

St Francis of Assisi School

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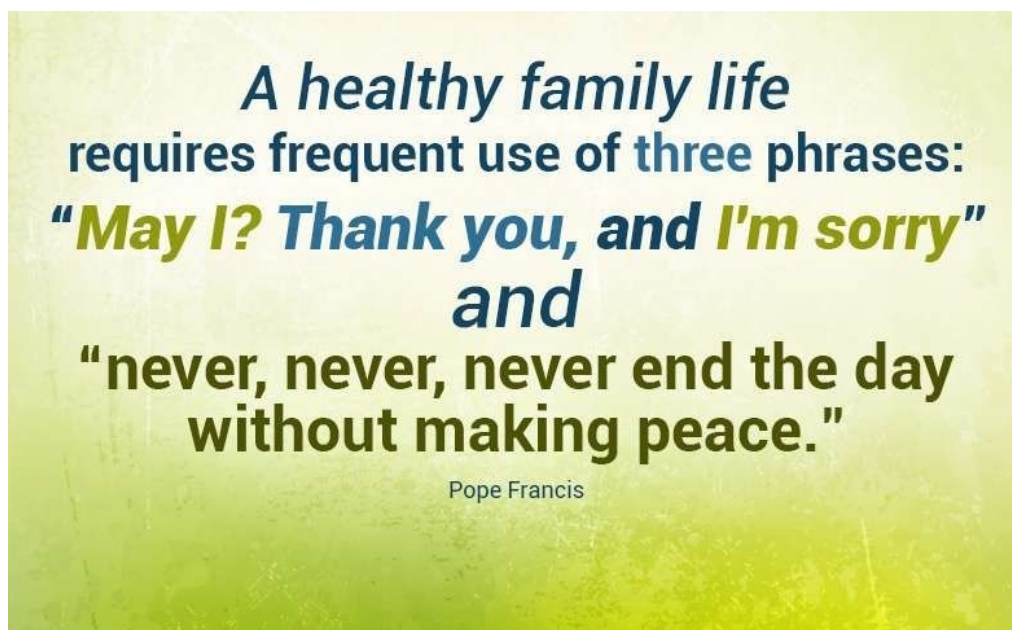
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Kia ora koutou



Paiaka @ Living Springs

The Paiaka Team have had an amazing couple of days at the Living Springs Camp - they have been blessed with amazing weather, amazing staff, amazing parent helpers and of course amazing students. It was so great to see all those enthusiastic and excited faces when we visited last night. We have posted some photos on facebook and there will be more on the blog over the next week. Thanks so much to Helen, Kate, Nicola and Sam for all their work getting the camp organised and for their enthusiastic approach. Thanks to the parent helpers - the children and staff are very grateful for your help to make this camp so special. Thanks also to you the parents - for getting your children ready for camp - we appreciate your continued support.

Last call: Monday 13 November 7pm - Don't miss this opportunity to have a better understanding of how your children are learning!!

Project Based Learning

In the last three newsletters we have shared information about Project Based Learning - an approach to curriculum delivery that allows students to solve problems in authentic contexts. We want to share more information with you and invite you to join us on Monday 13th November at 7pm to hear Thom Markham, a PBL expert, speak. Thom is coming from California to spend time with our staff and our parents - thanks to our very supportive BOT. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible - we have only had 10 responses from parents to let us know that they are coming. We need to make the most of this - these

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opportunities do not come around this often - we are the first NZ school that Thom will be working with. Hopefully you have received a flyer about this - if not please come and get one from the office.

Let us know that you are coming by filling in the form on this link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rMY27YUnpJ6SMg2h2>

2018 Staffing Update

Next year we will have some changes to our staffing and we are pleased to be able to announce this to you today.

Kākano Yr 1/2	Paiaka Yr 3/4	Tumu Yr 5/6	Kaupeka Yr 7/8
Paula Brown Louise Mackay Angela Bailey Angela Shea Cat Gill	Helen Simanu Nicola Smith-Palmer Tracey Bryce Anna Carney	Melissa Dungey Kath Roach Kate Parker Makaila Powick	Whitney Hansen Siobhan Cummings Katherine Wilson Charlotte Parish

You will be able to see that we have some staff leaving us:

Mackenzie Kane is travelling to the UK and has secured a teaching job over there for 2018.

Ally Kearsley is shifting to Dunedin with her partner where they will be opening a cafe together. She has also secured a teaching job at Balmacewen Intermediate for 2018.

Jane Brittenden is transferring to Somerfield School where she has secured a position for 2018.

Cath Shaw is transferring to Our Lady of Victories where she will be teaching in the New Entrant class.

We are really sad to be losing all four of these staff and thank them for all their hard work and efforts in making this school such a great place and the **best** place for your children. We wish them well for 2018 and beyond.

*Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina.*

Seek out those distant horizons, and cherish those you attain.

Athletics

A fabulous day yesterday for the Athletics held at Rawhiti Domain. We were very proud of all our students who participated at this event. We will post results on the sports blog once they have been received. From there any students that have qualified for the Centrals event will be notified.

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Chromebook Purchasing

Thanks again to those of you who made it to our parent information evening on the 1:1 Chromebook Environment, in week one of this term.

For those of you who were unable to make it please take some time to read through the information found on the following Google Slide -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ee5Hq8p8CixZpSzt-UaU6cciqK8GPhjiNyEroM1lark/edit?usp=sharing> and let us know if you have any questions.

As we shared at the 1:1 evening, students owning their own Chromebooks is our preference as this means they are able to learn anytime/anywhere. We have worked with Cyclone computers to present a purchasing option to you (at a very competitive rate). We are now able to share the link with you, in order for you to be able to purchase this package - <https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/stfrancis> with the password **stfbyod**

Please note that there is a with and a without insurance package, and that Chromebooks do not have to be purchased through Cyclone Computers.

If your child already has a device and you don't want to purchase a Chromebook, we will have a limited pool of devices available at school, however these will only be allowed to be used in class time and cannot be taken home.

Again if you have any questions around purchasing or anything else regarding the 1:1 Environment please don't hesitate to contact Whitney whitney.hansen@stfrancis.ch.school.nz or Jo principal@stfrancis.ch.school.nz.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	What	Who's invited?
Monday 13/11	7pm	An evening with Thom Markham - Project Based Learning	All parents
Friday 17/11		Show Day - school closed	Everyone
Wednesday 22/11		GRIP Conference	Year 7 Students
Wednesday 22/11		Year 8 Retreat	Year 8 Students
Tuesday 28 /11		EOTC Year 7/8 Make Up Day	Year 7/8

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Tuesday 28/11		Reconciliation Year 4-6	Year 4-6 students
Wednesday 29/11	7pm	Confirmation Mass St Francis of Assisi Church	All welcome
Friday 1/12	5pm onwards	PTA Fish n Chip Night	All welcome
Tuesday 5/12		Kākano visit to Diana Isaac Singing	Kākano Students
Tuesday 5/12		Tumu and Kaupeka Big Day Out	Tumu Kaupeka
Wednesday 6/12	All Day	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics Ashburton	
Wednesday 6/12	6.30pm	Year 8 Dinner More info soon	Year 8 students and parents
Thursday 7/12	All Day	Kākano and Paiaka Big Day Out	Kākano Paiaka
Wednesday 13/12	6.30pm	End of Year Prizegiving	All parents All students
Thursday 14/12	10am	End of Year Mass St Gregorys	All students All parents

Lost Property

Ollie McWhirter Kakano Hub has lost his named school jersey on athletics day. Please check your child/children's jersey and return if found. Thanks

Touch

Subs and payment details have been sent out to parents of those children playing, if you have not received these please contact the office.

Accounts

Statements for Term 4 will be emailed/sent out soon. No payments have been received on some accounts. **Swimming, Activity fee, Yr 5/6 camp, Yr 7/8 camp, and Yr 7/8 technology charges are now overdue.** If you have any of these charges outstanding please arrangement payment in full or set up weekly payments as soon as possible. Any queries please phone Pauline.

NB Please make sure you make online payments to the school account noted at the bottom of the statement not the Parish account.

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Parish Notices

From the Parish Office - Attendance Dues

The parish has a \$23,000 invoice to pay to the Catholic Diocese this month being the Term Three attendance dues for your children attending St Francis of Assisi School. I am still chasing \$10,000 in unpaid attendance dues. Term Three accounts were due for payment on the 20th of August. Please bring your account up to date as soon as possible or make contact with me at the parish office. Thanks – Kirsten on 385 3459.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

PTA Notices

Sunscreen

Support our PTA by purchasing a sunscreen set. Share the offer with friends and family Each set is \$40. An order form has gone home with each family today or you can order through this google doc.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhg--Z5NypB9ECcx8p1AgvS0aFNgrduv-0sK0Sy3brC5U74A/viewform>

You are able to Internet Bank Internet banking Westpac 03-1700-0288855-00

Reference: Surname and “Sunscreen” or pay cash at the school office.

When the Sunscreen has arrived you will be contacted and you will be able to collect from the office.

First round of orders close 13th November.

If you miss this date you can order until the end of November. Orders after 13th November need to go to the office directly.

PTA Fundraiser

Support the fit out of our new hall.

Sun Days Duo \$40.

Duo Set contains 1 x 400ml Sunscreen Lotion RRP \$39.00

1 x 350ml After Sun Moisturiser RRP \$29.00

Plus a Sunrise cooler bag



Order at the office or fill in the Google form
All families that sell 2 or more packs go in
the draw to win a Summer Fun Pack.

Nutrimetics Sun Days Sunscreen

SPF 50+, UVA/UVB Protection

Four-hour water resistant. Dermatologically tested

Aloe Vera, Vitamin E, Fast absorbing, dry touch,
non-stick formula

Nutrimetics Sun Days After Sun Moisturiser

Infused with Aloe Vera

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PTA Wine Fundraiser

The PTA have the opportunity to sell wine as a Christmas Fundraiser, this is a parent run event and can not be passed to your children to sell.

For every 6 bottles we sell we receive \$21 back for the school.

With the order forms you will see that there is a minimum of 6 bottles to sell per order form this is because a case is based on 6 bottles so this comes packaged well. This does not mean you need to purchase all 6 yourself, you can sell bottles to friends, family or workmates.

Otherwise if you want to have an additional form printed to take to work for orders you are more than welcome to print off additional forms or see Bev in the office to collect more.

This will run for 2 weeks, all completed order forms need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 22nd November and then the orders will be delivered the week of the 5th December, the PTA will be in touch about where the collection is.

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all please do not hesitate to contact either Chantelle McCrostie 027 5 515 777 or Steve Jack 021 028 47648 and they will be happy to answer any questions otherwise we look forward to a successful fundraiser.

Community Notices

Clicking for Kids



New Zealand's premiere photography programme for gifted & talented children

Term 4 Bookings now available!

Private tuition & online courses

NCEA prep, student exhibitions, professional portfolio & competitions

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or +64 027 827 7572

Find us on [Facebook](#) @photokidsnz

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Calling all future cricketers..

At Canterbury Cricket we are excited to announce that on the 12th November from 11-1pm we will be holding a Canterbury Kings Fan Day at Hagley Oval. This day will go forward regardless the weather. If it is wet we will use the horticultural hall.

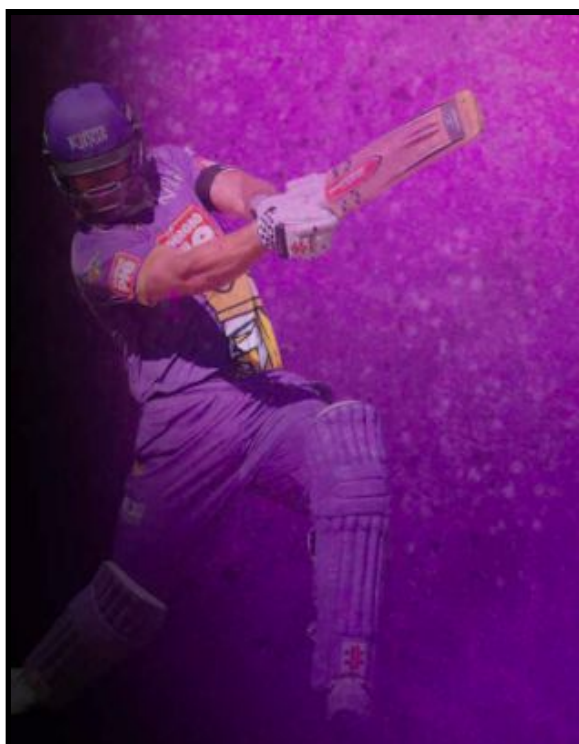
All our Canterbury Kings + Canterbury Magician players will be there getting involved with you, our fans in cricket. There will be various games, as well as a signing and photo session. There will be a free BBQ and drinks available for the kids, with a coffee cart and food vendors to satisfy the parents. This day will also provide the unique chance to go behind the scenes and have a look in the changing rooms and Hagley Oval Pavilion.

All you have to do to get involved in this cricket frenzy is fill out the brief registration form on the link below:

<http://www.canterburykings.co.nz/harcourts-vision-canterbury-kings-fan-day/>

If you fill out this form you will automatically win a free family pass (2 adult and 3 children) to one of the first three Canterbury Kings games of your choice at our Castle Hagley Oval.

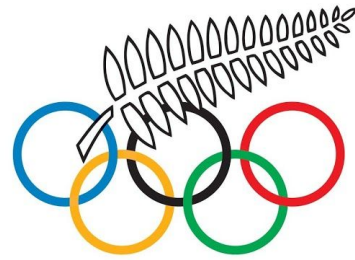
So what are you waiting for, sign up to be part of this cricket spectacle and help the Kings defend the castle.



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Olympic Schools



St Francis of Assisi School has registered on the Olympic Schools Program.

ANZ and the New Zealand Olympic Committee are proud to support St Francis of Assisi School in its mission to inspire and motivate young New Zealanders to achieve excellence through the Olympic Schools Programme.

The Olympic Schools program has been developed by ANZ with the NZ Olympic committee to inspire & motivate NZ's youth. Your school will be provided with resources & merchandise to provide opportunities, activities & incentives for students to live the Olympic values.

How does it work?

When a Home Loan or business loan is drawn down by any parent, teacher or friend of St Francis of Assisi School the school will receive 800 credits to redeem at the ANZ Awards centre. The awards centre has a variety of items ranging from sports equipment to the latest computer technology. The school will receive 800 credits for every successful drawdown of a new Home Loan, business loan or top up with ANZ over \$50000. 800 credits equates to \$400 of purchasing power in the ANZ awards centre. When your first loan is drawn an Olympian will come to your school & work with the teachers to deliver a memorable Olympic experience for all students.

Your school can also request personalised letters of encouragement from an Olympian. These will be written directly to a nominated student and will recognise individual student potential and provide added encouragement to them in their pursuit of excellence, whether academic or sporting.

The person drawing down the loan just needs to contact myself or let the staff member at ANZ know they want the credits to go to your school. We will then register the points. We will send you a statement of your points every 2 months.

How can I find out more?

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information

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Before | After School | Holiday Programmes

- OSCAR on Innes After School Care (St Albans Play centre)
- Mairehau Primary Before & After School Care
- Holiday programmes run from both sites

We provide: B4S breakfast, AS afternoon tea,
Structured indoor outdoor activities.

Holiday Programme includes planned outings.

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