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### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the group of our students who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. In the Sacrament of First Holy Communion a person is initiated into participating fully in our Eucharistic celebration. In the Catholic church we believe when we receive Holy Communion we have the great privilege of receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ given for us and all mankind. This Sacrament is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

Thank you to the small group from our Choir for helping to make this day special with their beautiful singing.



**Upcoming Events - Save the Dates! (we will add to this as other events are planned)**

<b>Term 2</b>	Week 8	Reports go live Reporting - Parent Information Sessions held throughout the week. Please see schedule for Parent Sessions further down in this week's newsletter. These dates and times will also be emailed to you.
	Week 9	<b>Please note: Date changes</b> Monday 25/6 Parent teacher Interviews Early Finish (2pm) Tuesday 26/6 Paid union Meeting (Teachers) <i>Information below.</i> Wednesday 27/6 Parent teacher Interviews Early Finish (2pm) Friday 29/6 School Mass
	Week 10	Friday 6/7 - Mid Winter Breakfast

**Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the recipients of the Principal Awards this week.

<b>Kākano</b> Daniel Chukwuemeka Kiriana Adair Lilyanne Bloxham Ainsley McBeth-Hartshorne Sovarne Peck	<b>Paiaka</b> Cooper Robertson Mia Shine Isaac McTague Eisha Brocherie Saffron Parsonson	<b>Tumu</b> Grace Armstrong Dylan Jack Gio Cagalitan Sienna Caldwell Alexis Ballantyne	<b>Kaupeka</b> Luke Gee Hannah Swain Jonte Boyce Nasili Latu Reuben Ngariki
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Joel Humphries Tianah Pechay	Maks Panfilow Beth Penrose Julian Chamoun	Quinn Viney Grace Ngariki	Beccy Lilburne
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### **Kia ora koutou e te whānau**

Another wet week - such a shame that sport was cancelled once again! Hopefully the weather will improve over the weekend!

### **Catholic Convention**

Four of our staff have been in Wellington this week attending the Catholic Convention. This is an event that is held every three years and a chance to join with Catholic educators, Bishops, priests, school trustees and others who are part of our national Catholic education system. The convention enables us to be strengthened by our sense of community and renewed in our mission. We have been lucky to have been able to listen to international and national speakers who have supported and challenged us on the theme of Christ's call to us: kia aroha to love; kia tūturu to be; kia ora to do.

We were proud to have one of our teachers, Whitney Hansen presenting one of the workshops at the convention alongside the team from the Christchurch Catholic Education Office. Whitney has been working with the team at the CEO on a diocesan wide project aiming to work with students and teachers to create educationally sound digital RE resources and learning tasks.

### **Reports**

We are delighted to be able to launch our new reporting system, LINC-ED. The staff and students have been posting rich content to our LINC-ED site and we are excited to share this with you and involve you in your child's learning journey. On MONday you will be emailed a link to set up your access to the parent portal. We will also post a short video on how to navigate around the site to make the most of the information that is being shared with you.

Throughout next week we will be running several parent sessions on how to navigate around your child's digital reports. If you need help navigating around the site it would be good if you could schedule in one of these meetings.

### **Schedule of Parent Information Sessions**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday 18 June	2.30pm	Staffroom
Tuesday 19 June	9.05am	Staffroom

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Wednesday 20 June	9.05am 7pm	Staffroom Library
Thursday 21 June	2.30pm	Staffroom

### Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews for all students in Week 9 of this term. The interviews will be held on Monday 25/6 and Wednesday 27/6. In order to have enough time to see each parent we need to have an early finish on both of these days. School will finish at 2pm. We would appreciate it if you could pick your children up early on these two days however if you are unable to do this please complete the form on this [link](#) and we will organise supervision for them. [Supervision for Parent Teacher Interviews](#)

### **Book Your Interview**

You are able to book your time for an interview by going online at the following link.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=tyapm>

If this link does not work for you you can go to **www.schoolinterviews.com.au** and enter the event code **tyapm**

If you have any problems booking your interview time - please contact Bev in the office and she can book these for you.

### Teacher Paid Union Meetings

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Tuesday 26 June the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

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We strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 1.30pm on at Tuesday 26 June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm. Please submit the [form on this link](#) to let us know whether your child/children need to be supervised.

We appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, we encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

### [Have you got a question that you just don't feel you can ask?](#)

<https://goo.gl/9owJ9T>

Just a reminder that you can post any questions that you have on the link above. Next week's coffee morning we will be available to answer any questions you may have. Come along and join us for a coffee at 9am.

### **Cultural Festival 3 September Parent Ticket Order form**

Children performing in the Cultural Festival have been given a ticket order form today for family who would like to see the performance. Please check your child's bag and if a form has not come home more are available from the office. Order forms and money need to be back by next Friday 22 June to the office. Please note that you **do not** need to purchase a ticket for your child who is performing.

### **Accounts**

Your Term 2 statements were emailed or sent home last week. You will be able to view these from your parent portal after next week. When making payments please make sure you deposit to the school account (noted under the list of fees on your statement) and not to the Parish account. For those year 5-8 children who are playing basketball the charge is \$13.80 and does not appear on the statement sent out as the YMCA bill came in late. If you could make payment as soon as possible for basketball it would be appreciated and also for Waterpolo if you haven't paid already.

Please remember you can arrange weekly or fortnightly payments if this is easier for you to pay the fees. If you wish to discuss your account please contact Jo or Pauline (Monday, Wednesday or Friday).

**Scholastic Book Club** - Issue 4 out now . Orders in by Thursday 21 June please.

### **School Jackets**

We will also be doing another order at the end of this term, this order will close on the last day of Term 2. The jackets are an optional part of our school uniform. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front. Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. The range of sizes is available to try on in the office. To order, click on the link below.

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<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUy2>

## **Parish News**

**From the Parish Office:**

Dear Parents and Caregivers. Attendance Dues for your child/children for Term 2 were due for payment on the 20th of May (unless you have a regular automatic payment in place). We have an invoice from the Catholic Diocese for \$24,975 for Term 2 for your children attending St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School and I am still chasing \$16,174 in unpaid Attendance Dues. Your immediate attention to this would be very much appreciated. If you are having difficulty paying please make contact with me in the parish office. Kirsten Tester, Parish Secretary.

## **Lost Property**

Karter Poole Nicolas has lost his named sports top.

Micaela Francis Kaupeka Hub has lost her named school tie.

***If any of these items are found please return them to the office.***

<b>Community Notices</b>	
<b>Can you Assist?</b> A group of women in Aranui make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags.	<b>Looksmart Alterations</b> Repair and alterations of school uniforms. There are discount vouchers available from the school office.

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<p>They are running out of plastic shopping/supermarket bags. If you have any at home to spare, please drop them into the parish office during office hours.</p>	
<p><b>St Albans School Monster Fair</b>  Sunday 11 November 12pm – 4pm  Contact: Sharon O’Conner on  stalbansmonsterfair@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Soul2Sole Fitness</b>  If you are interested in yoga/Pilates courses, Yoga and Dance Workshops. Please contact Robyn Anderson  0274592553</p>
<p><b>Music Lessons</b>  Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during break times, call Ivan on 021 120 0080</p>	