

St Francis of Assisi School

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Exciting times ahead!

Learning Hub Names

We had a great response to this competition and we are excited to announce the winning entry from the Walshe family.

NE Yr 1/2 will now be called the **Kākano Hub**

Yr 3/4 will now be called the **Paiaka Hub**

Yr 5/6 will now be called the **Tumu Hub**

Yr 7/8 will now be called the **Kaupeka Hub**

Kākano is the Maori word for seed.

Paiaka is the Maori word for roots.

Tumu is the word for trunk.

Kaupeka is the word for branch

We really liked this entry - the metaphor of the students starting in the Kākano hub where we are planting the seeds of learning, moving into the Paiaka Hub where we are building our base of learning by putting down roots, moving into the Tumu Hub where we are strengthening our trunk of learning and then moving into Year 7/8 where our students get to branch out their spread their wings.

Well done to the Walshe family - \$100 of movie vouchers coming your way!



New Sports Uniforms

We rocked out the new sports uniforms today and the students looked amazing! It has taken a while for these to arrive but the wait has been worth it! Thanks to Maree Scott for the ordering, organisation and .. of the uniforms. All Year 5-8 students should have received a uniform in a numbered snaplock bag today. Uniforms can be returned (washed and in the bag provided) at the end of the season - for most students this is after sport next week. For some students this will be after the Central Winter Tournament - the week after next. Thanks.

Book Week

In the week beginning Monday the 22nd of August we will be celebrating book week.

On Monday 22nd August we will kick off Book Week with Lana and Jase from More FM. They will be at school at 12pm to open Book Week - our junior kapahaka group will perform and Lana & Jase will lead us in the National Anthem. Of course you are all welcome to attend this brief event.

During the week we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair - this will be held in the Library. Parents are able to purchase books and the Library will benefit from 30% of the sales after the first \$700 has been spent .

There are many activities planned for the week and we hope that the children will really enjoy them. Thanks to Louise Mackay for all the work that has gone into organising these events.

A separate notice will come home about the activities however one date to mark in your calendar right now is Wednesday 24 August. This is the date that we will officially open our long awaited library. The day will start with a bang! The PTA are holding a Mid Winter Breakfast to begin the celebrations. Come along at 7.30am to enjoy breakfast outside with the rest of our school community - rug up warm though as it is bound to be freezing!!!

All you need to bring is a mug and a gold coin to enjoy a breakfast of hotcakes and maple syrup, sausages in bread and a hot mug of Milo. There will be a coffee cart on site as well.

Year 1-4 students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Year 5-8 students can come as their favourite book character or wear mufti - we are acknowledging that there has been a lot of work going into wearable arts so if dressing as a book character is too much to organise - we are happy for the Year 5-8 students to come in mufti if preferred. If they are wearing mufti or dressing up a gold coin is required. This money will be going towards supporting the Year 7/8 students entry to Koru Games.

After breakfast (8.30am) the Junior Kapahaka group and the choir will perform for everyone and we will hold a brief official opening ceremony for the Library.

Watch out for more information about Book Week - hope to see you at the breakfast!

Cultural Festival Dress Rehearsal

Next week on Thursday morning at 8.15am we are having a dress rehearsal for the senior Kapahaka group. You are all more than welcome to join us in the Library to watch this rehearsal - in fact we would love an audience!

Wearable Arts

The Year 5-8 students have all enjoyed creating their Wearable Arts costumes over the last week. Today the Year 7/8 students got the chance to share their creations and on Monday afternoon the Year 5/6 students will get the same opportunity. From these shows, 20 costumes will then be selected to represent St Francis at the Cultural Festival. Keep an eye on the blogs next week to catch some photos from the shows.

Year 7/8 Evening - Tuesday 6 September 2016 7pm

Come along to celebrate the learning that is happening in Year 7/8 in 2016, see what the students can look forward to in 2017 and to find out the benefits of attending Year 7/8 in a full primary setting. More info will be sent home about the open night next week.

Enrolments

If any children are due to start school in 2017 and have not been enrolled, could you please call into the office to pick up and fill in an enrolment form so we can start planning for next year. Thanks

Traditional Prayer Focus Term 3

We are focusing on ensuring our students know the Catholic traditional prayers this term. A booklet will be coming home with some of the "traditional prayers" in it to learn with your child. We encourage you and your family to become familiar with these or keep it as a reference.



Feast of the Assumption - Monday 15 August

On this feast of Mary we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother.

The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven not only with her soul, but also with her body.

Jesus, the Son of God was born from Mary's pure womb. So when Mary died, God the Father and Jesus, would not let the body of the Mother of God be spoilt. This was her reward for her love of God and her years of faithful prayers and suffering.

Now Mary is in heaven. She is queen of heaven and earth. She is the Mother of Jesus' Church and queen of apostles. Every time Mary asks Jesus to give us graces, he listens to her request.

After the resurrection from the dead, we, too, can go to heaven with our bodies. Our bodies will be perfect. They will not suffer illness anymore. They will not need any more food and drink to keep alive. They will be beautiful and splendid!

If we use our bodies now to do good, those bodies will share in our heavenly reward. As we celebrate the feast day of Mary, we can ask our Blessed Mother Mary to guide, protect and care for us.

Retrieved from

http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0815_assumption.asp

Term 3 Accounts

Accounts have gone home today so please check your child's bag. The bank account number is at the bottom of the page and please use your child's name as a reference. There are a number of accounts outstanding from terms 1 and 2 that need to be paid immediately or at least have arrangements in place for automatic payments. If you are having difficulties in paying please contact Pauline to discuss options.

Scholastic Book Club - orders close on Sunday night so there is still time to order online.

Sports Results this week

Football Year 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs Spreydon 2-3 loss
St Francis 2 Vs Hillview Cats 2-2 draw

Football Year 7/8

St Francis A Vs Ellesmere Coll Blue 5-1 win
St Francis B Vs Ellesmere Coll maroon 4-2 win

Hockey Year 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs Redcliffs A 2-2 draw
St Francis 2 Vs St Martins Strikers 6-3 win

Hockey Year 7/8

St Francis A Vs Selwyn House Yellow 11-1 win
St Francis B Bye

Netball Year 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs Sacred Heart A 13-12 win
St Francis 2 Vs Hillview A 8-10 loss
St Francis 3 Vs OLV Y5/6 Two 20-3 win

Netball Year 7/8

St Francis A Vs OLA Green 3-25 loss
St Francis B Vs Aranui Seniors 6-20 loss

Rugby Year 5/6

St Francis A Vs West Spreydon 15-50 loss
St Francis B Vs OLV Rugby 1 100-0 win

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl
Principal

Parish Fees

PARISH ATTENDANCE DUES FOR ATTENDING A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Term Three Parish Attendance Dues invoices have been emailed out to parents/caregivers this week, so please check your inboxes. These accounts are due for payment on or before the 20th August 2016. Please remember that if you think you will have difficulty meeting your obligation to pay this account, the parish may be in a position to assist you; so please contact Kirsten at the Parish Office (385 3459) to make an appointment with Father Simon.

Change of details

Please could you advise the school office if any of your details have changed e.g. phone numbers, emails etc. so we can keep our records up to date. Thanks

PTA

Mid Winter Breakfast 7.30am Wednesday 24 August



St Francis of Assisi
PTA Fundraiser
School Hall Fit-Out
Friday 25th November
7:30-11pm

We are now asking for sponsors for this event
We need 2 major sponsor which will have your logos on all future
advertising at \$500 (we already have one)

We also require sponsors for each round of Bingo at \$200

We will also be holding an Auction during the evening so please if you can
start hunting and asking around for things that would be great for the
Auction this would be great.

The more things we have the more we can raise for the hall.

More info about tickets and extras will continue to come in the next few
weeks; so keep an eye out.

Any questions please either contact
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Looking forward to a fun evening with lots of surprises and money raised
for the school.

ANZ Olympic Schools Programme

Dear Parents and Caregivers

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN POINTS TOWARDS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

ANZ is encouraging people within school communities to support their local school when taking out an ANZ home loan. I am emailing all St Francis of Assisi Catholic School parents and caregivers about this opportunity, as we could really benefit from the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme.

For those of you in the St Francis of Assisi Catholic School community about to draw down a home loan – please consider nominating St Francis of Assisi as ‘your school’. We will earn credits from the ANZ Awards Centre for sports equipment or computers and our students benefit.

An eligible home loan drawn down of \$50,000 by somebody ‘nominating’ St Francis of Assisi will entitle our school to 800 credits and approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please contact our local ANZ Representative Rebecca Snelgar on Ph: 3683988, Email: rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in mind!



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST

12pm - 2pm



Meet new people and play a game of tennis



Come down for our BBQ and learn more about our club

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www.edgewartennis.co.nz