



# ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

## TE KURA O HATO WERAHIKO TE HERA

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### Mary-Angela's Message

Kia ora koutou,

This morning our Kapahaka group welcomed a group of principals. We were supported by Matua Ron Taukamo once again, and Ron stayed to meet with the principals. We are blessed to have your support, Ron.

Work has begun on improving the drainage and the middle toilets - we will be in this construction phase for the rest of this term, and maybe more time. Thank you for your patience with this.

#### SUNDAY'S MASS FOR CHILDREN

Thank you for joining us at Mass to celebrate children on Sunday - it was lovely to join in the celebration with your parish (my own parish is Otari Parish). This year we have 30 children making their first communion at SFDS Church. This takes place later in the year and helps us with our goal to strengthen ties with our parish family.

#### GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES: 14/15 MARCH

As communicated on Monday, our Term One learning conferences, which focus on setting goals for learning, take place next **Tuesday 14th (1.30 - 7.30pm) and Wednesday 15th (8.00am - 8.30am)**.

Please make your booking/s here <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/k2un6>

In order to fit in opportunities for all families, we are starting a little earlier than usual, at 1.30pm. **We ask that (if you are able to), you collect your child/ren at 1.00pm on Tuesday.** Please note - there is no problem if you are not able to do this, as we will have supervision for all children remaining until 3.00pm also.

#### POTENTIAL TEACHER STRIKE

I want to give you a heads-up that there will possibly be a teacher strike next **Thursday**. Teachers and principals around the country are currently voting on potential strike action. If the vote is to strike, then we will need to accommodate this at SFDS. I have no further details at this stage, but will let you know as soon as I am able to. It is likely that you will hear about this in the media also.

#### STAFFING UPDATE

I'm pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new teacher to join our team once Megan has left at the end of the term. Jenna Laney joins us from a school in central Bristol, in the UK. Jenna is excited to join our school to broaden her teaching experience and continue to develop her skills in diverse classroom contexts. We will be arranging opportunities for Megan to do a thorough hand-over to Jenna over the coming weeks.

For the rest of this term we have a trainee teacher with us - Aaron Kling. Aaron is gaining teaching experience in our Year 5&6 team in Pohutukawa (10), with Megan. We look forward to supporting Aaron in his learning journey.

**Mary-Angela Tombs – Principal**

# DRS Message

## BUDDY MASSES

Every week at 9:10am on Fridays two classes from the school join the parish in their weekday mass. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend so check out the roster below to see the dates of your child's class mass.

Date	Classes
17/2	Rm 6 + 12
24/2	Rm 2 + 13
3/3	Rm 3 + 14
10/3	Rm 7 + 10
17/3	Rm 6 + 11
24/3	Rm 3 + 9
31/3	Rm 2 + 8

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

To those who have enrolled their child(ren) in the sacramental programme here are some dates to note:

**Wednesday 8 March (TONIGHT):** Parent meeting at St Anne's Church - 7 pm.

**Sunday 12 March:** First Children's Session at St Francis de Sales Church - 10:30 am (During Mass)

Please let myself or Fran know if you still want to enroll your child and we can have a chat with the parish on your behalf!



## SOUL UPDATES

Our SOUL captains have been working hard to organize our school fundraising schedule. We will have some coming up this term so keep your eyes peeled!

## CHILDREN'S MASS

We had a wonderful mass on Sunday for children's day! Thank you and ka pai to all those who came along and also to those who took part in the Prayers of the Faithful and singing.

*Ma te Atua koe, e manakitiama matou.  
May God bless you.*

**Madeline Smith —DRS**



# Congratulations...

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who received a certificate at school hui on Friday for showing the value of **Atawhai - Kindness**:

*Lily Me, Kit SG, Evalina C, Mary K, Tabitha G, Florence W, Elijah Sa, Honor TK, Dallas Th, Lorenzo P, Lucan S, Zane H and Nadal T.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sienna house who had the most values cards and to Charlotte BC who won the Empire Cinema voucher from the values card draw.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Avila house who won the house cup this week for the most points earned at the sports day. They also won the house chanting competition. Go Avila!

Check out the photos of 'best dressed'

**Avila** - Matteo G, Oli J, Lorenzo P  
**Aubert** - Cody DT, Giovanna B, Pippa R  
**Barbier** - Thalia C, Fletcher K, Jacob P  
**Sienna** - Jacob F, Sid L, Zoe JM

# Value Certificate Winners



# House and Values winners!





## School Notices

### ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child is sick or unable to attend school for all or part of the day, please phone the school office by 9.00am or send a message through the HERO app (or the school app while it is still operating) so that their absence can be accounted for. This is most important to alleviate any concerns about their whereabouts. If no communication has been received from parents, then the school will contact you by text/phone call.

Children who are late (arriving after the 9am bell) need to sign in on our Vistab system in the school foyer, in case they have been marked absent by the teacher who takes the roll first thing in the morning.

If an absence is planned for a special reason and will be longer than 2 days, an email to the office or a message through the Hero app in advance is required (we will notify the teacher).

### SCHOOL DONATIONS AND CHARGES

Thank you to all the families that have paid or are making payments towards their school donations. These have been added to your Kindo account and can now be paid in full or by part payment.

Donations to the school are voluntary and tax deductible. If payment is received prior to 1 April 2023, you can claim your 2023 donations rebate from IRD this year. Receipts are generated and emailed through your Kindo account when payment is made. Copies can be requested through your Kindo account if required.

While we acknowledge payment of the donations are voluntary; we rely on these donations to provide facilities for the children.

If you have any queries, or if payment at this time causes difficulty, please speak to Suzanne in the office to arrange payment options

### GARDEN TO TABLE OPPORTUNITY (YEAR 4 TO 6 STUDENTS)

Garden to Table in Wellington is collaborating with **Seeds to Feeds** to mark World Tomato Day by running a passata-making session. This will be held at Newtown School's new hall kitchen on **Wednesday 5 April, 10am-1pm**. As part of learning about preserving and dealing with a glut, students will get involved with making a traditional passata with Island Bay local Frances De Gregorio supporting us, we will make ourselves some pizza lunch and enjoy some other tomato related activities to then share with our school Garden to Table programmes.

Our school is able to send two tamariki to take part. Your child will need to have adult supervision for the session and a ride to Newtown school and back.

Please email [jemma.brown@sfds.school.nz](mailto:jemma.brown@sfds.school.nz) if you are interested in your child attending.

## Sarah Fountain's Message

### TERM 2 AND 3 NETBALL (YEARS 5 - 8)

The registrations are opening tomorrow on Kindo and all information will be sent to families. Please note, you also need to register with MK Netball using the link provided, as well as through Kindo.

### YEAR 7/8 CAMP FITNESS WALK

This is happening this **Friday 10 March**. All year 7/8 students are to wear their PE gear please.

### FUN SPORTS DAY

We had a great morning on Friday playing lots of fun activities in our house groups. There was amazing house spirit and fabulous leadership from our year 7 and 8 students.







## Community Messages

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY  
2023  
WITH ANNETTE MOFFAT'S ANNUAL...

# GARDEN

*Sale*  
**Saturday**  
**MARCH**  
**18**  
**1-5pm**

PLANTS, VEGES, FLOWERS, CUTTINGS, BULBS, SEEDLINGS ETC  
**58 Derwent Street**  
**Island Bay**  
GOLD COIN ENTRY.  
ALL PROCEEDS TO  
WELLINGTON DOWN SYNDROME  
ASSOCIATION  
CONTACT ANNETTE ON  
0272275058  
amoffnz@gmail.com  
CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE DROPPED  
OFF TO THE VENUE BEFOREHAND

### PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT WESTERN SUBURBS RUG- BY CLUB (WILTON) AND SOUTHERN SUBURBS SWIS (BERHAMPORE-NEWTOWN)

Dates: 10th – 21st APR 2023, from 7.00am-6pm dai-  
ly Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Cooking,  
Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Break-  
fast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one  
care and shuttle services available. Daily \$82.04/cub  
per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly:  
\$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week.  
MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible  
families. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra sup-  
port is needed at \$12/hr Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U

Or Register online: [www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz](http://www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz) <<http://www.pridelands.org.nz/>> or Visit our Facebook  
page: [www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare) <<http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare>>

GO IN  
THE  
DRAW  
TO  
WIN!



Order ezlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering.

## GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

SEASON STARTS 28 APRIL



- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Be healthy



Find out more about Marist St Pats junior rugby  
[msprugby.co.nz/juniors](mailto:msprugby.co.nz/juniors) or email [mspjuniorsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:mspjuniorsrugby@gmail.com)

## Wellington University Coastal Ecology Lab

### ANNUAL OPEN DAY

**Saturday 11 March**  
**10am-3pm**



Victoria University of Wellington  
TE HERENGATA WAKA  
NEW ZEALAND

- Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW
- Touch tanks of marine creatures
- Our virtual reality diving experience
- And much more...including a sausage sizzle

Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!

**Seaweek**  
Coastal Ecology Laboratory



## HERO APP

This is an easy way to access our school website, report an absence, find contact emails, access KINDO, see what events are coming up and access alerts. Download it and have a go. Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Hero or

[Click this link for instructions on how to download hero](#)

## Schools Procedures and Policies

We have moved all our policies to school docs which is an online portal where you have instant access to our policy and procedures. See below how to log on etc...

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password.

**User name: sfd** **Password: sfd**

## Kindo Online Shop

**Working together with Kindo, St Francis de Sales School offers you a fantastic way to view and pay for your child's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle!**

**FIRST TIME?** [CLICK HERE](#) to set up an account easily. All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school. [New Users](#)

**ALREADY REGISTERED?** [CLICK HERE](#) to shop or pay school expenses anytime, anywhere. Choose to pay-as-you-go or add funds to your Kindo account in advance, using internet banking, account2account or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).



## Uniform Shop



Orders for Uniform are to be placed via our Kindo shop. Orders are made up every Tuesday and Friday morning and will be sent home once completed with your child. If you require your child to be fitted for a uniform item please email the school office and we will organize this.



## Lunch Box



### School Lunch Orders

We offer three lunch options each week that can be ordered online.

Place your orders via the Kindo Shop on the school website [www.sfds.school.nz](http://www.sfds.school.nz) or [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) by 9am on the day.

Named orders will be dropped off by 12.30pm on the day and can be collected from the school office.

Please ensure you receive a confirmation of your order – it can be quite upsetting if a child thinks they are getting a lunch and it doesn't arrive.

#### Subway – every Wednesday

A selection of mini or 6-inch subs (ham, salami, beef, turkey and vegetarian). Add a water or a cookie.

#### Sushi Lunches - every Thursday

Sushi Lunches provide a sushi delivery service every Thursday - order for your child's sushi via

#### Pita Pit – every Friday

A selection of Pitas (beef, ham, chicken, and veggie), are available plus cookies and water.



## School Calendar



Is available on the school website [www.sfds.school.nz](http://www.sfds.school.nz) via the events tab or on our school app which you can download in the app store on your smart devices



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If you are interested in purchasing any of these wonderful products please check out our new fundraiser via Kindo. [CLICK HERE](#) and you will be redirected to kindo where you can browse through and place your order quickly and easily! With every purchase that is made through the Munch Eco Shop 20% is returned back to the school. You can also access kindo through the new school app.