

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2017

The theme of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017 is 'The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift'. In his message Pope Francis says, "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel* 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. *Homily*, 8 January 2016).



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to these students who received Principal awards this week.

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Jacob Pyle Eli Walker James McL Ava Wilson Xavier Eveleigh	Samantha Dolera Holly Kirk Jasmine Widdowson Archie Finn Archie Cleghorn	Freya Perrett Katie Finn Josh O'Connell Gaby McKey Mia Beetar	Tyrell Morgan Anna McKey Henri Webster

Lost Property

It would be great if you could check you children's bags for these lost items:
Chydale Chukwuemeka (Room 8) has lost her named school jersey.
Seb Kelly (Room 8) has lost his named school hat.
Louis Burke has lost his jersey - it is named.

Year 7/8 Camp Parent Information Evening

Next Monday evening, 13 March, at 6:30 pm. The Year 7/8 teachers will give a presentation about what will be happening on camp. At the evening they share information around the venue, a timetable of the four days they are away including activities, food, the gear list,

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medications, and a costings update. Teachers will also be available to answer any other any questions that you may have regarding camp.

Please note there will be three Google Forms that get sent home today for Year 7/8 Parents regarding camp. It would be great if you could take some time this weekend to complete these.

Pie Fundraiser

Recent fundraising efforts (baker boys pies and lamingtons) will reduce the advertised cost of the camp a little for each student in year 5 - 8. Thanks to all of those families who participated in this fundraiser. Thanks to all those who helped on Monday to pack the pies. From this fundraiser we raised \$2468. We also are grateful for the donation from the PTA of \$2000. Together this amount has been shared across all Year 5-8 students - each student has had their camp fee reduced by \$25.

This means that the Year 5/6 camp fee is now \$125. Year 5/6 camp invoices will be sent out next week. As we have already paid for the camp we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. As always if you are having trouble with payments please let us know - this will be treated confidentially.

Year 3 / 4 Miniball

Just a reminder that subs of \$31.00 are due now. Please pay online - reference miniball or pay to office in a marked envelope.

Duathlon

This year we are running a School Duathlon which will be held on Friday 17 March. It is optional for the Year 5-8 students to enter this event. You have been sent a google form for this entry. As this is an optional event we will be using senior students, who are not competing, as marshals for this event, and will not need parent help. However you are more than welcome to come and support your child while they compete. We would love to see you there. All the information regarding the duathlon can be found on this link.

<http://sportsstfrancis.chch.blogspot.co.nz/2017/03/duathlon.html>

North Zone Swimming Sports

This Tuesday 14 March, at Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre from 12pm to 3pm, 25 students from St Francis of Assisi will compete at the North Zone Swimming Sports. These students have spent this morning down at the pool training in preparation for this event, and are excited to take on the other schools in our Zone on Tuesday.

Parents of these students can find more information on the Sport @stfrancis.chch Blog <http://sportsstfrancis.chch.blogspot.com/>

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We wish the following students good luck at the Zones.

Jack Dungey Arie Kriek Neila Penrose Felicity Lyons Cleo Esposito Will Coombes	Sam Tippen Oscar Mitchell Ethan Beetar Ana Wallace Max Kirk Mereana Morgan Anna Mckey	Malia Dungey Emily Davis Reuben Ngariki Claudia Snelgar Hannah Stanton Alexander Tino	Henri Webster Grace van den Heever Mieke Kriek Ben O'Donovan Taylor Fahey Bridget Finn
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Blogs

All school wide blogs can now be found on the website under the heading Our Learning. Get on check them out, and don't forget to follow by email on those that you would like to receive updates on. Below is a list of addresses for these blogs:

Code Club <http://codeclubstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

The Arts <http://theartsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Lit Club <http://stfrancischchlitclub.blogspot.co.nz/>

Kapa Haka <http://kapahakastfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Sport <http://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.com/>

Road Safety

Please reiterate to your child road safety practices as they travel to and from school. The Road Patrol is not supervised until 8.30am in the mornings and many children are being dropped off before this. Please ensure your children get into school safely.

Please also ensure that you do not drive into the church carpark - you also need to encourage your children to walk up the painted lines through the carpark and not up the driveways. We are organising to have this strip repainted but in the meantime we need you to ensure your children are safe. The area behind the church is not a drop off and pick up area.

PTA Notices

Cheese Rolls

Next term the PTA will be holding a Cheese Roll Fundraiser - Mark your diaries - Sunday 21st May - we will need as many helpers on the day. Look out for the forms in first week of Term 2.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a 2nd Hand Uniform sale on the 12th April (last week of term.) We are running low on Girl uniforms both blouses and pinafores as well as Jerseys and sports tops, if you have any old uniform items at home or know of past students who may not

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need them anymore please pop them in a bag and drop them off in the school office, any donations are greatly accepted.

Winter Socks

The PTA will be pre-ordering the boys winter socks again this year, the orders will need to be complete by the 15 March . Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

The PTA currently have a stock of the smaller sizes Boys Winter socks (\$10.50 per pair) and Girls navy blue socks (\$8.50 per pair) available for purchase now Jr10-12 13-2 and 3-5 please contact Kelly at kellyvw@gmail.com

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SOCK ORDER FORM

Parents' Name _____ Contact Email/Mobile Phone _____

Please deliver to _____

(Child's Name)

In hub **1/2** **3/4** **5/6** **7/8**

Boys Winter Sock \$10.50 per pair

Sizes	Quantity	Total
10-12 Junior		\$
13-2		\$
3-5		\$
6-8		\$
9-11		\$
Total		\$

Payment Type

Internet	
Cash	

Payment Terms

Internet Banking:

Account Name: PTA account
 Account Number 03-1700-0288855-000
 Reference Code: Please use your Surname and Socks

Cash

There will be a box at the Office to receive orders please include your Name and Child's name and correct amount owing in an Envelope.

FOR ANY INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT KELLY ON [KELLYVW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kellyvw@gmail.com)

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Parish Notices

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme

Children who have been baptised and are in Year 4 and up are invited to prepare to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please sign up on the clipboard in the church foyer.

Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email phil.clarebell@gmail.com.
Thanks

Date for the Diary

Mums Retreat

Come and have some time out

Join us on Saturday 18th March 9:15-1pm

We will begin with Parish Mass in the Church at 9:15 then head over to the staff room for morning tea. During the morning there will be a time of input, some discussion and some quiet time of prayer. Concluding with lunch. All are welcome. Cost \$10 to cover lunch.

To RSVP or for more information contact Clare clare.bell@mairehauparish.co.nz

The Arts Opportunities

Out of School Music Lessons

Shirley District Music School

There are some available slots at the Shirley District Music School for instrument lessons out of school time. The lessons are discounted at \$160 for the school year and tutors can help with organising instrument hire. The lessons begin next week and are held at Shirley Intermediate. The following instruments have available slots:

Guitar

Drums

Clarinet

Saxophone

Brass

Keyboard (limited availability depending on tutors timetable)

Please contact Delwyn as soon as possible at delwynm@sis.school.nz or phone her on 0211019063 and quote St Francis of Assisi.

Violin Lessons

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Lucienne Shelley is available to teach violin between 4pm - 7pm Monday to Thursday. She is located in St Albans. Lessons cost \$30 for a 30 minute individual lesson. Please contact her at lucienneshelley@gmail.com if you are interested.

Christchurch Music School (CSM)

CSM provides some fantastic opportunities for instrument lessons outside of school. For further information, please refer to their website: www.csm.org.nz

Community Notices

M Sports Primary Schools Football Clinics

M Sports will be starting the 5 weekly soccer clinics at St Francis Primary School on Tuesday, March 14th, from 3pm-4pm. All ages and ability levels welcome ranging from starter to competent. For booking enquiries contact Joe Hall, M Sports Area Manager (joehall@msports.co.nz). Cost \$49 per child and \$29 for extra siblings



Olympic Schools Program

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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or rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

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Fun – Fitness - Friendship

Want to play netball? Come and join St Francis of Netball Club

If your daughter or son would like to play this season, please contact Chantelle McCrostie chantelles@rocketmail.com for registration details or visit the club website <http://sporty.co.nz/sfoa?em=0>

Netball is for children from Years 3-8 and is played at Hagley Netball Courts.
Uniforms are provided and all abilities catered for.



Like us on Facebook to be kept up to date - search for 'St Francis of Assisi Netball Club' or type in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Netball-Club-683113305163334/?fref=nf>

Marist Albion Rugby

Marist Albion would like to welcome those wanting to play junior rugby this season. Registrations are open and can be completed online at www.maristalbion.co.nz or on February 27 and March 13 (5-7pm) at our clubrooms located in the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui. Our family-friendly club caters for players aged U6-U13. Membership enquiries can be directed to Brendon Feary 021 2264003 or Steve Kinder 027 2716671.

Marist Hockey

Boys Open Evening Year 1-6

MARIST HOCKEY CLUB

2017 JUNIOR CLUB REGISTRATION / OPEN DAY

Sunday 12th March 10.00-3pm @ Marist Park

Marist Hockey Junior Club welcomes all our returning and new players for the 2017 season

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Teams are available in all grades for Years 3-8 and Fun Sticks Programme for Years 1 & 2

Come along to:

- Register for 2017 season
- Meet your 2017 Marist Hockey Committee, club captains and grade coordinators
- Full information on grades available
- Subscription Fees can be paid by cash, Eftpos
- Boys Adidas socks available for purchase
- Marist hoodies available to purchase
- Girls Marist socks available to purchase

Sausage Sizzle

For pre-season skills and trial information please go to Marist Hockey Club www.maristhockey.co.nz and like us on Facebook

Registrations are now open for 2017 season, so please go to our website -
Registration Login link:

- Returning Players – Log In then Registration Renewal
- New Players – click on New Registration

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries please contact: Philippa Grey
Junior Boys Club Captain dpmcgre@gmail.com Heather McEwan he.mcewan@gmail.com

DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

The April school holidays are fast approaching! Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure, with plenty of sport, onsite activities, and outings.

To check out the programme details for each venue or **register online**, go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

April 2017 school holiday highlights for full day participants:

Week One: 18th - 21st (Easter Monday is the 17th)

- **Papanui:** enjoy a trip to the Margaret Mahy playground, a rugby skills session with the boys from the Belfast Rugby Club, plus the usual awesome swimming at Graham Condon and trip to Hoyts.
- **Lincoln:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury and Canterbury Country Cricket and bounce the afternoon away at Mega Air!

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- **Pioneer:** Juniors get crafty and make and fly your own kite, swim at Pioneer and join the Seniors for a trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Seniors get inventive with a session with Science Alive and hit the pool for swimming fun.
- **Westburn:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury, swim at Jellie Park and take trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Juniors - scoot, skate or bike around the Westburn Bike Park, using road safety skills, Seniors - have a go at Frisbee Golf.
- **Swannanoa:** learn new skills with a session from Canterbury Country Cricket, swim at Dudley Park and get crafty with kite making and flying.
- **Ashburton:** sharpen your cricket skills with a session from Mid Canterbury Cricket, swim at the EA Centre, including fun on the inflatables and see 'Baby Boss' at the movies.

Week Two: 24th, 26th – 28th (Anzac Day is Tuesday 25th)

- **Christchurch Boys High:** learn new skills with a session from High School Old Boys Rugby Club, go crazy at the Phat SK8 roller disco, take in a movie at Hoyts. Juniors get crafty and make and fly a kite, Seniors swim at Wharenui.
- **Rolleston:** take on an orienteering challenge at the Halswell Quarry, Juniors enjoy a picnic and games afternoon at Parekura Reserve, Seniors swim at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Register online now www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Week One registrations close on Monday 10th April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

Week Two registrations close on Monday 17th April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

An 8am start option is available at Westburn and CHCH Boys High



Southern Cross Irish Dance



**1ST
LESSON
FREE**

Beginner Classes

<p>Tuesdays 4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards) Christchurch Irish Society Hall 29 Domain Tce, Spreydon</p>	<p>Saturdays 10am-11am (from 4th March 2017 onwards) St Mary's Church Hall 329 Halswell Rd, Halswell</p>
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Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact
Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109,
southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com

SouthernCrossIrishDance.com



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