



Welcome to

ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

TE KURA O HATO WERAHIKO TE HERA



SCHOOL YEAR 2025





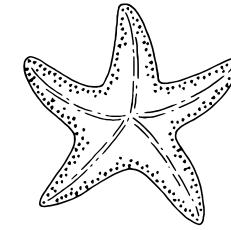
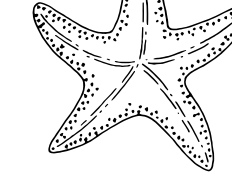
Kia ora!

My name is Sandra and I am your class teacher. You will be starting in Tarawera class (Room 2) and we are all very excited to meet you!

From Sandra

Meet the Tangaroa team

Junior Syndicate



SANDRA

New entrants/Year 1 class
teacher/Team lead



DENISE

Year 1/2 class teacher

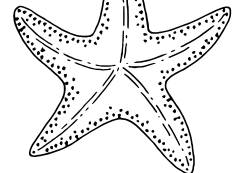


ARIEL

Year 2/3 class teacher



These are the teacher aides that you will see around the school and may work in your classroom



TAMANDA



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ANNETTE



LAUREN



MARIA



Some faces you will meet:

Kia ora, my name is Mrs Tombs and I am the Principal of the school



Kia ora, my name is Suzanne and you will find me in the office.

Kia ora, my name is Fran, you will find me in the office.



Kia ora, I am Mr W! You will find me fixing things around the school and in the Library



Kia ora, my name is Father Doug and I am the priest at St Francis de Sales church



Kia ora, my name is Ms Fountain, I am Deputy Principal and Inclusion Lead



Kia ora, my name is Hennie and you will find me in the Library



A tour of the school:

THE PLAYGROUND

We have 4 play areas: the courtyard, the middle turf and and the top court. We also have a climbing area with a fun slide! You will use these spaces at morning tea and lunch

YOUR CLASSROOM

You will do your learning in the Tarawera class with Miss Laney and your friends

THE CLOAK BAY

You will find your name and hang your bag and coat up at the start of the day



A tour of the school:

THE FIRST AID ROOM

We are lucky to have teachers that hold the Red Cross / St Johns first aid qualifications.

If you do bump your head, we will send your parents/caregivers a text message to let them know.



THE OFFICE

This is where you will find Fran and Suzanne. You will go through the office if you need first aid



THE TOILETS

These are the junior toilets you will be using throughout the day. They are the toilets across the courtyard by the library.



A tour of the school:

THE HALL

We use the hall for Kapa Haka practise and other occasions



THE CHURCH

We go to the church for important services along with our class buddy mass. We often have our whole school hui's (assemblies) in the church too.



THE LIBRARY

We go to the library once a week to explore different books. This is where you will see Hennie and Mr W to help you in the library.



What you need to be ready for school:

A water bottle with your name on. Please bring water. You can fill your water bottle up at school.



Wet weather clothes and gum boots for exploring the beach! These will be needed for Terms 2 and 3.



You will need to order a school stationary pack. Visit the school office to make an order or to get a copy of the stationery list.



School uniform:

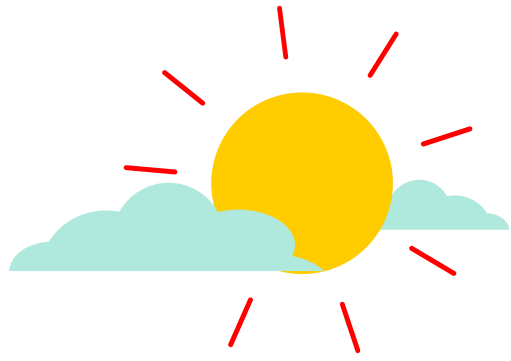
Please order from the school Kindo/uniform shop.

Uniform list is attached to back of pack.

(Please add your name to all your items so they do not go missing!)



During the day:



School starts at **8.55am**
Classrooms are open with a teacher
from **8.30am**



There will be chances for children to
have food breaks, lunch and
movement breaks throughout the
day.



School finishes at
3.00pm

Throughout the week:

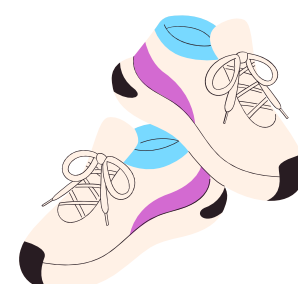
During the school week, the tamariki will enjoy visiting the school library, where they can choose and issue a couple of books each week to take home. The juniors will also have the opportunity to visit the Island Bay Library for storytime and to explore a wide selection of books from their local library. These experiences help foster a love of reading and spark the children's imagination.



In addition, the children will participate in weekly trips to the local Island Bay beach and Paekawakawa Reserve throughout the year. These trips provide a wonderful opportunity for the tamariki to learn about the local environment and explore the world around them.

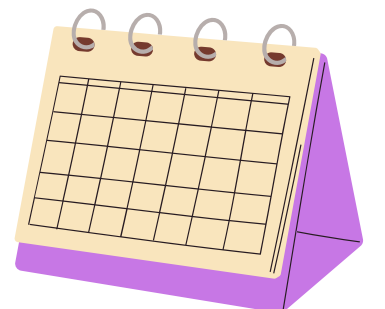


The school week also includes weekly PE and Art lessons, ensuring a balanced and engaging learning experience for all.



Please find a link to the events calendar on our school website for 2025.

www.sfds.school.nz



Important information:



kindo.

School contact details:
(SFDS) Office hours are
8.30am – 3.30pm



You can contact Fran or Suzanne in the school office via email



office@sfds.school.nz



Phone: 04 939 7370



School Website:

www.sfds.school.nz

Please download our school Student Management system app to keep up to date with all our current information!

Download the Hero App on your phone / tablet. Alternatively, open your computer browser and enter **go.linc-ed.com**

Set up your account by using the email address/s SFdS uses to communicate with you.

Choose 'forgot password' and follow the steps to set up your new password.

This will give you access to our school website (and all our staff emails and any alerts that we send out to the community)

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!

Access via the app store, searching "**mykindo**"

School prayer:

Have a practise of the school prayer before you start. We say this prayer during the school day.

SFds School Karakia

This is our school.

Let happiness dwell here.

Let the rooms be filled with contentment.

Let love be here, love of one another, love of all people, love of being alive and love of God.

Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so all of us together make one happy school.

Amen.



School song:

Have a practise of the school song that you will be singing at Mass or school Hui

The Measure of Love

We gather here under your name
We come together to live by your ways
You walk beside us all the time (all the time)
And through our actions we know you light shines

Your light shines

Love of learning, love of life, love of you
The measure of love is to love without measure
St Francis it's you who we treasure
This is our school we sing for you
Honouring you name in all the things we do

Your light shines

Your light shines

Te wairua tapu fills our hearts (our hearts)
To light our journey when the world fills dark

when I make mistakes

I do not feel small because I know you'll guide me guide me through it all

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Your light shines

Your light shines

Your light shines

Your light shines

Your light shines on us

Your light shine through me



School Houses:

When you start school, you will be put into a school house. Here is some information about the houses. The students dress up in their house colours for school events such as athletics/sports days.



“Never turn your back on a challenge”.

Named after Suzanne Aubert, better known to many by her cleric name Sister Mary Joseph or Mother Aubert, was a Catholic sister who started a home for orphans and the under-privileged in Jerusalem, New Zealand on the Whanganui River in 1885.



“Be the change you want to see in the world”

Named after Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, was a Spanish noblewoman who was called to convent life in the Catholic Church.



“Be positive and enthusiastic”.

Named after Adèle Euphrasie Barbier was a New Zealand Roman Catholic nun, teacher and religious founder. She was born in Caen, France, on 4 January 1829. Adèle Euphrasie Barbier was the founder of Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions.



“Always look on the bright side of life”.

Named after Catherine of Siena, a lay member of the Dominican Order, was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and on the Catholic Church. Canonized in 1461, she is also a doctor of the Church.

What you can do before starting school:

Make a journal with your family to show the class.



Exploring nature



Read lots of books with your family and talking through the pictures

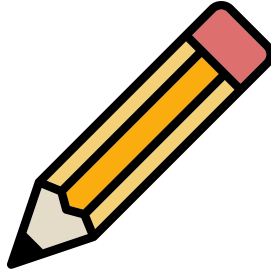


Practise getting dressed by yourself.



All about you:

Can you write your name:



What is your favourite book?



Tell us what you like to learn about?



All about you:

What do you enjoy playing with?



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Do you have any friends at St Francis de Sales?
What are their names?



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All about you:

Write down any questions you want to ask about school for when you visit.



A large, light blue rounded rectangular box intended for writing questions.

All about you:

Can you draw a picture of your favourite thing to do?

