

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia Ora Koutou

We have had a fast and fabulous first term and I would like to thank our parent community for your patience and support. I am thrilled with our progress and the positive way our school community is coming together.

Huge thanks also to our staff, teaching and non teaching, for your efforts too. Your energy and enthusiasm has contributed to a fantastic start for this school and school community.

Term starts at 8.55am on Monday 2 May. Hope you all have a wonderful break!

Festival of Hockey

The students were very excited yesterday Hockey, Mufti and a sausage sizzle - the perfect day!!

What a fabulous day for our Festival of Hockey. Thanks so much to Canterbury Hockey for all their organisation and thanks also to Scott Bermingham for all his efforts to make this day

Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude

Every day of your life is a gift from God.
Don't squander it.
Don't waste it by being angry with anyone.
Don't let it slip away by feeling sorry for yourself.
Be grateful for this precious gift of life and spend it by being as happy and as thankful as you possibly can.
Let your mind dwell on the good things which have happened to you.
Let gratitude be your attitude.
Think of your assets, and don't let anyone else spoil your day for you.
Enjoy every day of your life to the fullest.
Realize that you can add to the joy of each day by making someone else happy.

-Richard A. Carloy

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happen. I know all the students had a great day and there was certainly some great hockey skills learned over the last few weeks and demonstrated on Thursday.

Thanks to our parents for their support also, to those parents who were able to come and watch and thanks to the PTA for organising the sausage sizzle. All this support is greatly appreciated.



Good Luck Grace!

The fundraising today was for Grace Wakefield who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the upcoming 2016 Australian Gymnastics Championships to be held in Melbourne from 31 May – 4 June. We are really pleased to announce that we raised \$950 for this - thanks you all for your support with this! Grace and her family are very grateful.



Grace, the St Francis PALS (physical activity leaders) and Mr Scott Bermingham

Cross Country

Today we had a successful practice of the cross country course for next term. The cross country will be held on Wednesday 4th May at Walter Park (opposite Mairehau High School). The race programme is as follows:

Order of races:

12.20pm: Race briefing

12.25pm: All yr 7/8, 3km

12.50pm: NE - Yr 2, 800m

1.05pm: All yr 3/4 GIRLS, 1.5km

1.20pm: All Yr 3/4 BOYS, 1.5km

1.35pm: All yr5/6 GIRLS, 2km

1.55pm: All yr 5/6 BOYS, 2km

Parents and whanau are most welcome to come down and support. There will also be a coffee van on site.

Basketball

This term we have had two Year 3 and 4 Basketball teams participating in the Bishopdale YMCA competition after school on Thursdays. We are very grateful for the organising and coaching of Fran Tohill and Barry Grottis. The team's had their last game yesterday with the Strikers winning their game and ending up 3rd in B grade and the Giants ended up 4th in C Grade. Next term there will be after school Basketball for Years 5 - 8.

Library

The work on setting up the library has begun. Thanks so much to Louise MacKay for organising the working bee today - and thank you so much to all the helpers. This is a huge job and it is going to take some time but a really pleasing amount of work was completed in the library space today. Thank you!

Choir

Over the last few weeks, we have been encouraging Year 4 to 8 children to come along to check out choir and see what it is all about. Next term, choir rehearsals will be Wednesday lunchtimes. Early next term, we will be asking children who are interested to make a commitment. The children will be learning new songs to perform at school events. We will also be working towards the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival for Year 5 to 8 in late October. Further details can be found on <http://musicfestival.school.nz/>. Please encourage your child to come along next term if they are interested.

Many thanks,

Mackenzie Kane and Melissa Dungey.

Winter Uniform

Girls – Long-sleeved Blouse; Pinafore for Year 1-4 Skirt Year 5-8 Navy tights or knee-high navy socks

Boys – long sleeved grey shirt; Grey Winter Shorts Knee-high grey socks with red and blue stripes

We are introducing a tie for Year 5-8 boys and girls. **Please note:** The tie is not compulsory next term. It will become compulsory in term 3 which will give people time to make this purchase. The tie has even stripes navy and red. We will have one at the school office that you can look at if you are unsure. In 2016 Year 8 boys and girls will not be required to wear the tie however they are most welcome to should they wish to.

Mainland Uniforms have informed us that the ties have been ordered and will be available just before Queen's Birthday Weekend. They will let us know when they arrive and we will inform you all as soon as we can.

Please also note: The PTA are running a sock fundraiser - more information later in the newsletter.

Junior Kapahaka

Junior Kapahaka will start straight after the holidays. This will be taken in a lunch hour and the children will be notified which lunch hour in Week 1 next term.

Staffing Updates

Room 9

Sadly we have received a resignation from Emily Nooapii who teaches part time in Rm 9 - she has decided to take more time to spend with her young family right now.

We have really enjoyed Emily on staff and I know that the junior team will miss her energy and experience. We wish her well.

Anna Carney will be working four days a week next term in Room 9 and we have asked Aleisha Byrne to work one day a week (Wednesday) for the term. Aleisha has been working with these students quite a bit this term and already has developed a relationship with this class and we are pleased to welcome her on board.

New Entrant Class

We will be advertising for a new New Entrant Teacher at the beginning of Term 2, who will open up a class in June as both Cath's and Louise's classes will be full by then. We will keep you informed when this appointment has been made.

Year 5/6

We are really pleased to announce that we have extended Charlotte Parish's contract to the end of 2016. Charlotte stepped into this role at the end of last year when we had a last minute resignation and we were very grateful, we are really pleased to be able to extend this contract!

2016 Board of Trustee Elections

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees.
Key dates are as follows.

By Friday May 6th Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the schools caregiver roll.

Friday 20th May NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 20th May at noon. An election will be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of vacancies is 5.

Wednesday May 25th Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 3rd June Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 9th June Votes are counted and candidates advised of the results.

Friday 10th June New Board takes office

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

School fees

Just a reminder that there are still many swimming lesson fees outstanding. Please make arrangements for payment as soon as possible.

PTA News

Sock Fundraiser

The PTA are running a sock fundraiser so if you haven't yet bought your winter socks please consider purchasing your socks through the PTA. The order form is at the end of the newsletter. A hard copy of the order form is available at the office should you need one.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL SOCK ORDER FORM

Family Name _____

Please deliver to _____ in Year _____
(Eldest Child's Name)

Boys Winter Sock

All \$10.50 each

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

Girls Navy Winter Sock

All \$10.50 each

Sizes	Over the Knee	Under the Knee	Total
10-12 Junior			\$
13-2			\$
3-5			\$
6-8			\$
9-11			\$
Total			\$

Grand Total

Boys & Girls

\$

Internet Payment

Cash Payment

Please return this order form back to school by Friday **13 May 2016**
with the correct cash payment
or internet bank into Westpac PTA account 03-1700-0288855-000
using your child's surname as reference.

There will be a box at the Office to receive orders.

Any queries contact Kelly Van Wieren 021-352-244 or email kellyvw@gmail.com