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St Francis Fridays – St Francis Fridays Update: **Brother Phillip Visits Junior**

and Middle School –We have been very blessed to welcome Brother Phillip, a Franciscan Friar, to our school recently. He spoke to all of our students about his work and shared valuable insights with teachers at a staff meeting. During his final visit this week, he spent time in our Junior and Middle school classrooms. Here is what Room 10 had to say about their time with Brother Phillip:

Charlie Dixon – *I liked learning that he wears the same clothes as St Francis because it's his culture and his uniform, and it's what makes him like him.*

Edie Burns – *I liked learning about where Assisi is and what it looks like.*

Cooper Sefuiva – *I liked it when he told us why he went to Assisi, why he wore his clothes, and where he lives. We also learnt that St Francis was in a war!*



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.

At St Francis we love when our grandparents visit...



A huge thank you to the parent helpers who baked delicious home baking for the grandparents morning tea, and a special thank you to the parents who volunteered to set up, serve, and clean up after the morning tea – Annalies, Claire, Hollie, Sylvia, Kate, Stuart, Mareesa, alongside their fearless leader, Ange.



Congratulations – We are so proud to celebrate Auri (Room 8) for passing her ABRSM Grade 1 Piano Performance exam with Merit in her recent 2026 assessment! Auri earned an outstanding score of 126/150, placing her just four points shy of Distinction rank. This is a brilliant reflection of her dedication, hard work, and musical talent, and we congratulate her on this wonderful accomplishment! Here is a video of her performance:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ua0TkLAOQ6i8Er4k5wUs95j3IYTTw9Ci?usp=sharing>

Champions – With the sun shining last Thursday, our three intercity Year 5 & 6 netball teams took to the courts at North Harbour for a fun filled day of netball. It was a hugely successful day for all three teams:

- St Francis Kikorangi claimed first place in Grade A with 8 wins and 1 loss.
- St Francis Ma secured second place in Grade B with 9 wins and 1 loss
- St Francis Assisi topped Grade C with an undefeated record of 8 wins.



An outstanding performance from all teams, proving we're a force to be reckoned with on the courts! A Huge thank you to our coaches, managers and parents for all your help leading up to the tournament and on the day, many hands make light work 🙏

Congratulations to Miss Kang, Room 5 classroom teacher, and her partner Donald, who got engaged in the weekend. He surprised her with a trip to the snow and proposed on the top of a mountain. How romantic!!



Cultural Language Week sign up slip – you have until Friday to return these. See Miss Neary if you need a form.

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.

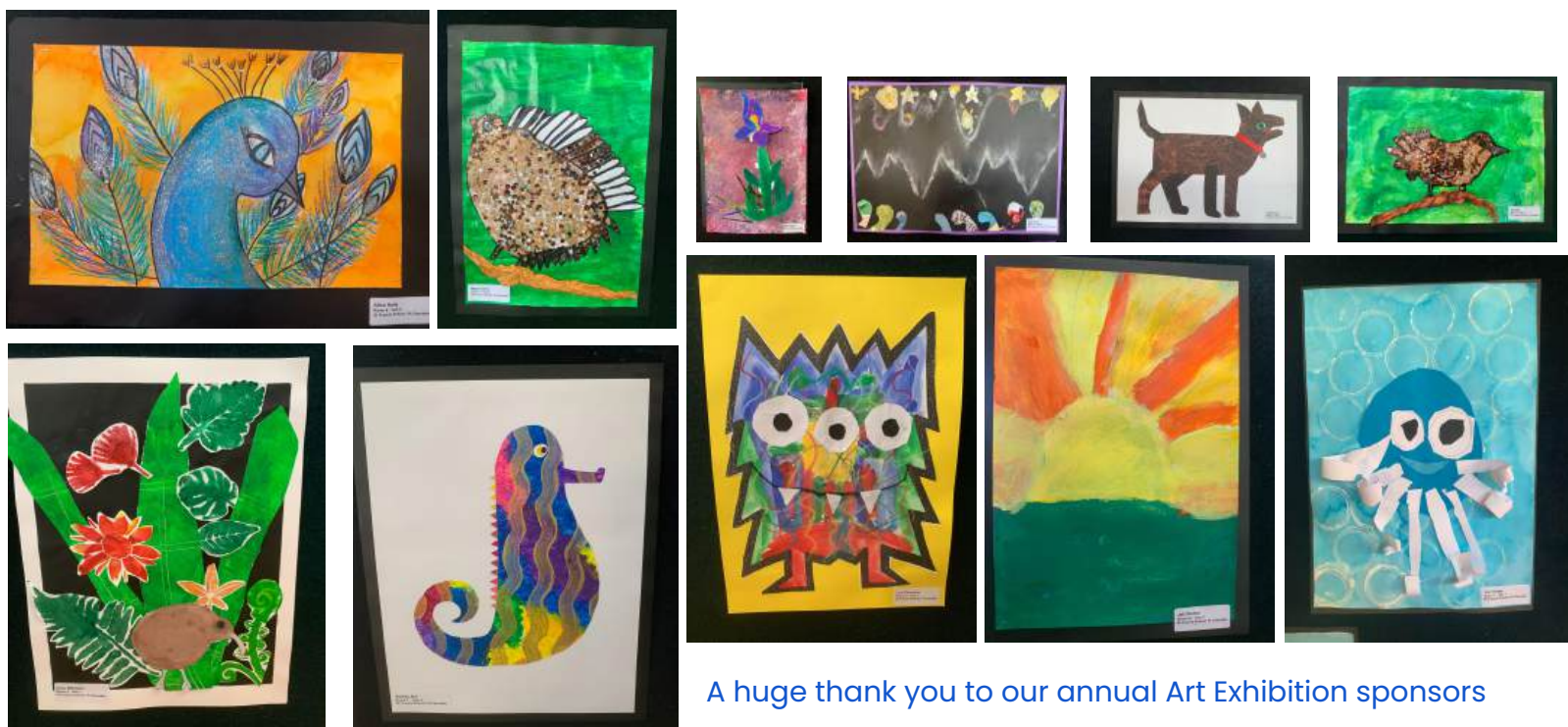


Colour Fun Run – Parent Helpers We are looking for helpers who are keen to be involved in helping at the 2026 St Francis Goodwins School Colour Fun Run. If you would like to be a part of this great day, please complete the link below. There is the opportunity to be involved with setup / during the event & 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>

2026 Art Exhibition Winners-

- Room 1 – Summer and Sophie
- Room 2 – Clara and Molly
- Room 3 – Emily and Baz
- Room 4 – Mia and Harriet
- Room 5 – Georgia Rose and Darcy
- Room 6 – Ashley and Zoe
- Room 7 – Harley and Lily
- Room 8 – Veida and Leonardo
- Room 9 – Ivy and Zoe
- Room 10 – Lucie and Emmy
- Room 11 – Khayalarni and Bruno
- Room 12 – Ivy and Sophie





A huge thank you to our annual Art Exhibition sponsors Hills Flooring and Bayleys Real Estate, who provide the

boards the art is displayed on, a \$25 book voucher for each winner and a large donation to our school art budget. Hills Flooring has been sponsoring our Inner City cluster for 30 years and George and Lynda (owners of Hills Flooring) attend our art exhibition every year!!!!



2nd hand uniform – our stock in the school office is running very low (used when a child has an “accident”!). Please bring in any shirts and pants if you have spare. Thank you.

Mufti Day for a gold coin donation and bake sale next Tuesday

Message from the Y6 Grad committee – On Tuesday 8 September we are having a fun school day! A **mufti day** and another **bake sale**! This is to support the year 6 graduation event and to provide a gift to the school.

- **YEAR 6 FAMILIES ONLY** – please can you bake something and bring it to school on the morning of 8 September. No cakes but slices, muffins, cupcakes and cookies are very welcome to fill lunchboxes.

- **For the whole school**, come to school in your favourite clothes and give a cold coin donation. We know it's coming into a busy season so a big THANK YOU in advance for supporting this! From the Graduation Committee

Mid Year Progress and Achievement Data (Year 2 – 6) update:

- **Reading – 86% of our children are already at or above the expected curriculum level for the end of the year**
- **Writing – 68% of our children are already at or above the expected curriculum level for the end of the year**
- **Maths – 85% of our children are already at or above the expected curriculum level for the end of the year**

Te Kahu Tōpuni Kapa Haka Festival – Mark Your Calendars!

Our Year 3 and up Kapa Haka performance group has been practising hard every Friday, and they are ready to take the stage! We need our school community there in full force to cheer them on. You can buy tickets online at Ticketmaster [here](#) for \$10.

- **When:** Thursday, 17th September at 9:00 AM
- **Who:** Our Year 3+ Kapa Haka Performance Group
- **What:** A non-competitive Auckland primary school festival celebrating culture, local history, and tamariki through *waiata*, *haka*, *poi*, and *mōteatea*.



This event is part of the three-day Poumatua Festival celebrating the origins of Tāmaki Makaurau. It's going to be a vibrant, heart-filled morning. Come along, bring your whānau, and make some noise for our incredible performers!

St Francis Dads' Support Group aka Darts Night – It was a huge night of woeful darts, but good banter. Phenomenal Bruce came up trumps taking out both the coveted darts trophy as well as the money round.

The next stupendous darts session is on this Thursday, 24 September, 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.



Back by popular demand, the St. Francis Dads will have a **special support session, aka pub crawl, on Friday 20 November** – for all new, existing and past St. Francis Dads – everyone is invited. The fun and shenanigans will commence at the Pt. Chev. Bowling Club from 5pm, where it will be onwards and upwards to Ambler, Nomads, Cupid Bar and of course Wapiti. To find out where we are on the night and for any queries, please contact Stuart on 027 818 2403.

Extra Curricular Activities -



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26/27 SEASON REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

- Walker Park, Pt Chevalier
- Tuesday nights
13th Oct 2026 - 30th Mar 2027
- Juniors (3-6 yrs) 5.15 - 6.15pm
Seniors (7-14 yrs) 5.45 - 7pm

Spaces are limited. If your age group is unavailable, please email ptchevathletics@outlook.com to join the waitlist.

Visit our website for more info and to register:
www.ptchevathletics.co.nz



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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

- YEARBOOK & SLIDESHOW**
Complete a short Microsoft Form with your child and provide two photos by 27 August. Link to follow.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 3 September – Pt Chev library art project
Friday 4 September – Year 5 and 6 Father's Day Breakfast, Welcome Assembly
Monday 7 September – Year 1 and 2 Stepping Out Week, with NZ Police
Tuesday 8 September – Mufti Day / Bake Sale, raising funds for the Y6 Grad celebrations
Thursday 10 September – InnerCity Football comp, Year 4 Swimming, Catholic Cross Country
Monday 14 September – Cultural Week
Thursday 17 September – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 18 September – Cultural Day & Picnic, St Francis Fridays quiz
Monday 21 September – Extra Year 4 Swimming lesson
Thursday 24 September – Year 4 Swimming
Friday 25 September – Foodie Friday, Assembly, Last day of Term 3, Enviro Mass @ 9.15am

Coming Up next term:

Monday 12 October – First day of Term 4
Wednesday 14 October – Friday 16 October – Year 6 Camp, Year 5 EOTC week
Thursday 22 October – Inner City Basketball Comp
Friday 23 October – **Teacher Only Day – School Closed**
Monday 26 October – **Labour Day – School Closed**
Tuesday 27 October – Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm
Friday 30 October – Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 5 November – Inner City Hockey Day
Friday 6 November – Foodie Friday, Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 13 November – Sunday 15 November – Bishop Steve visiting the school/parish
Friday 20 November – Colour Run
Tuesday 24 November – Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 26 November – Inner City Athletic Comp
Friday 27 November – Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 4 December – Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner
Friday 11 December – Foodie Friday
Tuesday 15 December – End of year Mass / Prizegiving TBC
Wednesday 16 December – **Last day of Term 4 – School finishes at 1.00pm**



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