

# St Francis of Assisi School

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## Events Covered in our Newsletter

*Student Tours*

*Uniform*

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*Liturgical year*

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Kia ora koutou

Things are progressing very well and I am pleased to be able to provide some more updates for you this week.

### Student Tours of the New School Organised

On Friday the 4th December all students from St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima have been invited to come along to St Francis of Assisi school for the morning (10.00am - 12.00pm). The purpose of the morning is for the year groups to get together and meet each other before the end of the year and most importantly for all students to be able to walk through the buildings and get a sense of the new school. Students are invited to wear mufti to school on this day.

Students from St Paul's will arrive by bus and students from OLOF will make their way over to the new netball court outside the new block. Here we will sort the students into year groups. Year 8 students from both schools and the teachers will organise each group. Activities will be organised and each year group will get a chance to walk through the new buildings and around the grounds of the New St Francis of Assisi school at some point during the two hours.

We are really excited to show the students the new learning spaces. This opportunity is just for students. As soon as we have code compliance we will offer a couple of afternoons where parents can come and have a tour of the buildings as well. Thanks so much for your patience.

### Uniform

The new uniform has been decided on - thanks to the Uniform Committee who have spent many hours on this project. Thanks also to all who gave feedback through the uniform survey - the overwhelming response has been that a large majority wanted everyone to look the same on Day one and I know that the uniform committee have worked hard to achieve this.

### Boys and Girls

NEW V- Neck Jersey: Navy blue with 1 Bright Red stripe in neck band

NEW Navy Slouch Hat – Terms 1 and 4

Both these items could later have a monogram .



*Thank You!*

*The EBoT will be subsidising costs for the Jersey by \$30 for each child enrolled at St Pauls or Our Lady of Fatima. Vouchers will be issued sometime next week.*

### **Girl's Summer Regulation Uniform**

'Catholic' Tartan pinafore – NEW style from 2016 to replace existing full pleated style – transition period of 3 years for existing students.

(has 4 front and back pleats only)

White short sleeved blouse (straight hem or shaped fit)

White ankle socks and Black shoes OR Black sandals



### **Interim optional Garment. To further developed.**

Navy culottes worn with white short sleeved blouse



### **Middle & Senior Girls** from year 5 - 8

Can elect to remove the bib (wear as a skirt)



### **Boy's Summer Uniform**

Grey shorts – either full or half elastic waist

Grey short sleeved shirt

Grey ankle socks and Black *lace up* shoes OR Black sandals



### **Sports Uniform**

NEW Red sports top with navy accents v neckline with white rib similar to below

Navy Air-mesh shorts



## Girls Hair Accessories –Navy or Catholic tartan



## Winter Uniform

Girls – Long-sleeved Blouse; Navy tights or knee-high navy socks

Boys – long sleeved grey shirt; Knee-high grey socks with red and navy stripes

Beanie



## To be further decided

- Polar Fleece – Additional garment not school jersey replacement
- Senior Uniform Options
- Winter Uniform – Tie Middle school and senior school only Year 5 – 8
- Polo Shirts colour, style, monogram, summer option
- Culottes summer replacement of the pinafore and colour/fabric change

## **School Organisation for 2016**

Team Leaders are now working on class lists and stationery lists so that we can give these out at the end of the year. Thanks to everyone for filling out the online enrolment, this has been very helpful.

In 2016 we will open with 340 students and our numbers will build to 380 by the end of the year. All classes will be composite classes. If you would like to read about the benefits of composite classes here is the link to an [excellent article](#) and also some frequently asked questions about [composite classes](#).

In 2016 we will have:

- 1 New Entrant class
- 3 x Yr 1/2 classes
- 4 x Yr 3/4 classes
- 4 x Yr 5/6 classes
- 3 x Yr 7/8 classes

The Year 5-8 students will all be in the upstairs learning spaces in the large new block. The smaller new block will house the Year 3/4 classes. In 2016 the Year 1/2 and the New Entrants classes will be in Rooms 8,7,11 and 10. It would be great if we could fit everyone into the newly built innovative learning environment however this organisation of classes ensures that all students will get their turn. It is planned to upgrade the rest of the school into innovative learning spaces over time. Watch this space!

## **Staffing**

We are still working through the appointments for the rest of the staff however I am pleased to be able to announce that Suzanne Newton has been appointed as our new DRS - Director of Religious Studies. This is a new role for Suzanne and I am looking forward to working closely with her and Father Simon and the rest of the staff to enhance and promoting the special Catholic Character of our School.

*More staffing news next week.*

## **Ordinary Time**

In the cycle of the Church's liturgical year, Ordinary Time continues until the end of Spring. Jesus' life, like all of ours, was no doubt ordinary most of the time: sleeping, eating, working, relaxing with friends, etc. In the Incarnation, God redeemed our time: not just the time spent doing Church activities or the time spent doing exciting things, but the ordinary time. Ordinary time begins after the Epiphany and runs until Ash Wednesday. And then it begins again after Pentecost Sunday. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is Christ the King, (this Sunday) the Sunday of recognising Christ's rule over all.

After this Sunday, the Church year begins again with Advent. The Sundays of Ordinary Time focus on various themes about the life of Christ and his Church. The colour the priest wears in ordinary time is green (the most "ordinary" colour in a temperate climate, symbolizing life, nature, and God's creation)

Source:

We Pray As One 2015

[http://www.sermons4kids.com/christ\\_the\\_king\\_sunday.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/christ_the_king_sunday.htm)

May God protect us from all harm. Amen  
May Christ the King smile graciously upon us. Amen  
May the Holy Spirit grant us peace. Amen  
May God Bless us. Amen

Nga mihi nui  
Jo Earl