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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Welcome Back!

We have had a fabulous start to the year - we certainly have come back to school like Pirates - full of passion and and enthusiasm! We have placed the video of the flashmob of Pirates on facebook for those who were unable to be with us.



Yesterday was filled with group activities to help our children and staff get to know each other and we were were thrilled with the way our students were actively involved for the whole day.

More photos can be found on facebook.



Today we started the day together with a Liturgy - we prayed and sang together as a school. We were very impressed with the way your children participated reverently and respectfully.

O God, of new beginnings, we know that this is a year full of promise and possibility.

Enfold us in your love and fill us with your truth.

Lord, we give you our friendships, our learning, our hopes and our troubles.

Come help us to work together in love and forgiveness.

Amen.

Brainwave Trust

Tuesday 27 February 7pm

As advertised on facebook we are fortunate to be able to host an evening with the Brainwave Trust where they will deliver their seminar '**Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain**'. More information further down in the newsletter - Mark this date in your diary now!

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

At our school, parents complete a blanket permission form at enrolment or at the start of each year, which covers almost all lower risk activities and some higher risk activities as outlined on the form.

The level of information provided to parents and requested from parents about EOTC activities is proportionate to the level of risk associated with the activity.

Separate parental consent is required for most higher risk activities and we ask for this on a case-by-case basis. Parents must submit a consent form before their child/children can participate. For certain activities, we will also notify parents about any risks we have identified.

Please complete this consent form at your earliest convenience. You will need to complete the form for each of your children attending the school.

[Blanket Consent Form](#)

If this link doesn't work - cut and paste this URL into your address bar.

<https://goo.gl/forms/2w7jnSPOzYT22lcs2>

More information about EOTC and many other areas of policy can be found on our schooldocs site. We invite you to visit the site at <http://stfranschch.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"!). Our username is stfranschch and password assisi .

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Sun Safety

During terms 1 and 4, between 10 am and 4 pm, the school models “sun-safe” practices and ensures that staff and students take the following steps to protect themselves. The staff:

- encourage children to protect themselves with broad spectrum sunscreen (which the school provides) of at least SPF 30 (Sun Protection Factor) and by sitting/playing in the shade where possible.
- require students to wear hats which protect the face, neck, and ears, whenever they are outside and involved in school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain in an allocated shaded area or inside at break times. Hats must be broad-brimmed (min. 7.5 cm), or legionnaire/bucket hats (min. 6 cm brim, deep crown). These hats provide significant protection to the eyes.
- model appropriate sun-safe behaviour when they are outside and involved in school activities, by wearing hats and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.
- recommend the use of t-shirts and rash vests or suits when students are at risk of extended exposure, such as during swimming or picnics.
- encourage children to wear clothing that protects the skin from the sun (for example, shirts with sleeves and collars).
- try to schedule outdoor activities to minimise exposure to the sun during the summer.
- include sun protection in the risk management plan developed for EOTC activities.

We will be enforcing this policy as of Monday 5 February - students will be required to remain in an allocated shaded area if they do not have their hat. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school and that it is well named.

Parish News

Sign Up Day for First Communion

Sunday 04 February (this weekend) is the sign up day for First Communion - If you child is Year 4 or above and you wish them to make their First Communion this year you will need to come along to one of the Masses and sign up for this.

PTA News
Second Hand Uniform Sale

In support of St Francis of Assisi PTA

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Including new School Socks and Ties

Wednesday 7th February

Located in the Staff Room

We now offer "Sell on Behalf" with set prices as well as items available for a Gold Coin Donation per item



We gladly accept old uniforms to include in the sale.



Sell on Behalf 2nd Hand Uniforms

The PTA is now offering "Sell on Behalf" for good quality second hand uniforms. We will be asking for 20% commission and all funds will go towards the Hall fundraising efforts. If you have items for sale please drop them into the office any time and fill out the form.

This is an ideal opportunity for those students who left school at the end of last year.

If you are wanting to purchase uniform items please ask the front office or contact Kelly at kellyvw@gmail.com

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Community News

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

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If your child is interested in playing netball for the 2018 winter sports season, please check out our website to see what we have been up to and our registration information will be coming soon.

[St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home](#) or www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa

As we are a 'Club', we can accept players who are not students at our school, so please feel free to ask friends and family who may like to join our club also.

This registration is for club netball which is played on Thurs/Fri evenings and Saturday mornings. Please be aware that games/practices **are not** played during school hours. As per all Christchurch Sports Clubs a registration fee will be payable before the first game and this is likely to be around \$50-\$120 depending on age of child and team numbers. Payment plans will be available.

The fees payable to the club assist with the general running costs of a club including; Chch Netball Association fees for entering the teams into the local competitions at Hagley Park, upkeep & purchase of club owned uniforms, balls, bibs, prize giving's and trophies for example.

The club will also need to fundraise to supplement the player fees. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a team or our club it would be great to hear from you.

URGENT REQUEST FOR ADULT/PARENT SUPPORT

As notified at our prize giving in 2017, many important committee roles will need to be filled this year. Our existing committee members are happy to support new committee members through a changeover period, but we are desperate for more helpers. Please come to our AGM.

NOTIFICATION OF AGM

Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our AGM on Monday 12th February from 7.00pm in a meeting space at St Francis of Assisi School (room to be confirmed). All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Tania Ellenbroek tania@aae.net.nz

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Music Lessons

Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during breaktimes, call Ivan on 021 120 0080

Marist Albion Rugby

2018 Junior Player Registrations are now open!

We welcome ALL new and returning players to register for the 2018 season using our online forms available on our club website www.maristalbion.co.nz.

All new players **MUST** attend one of our registration nights and provide us with proof of ID (copies of passports or birth certificates are fine) and to get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 3-5PM
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 5-7PM

Venue: Marist Albion RFC Clubrooms, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: (includes a team photo for each registered player)
\$80 one player OR
\$130 for 2 or more children from the same family.

For returning players, you will receive an invitation to re-register via email, please keep an eye on your inbox!



FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

[Christchurch Football Club](http://www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz/junior-rugby/)

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2018 SEASON

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2018 Rugby season.

Registration Days

Sunday 18th February, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 21st February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday 26th February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

All registered players will receive a free ball and mouthguard from our new apparel supplier L & A Apparel.

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