

St Francis of Assisi School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Hi Everyone

What a fantastic day we had yesterday – there was such a buzz about the place. Thanks to all those who were able to come and support us at the official blessing of our lovely new environment. The staff are really enjoying getting to know you all and encourage you to make yourself known should you have the opportunity.



Ash Wednesday Mass Wednesday 10 February 12.00pm

We will be holding a school Mass on Ash Wednesday at 12.00pm in the library – you all are all welcome to join us for this Mass – we would love to see you here.

Official Opening Friday 12 February 1.30pm

Our official opening will be held on 12 February at 1.30pm. You are all most welcome to join us for this as well, you will need to be here and be seated before 1.20pm. Students will need to be in correct formal school uniform for this event.

St Francis Website: www.stfrancischch.school.nz

[St Francis Website](#)

Please continue to check on the website. New photos have been added and we are updating it as often as we can with new links for you.

[St Francis of Assisi School Blog](#)

We have now established a school blog. This is a place where we will journal about all sorts of things e.g. our journey towards collaborative practice; teaching and learning; special events; special character. You can get to the blog off the school website under the Our Learning Tab. We have posted this week about the three teacher only days and our preparation for Day One! There is also an excellent short video of a TED talk by Carol Dweck on "The Power of Yet". We will post more about Growth Mindset in the future but this is just a little taster for you. If you want to be alerted when there is a new post you can subscribe to the blog by entering your email address in the side bar.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for all students in the school have been organised for Weeks 5 and 6 of this term. More information will come home about this soon but lock these dates in the diary!

Swimming Sports

The Swimming Sports for Year 5-8 will be held on Tuesday 23 February at Jelliepark Pool. More information about this event next week.

Road Patrol

Please support our students who are running the road patrol by following the instructions they give you.

1. Students and parents waiting to cross need to be kept well back from the STOP signs to give patrol members a clear view of the road.
2. Patrol members will indicate when it is safe for all pedestrians to cross the road by extending the STOP sign, lowering their barrier arm and calling 'cross now'. It is important that pedestrians wait for this call as patrol members use this to confirm traffic has stopped.
3. When patrol members raise their barrier arm they are closing off the crossing to prevent any latecomers rushing onto the road.

Parking and Drop offs

Please do not park in the church car park when you are dropping off or collecting your children at school. We will be chaining off both entrances for safety reasons and would really like your support with this.

There are drop off areas on Kensington Avenue and Norah St. You will need to be careful that you don't park in the bus stops and over our neighbour's driveways. Please do not park on the yellow lines out the front on Innes Rd – this makes it very difficult for visibility with Road Patrol.

Please be aware that over the next week the school driveway will be having some work completed on it which will cause some extra congestion on Innes Rd. We thank you for your patience when dealing with this.

Fish n' Chip Tea and Parent Teacher Meetings Wednesday 24 February (3.15pm and repeated at 6.15pm)

We are planning on holding Parent /Teacher meetings on Wednesday 24 February. These will be team meetings where you can meet all the teachers in the teams that are working with your children at the same time. They will give you information about the programmes we are running and expectations for the year. We will repeat the meetings at 6.15pm so that those who are unable to come straight after school get the chance to meet the teachers as well. We also thought that it would be a great chance for the community to get together for a fish n' chip tea in the school grounds.

So... bring along your fish 'n' chips from 5pm onwards, go to a class meeting to find out about life at St Francis of Assisi School then... send the family home and stay on for the next meeting to find out about our proposed new Parent/ Teacher Association or Parents and friends Association – information below.

Parent Teacher Association / Parent and Friends Association

We are keen to establish a St Francis of Assisi PTA or PFA as soon as we can and we have a number of ideas for fundraising projects. I have scheduled an information evening for those who may be interested in being part of this group for Wednesday 24 February at 7pm in the staffroom. I will outline what the purpose of this group will be and some ideas about future projects that we need community support for at the meeting. You do not have to make a commitment to join the group just because you are at the meeting – there will be no pressure – it would be great to have a good turn out for this meeting so please consider coming along.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl

School Community Notices

Parents prayer

We would like to invite you on Friday mornings 9am for 15 minutes of prayer with other parents from school. During this prayer we will follow what the children are doing in RE. It will also be an opportunity to meet with other parents and all faith backgrounds are welcome. Pre schoolers welcome. Beginning Friday 12th in the staff room. See you there Clare, Charlotte and Debra

St Francis Netball Club

With our new school comes a new netball club. If your son or daughter is interested in playing netball this season, please advise their interest by emailing tania@aae.net.nz. Please just state your child's name and school year. Club netball is available for children from Year 3 – Year 8 and the child does not need to be a student at St Francis of Assisi School. This is just an initial showing of interest, as more information will come available over the next few weeks. A meeting for the club will be held on Tuesday 16th February, 7pm (school staffroom) where committee positions, parent supporters, team structures and coaching positions will need to be filled. Please also reply to the email address above if you can make the meeting and if you are interested in being part of the committee. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to establishing a strong netball club.

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MARIST ALBION RFC JUNIOR RUGBY 2016 PLAYER REGISTRATION

*The Marist Albion Junior Rugby Club welcomes all new and returning players for the 2016 season.
Teams are available in all grades from Under 6's through to Under 13's.*

MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 5-7 pm

TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 5-7 pm

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2-4 pm

Venue is the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

\$65 one player or \$100 family

\$15 club socks

Cash and Eftpos for payments on the night (sorry no credit)

Registration is not complete until:

- (1) A CRFU 2016 Registration Form is completed and signed by the parent/guardian for each player*
- (2) Players new to the Club provide proof of age in the form of a birth certificate or passport*
- (3) The player has attended the CRFU weigh-in and had their weight recorded by the Union*
- (4) Membership fees are paid in full*

Membership enquiries can be directed to:

James Lynch 021 392 095, Chris Grant 027 338 7168 or Steve Kinder 027 271 6671

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