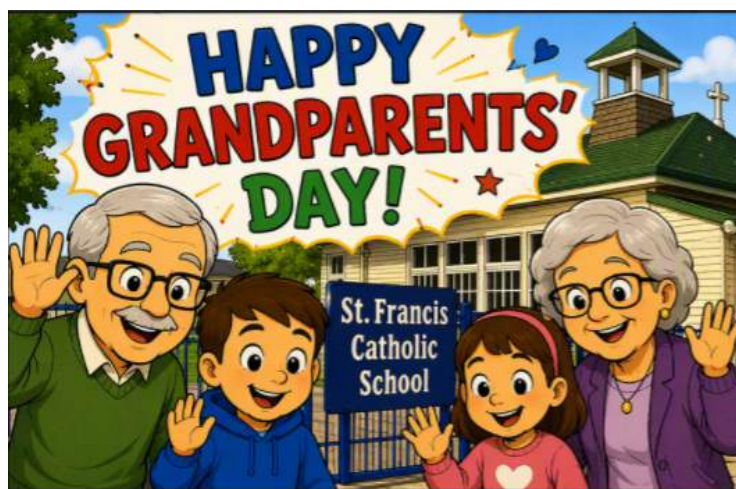


Scholastic Book Club Reminder - Don't forget to place your orders through the Scholastic Book Club! The latest brochure should have come home with your child in Week 1. Every book purchased helps our school as we receive 15% of all sales! These rewards are then used to purchase new books for our school 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 –

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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 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 & olivian@stfrancis.school.nz



St Francis Catholic School *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 Kido 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; no families can advise what they will bring.

More information and links will follow.



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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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