

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

The Global Kind Project - digging into "Gratitude."

Studies have looked at the positive effects that gratitude has on our thinking, our health, and our actions. Psychologists often suggest that if you are feeling down you begin by listing the things you are grateful for. If we are looking to create a kinder world, then it is natural to make a stop at this important idea.

As part of the Global Kind Project students will dig into reflection around the actions, emotions, and effects of gratitude. How do we know when someone feels grateful? How do you show that you are grateful? When is it hard to show gratitude, or maybe, when does it become easy to forget to?

Here are the key research-based principles for turning gratitude into a lasting habit, drawing from the GGSC's new website, Greater Good in Action. [Four Great Gratitude Strategies](#)

School Cross Country

We had a great day on Tuesday at our Cross Country - albeit a little cold. Thanks so much to all our whanāu who came down to support our students on their run. Thanks to Maree Scott and Whitney Hansen for their organisation of the event. We were very proud of all our students for the way they participated and also for the way they supported each other on the day!

Catholic Winter Tournament

It didn't look like the weather was going to let this tournament go ahead however we had many happy students that it did! Lots of reports of happy students, happy coaches and a lot of fair play - along with some wins made it a stand out day so far for the term. Thanks to all involved for making this happen.

What Now Bookings - Tumu and Paiaka Hubs

If you have registered online and have not received an email confirmation, please check in your spam folder. If you still have no confirmation email you will not be booked in and will need to re-register online or contact Suzanne at Audience@whitebaitmedia.com

The latest update is that both dates are full, and that anyone booking now will be offered an alternative date.

Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Thank you to all who managed to get their cheese roll orders in today!!

We are raising money to install the playground that is currently in the container beside Rm 11. We know the children will really enjoy this playground and we are looking forward to being able to finally get it installed. There will be several stages to the this project as we will

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first have to remove the old confidence course that is sited down the right hand side (if you are looking from the carpark) of the field. We know that the playground will be an exciting addition to our playground and really appreciate the support we get from our school community.

Orders need to be in by **today** - if you have forgotten to get your order in you can email it to us on admin@stfrancischch.school.nz Make **Cheese Rolls** the subject of the email.

The cheese rolls are being made on site on Sunday 21 May - we will need as many helpers as possible on the day. If you are able to help please fill in the google form on this link.

[Cheese Roll Helpers Form](#). **We need urgently banana boxes, 2 litre ice cream containers and plastic supermarket bags. Thanks**

If this link does not work for you cut and paste this URL into your address bar.

https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOSvYUTzXIEcbmjInTh6DMpnGLED_wW-LjxqtxH_Dm0ZczoA/viewform

Please see the flyer further down in the newsletter for more information.

Choir to sing at Mass on the 28th May 10.30am

As part of our school and parish liaison, the choir will be singing at Mass in a few weeks time. It would be wonderful to have as many choir children as possible to attend. Correct winter uniform is to be worn. Please fill out the following form if your child is in the choir and can attend. [Permission slip](#). This can also be found on the Arts blog.

Basketball

A reminder that our Years 5-8 start their Basketball competition at Bishopdale YMCA this week. The Year 5/6 teams will play on Thursday night and the Year 7/8 teams will play on Friday nights.

Drop Off Zone

Please note the drop off zone on Innes Rd is for exactly that - dropping off and picking up children - you must not leave your car there while you walk in and get your children - you can't leave your car unattended. There are some parents parking and leaving their cars there and this is extremely inconvenient for those who wish to use it properly. Also a reminder that you must not park on the yellow lines, nor come into the Parish carpark. These rules are for your children's safety - please abide by them.

Winter Sport Coaches

As you all know Winter Sport starts this Term, we are very lucky to have lots of keen teachers who will travel with, and coach some of our teams. However we don't have enough teachers to coach/manage all of these teams.

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We have had some offers of parent help already and are very appreciative of this. If you are one of those people, or you are keen and haven't indicated this to us yet, please fill out this form - <https://goo.gl/forms/HoD2OhzZFTMxVshz1>

HPV Vaccination Consultation

The Board of Trustees would like to consult with the school community about whether St Francis of Assisi should provide the vaccination on site for our Senior Students. Please fill out the google form to give your opinion. [HPV Vaccination](https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/1vHgG3DaeduMRxIrYS1DDGqL8W7Ytmi-Uos5UL4fNE2A/edit)
<https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/1vHgG3DaeduMRxIrYS1DDGqL8W7Ytmi-Uos5UL4fNE2A/edit>

Norah Street Parking

Please note there is **no parking** on the short right of way off Norah Street that leads to the back field entrance. This area is for residents only. It is also very dangerous for the children who walk into school this way to have cars trying to drive into this area. Please park out on Nancy Ave.

Road Patrol

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

Second Hand Jersey -

as new only worn for 3 weeks

For sale Size 97cm School Jersey. Price Negotiable. Please phone Liz -385 2660

PTA

Cheese Roll Fundraiser

See information earlier in newsletter

Discos

We are really thankful to our PTA who are continually thinking about what they can do for our school community. It's not all about raising money - this term the PTA is running two Disco events - fun events for your children to enjoy getting together socially. A huge thank you to the PTA for running these events.

Junior Disco Tickets need to be purchased from the office \$3.00 per ticket.

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All Shapes and Sizes

Celebrating Women's Beauty
Ladies Night out



We are looking for 4 mums of different shapes and sizes who would like to be part of our event. They will receive a free session with a stylist, have some time looking at skin care and make up Then they will be the stars of our evening on 23rd June.

For more information contact Tracey Bryce
tracey.bryce@stfranschch.school.nz

We are also looking for businesses or services related to women who would like to sponsor our event, give a prize, put something in the goodie bags or have a stall on the evening.

For more information Contact Clare
0212135620

Mark the 23rd June on your calendar.
Tickets on sale at the end of May

Entertainment Books

Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson Entertainment 2017 / 2018

The Christchurch Entertainment books have arrived and will be available to pick up from the office next week, from Monday 8 May. For those who haven't purchased one yet and wish to do so, you can either click the link below and order one online, return the envelope that was sent home with your child to the school office OR purchase one from the office.
www.entbook.co.nz/1341q64

Display copies are available to have a look through in the staff room and in the office OR to view the book online click on this link <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/347408>

The PTA coordinator for book orders is: Gillian Kent-McConigley, 0274-795-630 with support from Phil Bell and Leanne Flanagan.

All proceeds will go towards the development of St Francis of Assisi's playground.

Thanks for your support, Gillian and the St Francis of Assisi School PTA

Parish Notices

Parish Office Hours have changed with effect from this week. Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues – DUE BY DATES. Some of you have expressed confusion as to why the parish has a due by date on our invoices.

As you are aware, the parish invoice you on behalf of the Diocese, for the Attendance Dues/Special Character Contributions for each child attending a Catholic School.

What you may not be aware of is that the parish then receives an invoice from the Diocese for approximately \$22,000 which we are required to pay by a certain date.

We put a due by date on our invoices to ensure the parish has the funds to meet the Diocesan Invoice for your children at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School.

The 2017 due by dates are 20th February, 20th May, 20th August & 20th November.

As always, if you have any queries or are having difficulty paying your account, please get in touch with the parish office. Phone 385 3459.

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Our Parish St Vincent de Paul needs you.

The parish St Vincent de Paul Conference covers the largest parish geographical area and receives on average 200 calls a month for assistance. Due to illness and age we now have very few people in our team who are able to deliver food parcels to those in need. Are you available during the day and have your own transport? Please consider joining our busy team in this very important work. Full training will be given. Please contact Kirsten in the parish office if you are interested in finding out more.

Community Notices



Open Day

Monday 15th May 2017 1.20pm - 3.00pm

122 Barbadoes Street, Christchurch

No parking on site please

Marian College

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Kelly Sports at St Francis Assisi School

Kelly Sports once again returns to St Francis Assisi Primary School in term 2. Our Fundamental Skills - Winter Warmers - programme offers the opportunity for your School Year 1-4 child to develop and enhance their key fundamental skills through a variety of different sports this term.

The programme will operate on a Thursday After School, 3.10pm-4.10pm, based at St Francis of Assisi Primary School.

Further information will be with you at the school shortly, but for more information or to book, please visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Sam Holland on 027 724 8834 or chchnorth@kellysports.co.nz

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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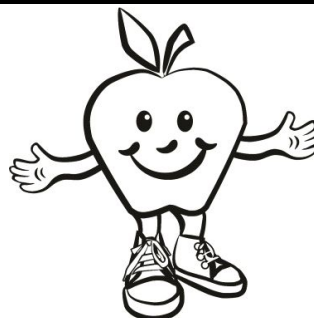
or rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

Pippins

Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our Rawhiti Pippin Unit – Thursdays 4.45-5.45pm at All Saints Church, 305 New Brighton Rd.

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!



Our programmes are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact

Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

Junior Disco

St Francis of Assisi Junior Disco



Under the Sea

Come along to the Junior Disco

Grab your tickets from the Office

\$3 Entry Fee

Date: Friday 19th May

Time: Year 0-4, 5:30-7pm

Year 5-6, 7:30-9pm

Place: Heaton Intermediate School

Come along and join in the fun, dress up if you wish and show us your dancing moves.

Sausages \$1
Hot Chips \$2
Bags of Lollies \$2
Glow Sticks 2 for \$1



Senior Disco



St Francis of Assisi Senior Disco

Purchase your tickets from your
School Office (entry by ticket only)

Date: Friday 26th May

Time: 7:30- 9:15pm

Place: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

\$5 Entry Fee

Hot Chips \$2

Bags of Lollies \$2

Chocolate Bars \$2

Soft Drinks \$2



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Southern Cross Irish Dance

Beginner Classes

**1ST
LESSON
FREE**

<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



**Southern
Cross
Irish Dance**

Rosary for Children

This month we begin to Celebrate 100 years of Our Lady visiting the children in Fatima.

Join us Thursday 18th May
3:30pm

In the Church

We will pray a simple, shortened Rosary with the children.

Children, parents and grandparents welcome

