

# St Francis of Assisi School

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## Tena Koutou Katoa

### Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Suzanne Newton on being appointed to the Deputy Principal position at Shirley Primary School. While of course we are sad to see Suzanne go, we know that this is fabulous opportunity for her moving forward with her career and we wish her well. Suzanne starts in her new role at the beginning of term 3. As soon as we have made an appointment we will inform you who will be teaching in the Year 5/6 hub alongside our other teachers.

Anna Carney will be finishing at the end of Term 3 and going on parental leave. We have appointed Angela Bailey to this position and she will be working in Room 9 full time until the end of the year.

We have also appointed Dawn Ferguson in a fixed term capacity for Year 7/8. She will be with us until the permanent appointment is made.

### [Helping Hands](#)

We are keen together a few more names for our helping hands database. If you are able to help out in any way please click on the link and fill out the form. Also please let us know if there is anyone you know of needs some help. Thanks so much!

## **New App for St Francis**

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new app - another fantastic way we have to keep you informed of events and happenings around the school.

You can download the app from the App Store on your apple or android device and download the free app. Search for St Francis Christchurch. Once you have done this there is a wealth of information at your fingertips!

Using the alerts feature you can subscribe to any of the groups your child belongs to and then receive notifications every time we have some information to share.

e.g. you could subscribe to your child's learning hub, choir group, kapahaka group etc...

In order to subscribe to alerts click the alerts icon, click the tick on the top right hand side then subscribe to the groups that your children belong to - we will continue to add groups in this area so check back in from time to time.

Using this app we are able to notify all registered devices when we have urgent messages that we need to get out to the whole community, or notify a small group e.g. the Year 7/8 parents if the technology bus has broken down. All you have to do is subscribe to the groups your children belong to... it really is that easy!

Other features:

- Use the absentee feature to let us know if your child will be absent.
- Access all the blogs and newsletters
- Check the school calendar and term dates
- Quick access to links
- Access to fundraising information

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further information.

## **Reporting to Parents**

A reminder that reports will be sent home on Wednesday 29 June.



The format will be new to many or most of you however we hope that you will find that the language is clear and that the information is helpful not only telling you where your child is in relation to the end of year standard they are striving toward, but also giving next steps for learning.

We intend to run an information morning on Monday June 27 at 9am in the staffroom to go through the format of the report and answer any questions you may have. It would be great if you could [RSVP on this form](#) to let us know how many are coming. We have the coffee cart organised for this session.

We are going to run this session again at 2.15pm on Monday 27 June in order to cater for those who come in at the end of the day to pick up their children. It is also our intent to video the session and put this presentation on the website for those who are unable to attend either session. I have added this as an option on the form link above.

### [How you can help your child with their learning at home](#)

We are currently developing our website in this area and encourage you to check in often to see what new links have been placed on the website to help you. The Ministry of Education have published booklets which are designed to help parents and caregivers support their children at home to meet the National Standards. We have placed links to these publications on our site to make them easy for you to access. More links will follow soon.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews Year 4-8 students.**

These interviews are for the parents/ caregivers of Year 4-8 parents. Sorry for last week's confusion. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July. School will finish at 1.50pm on both of these days in order for us to be able to timetable 15 minute time slots for all parents. It would be fantastic if you could organise to pick up your children earlier on both of these days to allow us to run this process.

You can book your interview time using the following links - please note that every 15 minutes there will be a changeover time. If you need more time than this you will need to make another time with your child's homebase teacher. Please contact the office should you have any trouble booking your interview time online. Please note: If you have children in Kate Parker's class (Year 3/4 : 4) you will need to make their interview times for Week 1 in Term 3. These dates are Tuesday 26th July and Wednesday 27th July. The interviews will run for 3 -8pm on both these days.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Code fu98g

### **Religious Education**

Students have been extremely busy learning about our Year of Mercy. We have been focusing on the corporal works of mercy across the teams and encouraging students to find ways to live these out in our society. The corporal works of mercy are:

- Give drink to the thirsty
- Give food to the hungry

- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Comfort the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

## **Nga mihi nui**

**Jo Earl**  
**Principal**

### **Parents Prayer Group**

Join us Friday mornings 9am in the staff room for 15 minutes to pray for our school community. Everyone welcome. A great chance to meet other parents from school. We would love to for you to join us.

### **Board of Trustees** **Board Report - June**

The new Board of Trustees had our first meeting on Wednesday, giving us the opportunity for introductions and to set the scene for the meetings ahead.

The Establishment Board attended the meeting and members spoke about the work completed to this point and the passed on valuable governance insights to the new board as part of our induction process. On behalf of the school community, Jo thanked outgoing members Alison Wilkie, Matt Tippen and Bill Morgan (along with governance facilitator Terri Johnstone) for their dedicated service to our community to get St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School up and running.

Liz Gardiner and I will remain on the Board as proprietors representatives. As part of the meeting, I was elected interim Board Chair until the Board meets again.

Board meetings are now scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, commencing at 5.30pm. They are to be held in the staffroom and members of our community are welcome to attend.

As well as continuing the induction process, we outlined our immediate areas of focus. The Board in the coming weeks/months will consider important tasks such as development of the strategy, mission and vision for the school, building a consistent St Francis of Assisi brand, working through student achievement plans and goals and addressing property matters (such as the new hall).

Thank you to all of you who participated in the elections by standing or voting. I believe we have selected a strong board that has a excellent range of skills and is ready to work together, and with the community, to continue the rapid progress our school has made.

Tom Music  
Board Chair - Interim

## Parking

**Please note:** Please do not park and leave your car in the drop off zone out the front of the church. This is a drop off zone and it is really frustrating for those who want to use it for its real purpose. If you are coming into school you need to park elsewhere.

Also please do not park in the private right of way off the Nancy Ave entrance - we have had complaints from residents in this area. It is also not safe for our students once people start backing out to leave. You need to park further away and walk into school.

## School fees

The swimming lessons fee of \$25.00 and swim sport fee for seniors of \$6.00 are now overdue and should be paid immediately. Please note that fees for all the student activities that have been completed (mindlab/ropes/basketball/imagination station and shine a light performance) are due by the end of term. Ongoing activities such as winter sports and technology fees should be paid as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have made arrangements for payment.

If you are having difficulties in paying please phone Pauline.

**NB Basketball fee.** Those Yr 3/4 & 7/8 children who are playing basketball have been billed for the season. Due to an additional player the fee is reduced to \$51.50. If you have already paid your account will be credited if you are yet to pay please only pay \$51.50.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR STATEMENT.**



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS IN BY 30 JUNE. CHECK OUT ORDERING ONLINE - JUST FOLLOW THE PROMPTS.**

## Lost Property

Mereana Morgan has lost her named school jersey. Please return to the office if found.  
Thank you

**PTA News**

**SENIOR DISCO – NOW at EDGEWARE TENNIS CLUB, INNES ROAD**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm – 9pm

Collect your ticket from reception

\$5.00 entry at the door - Free sausage sizzle

On Sale:

Hot Chips \$2

Lolly Bags \$1

Chocolate Bars \$1.50

Drinks \$1

Glow Sticks 4 for \$2

**COCKTAIL PARTY TICKETS – NOW ON SALE**



**Book a Babysitter!!**  
**Come along for a parent get together...**  
**Cocktail Evening**  
**Edgware Tennis Club- Innes Road**  
**Saturday 2nd July -7:30pm- till late**

**Dress: Smart Casual (no need for full cocktail)**  
**\$30 per ticket- gives you 3 cocktails & nibbles**  
**Cash Bar as well for Beer/Wine & Free Non-Alcoholic**  
**Drinks for Drivers**  
**Put your dancing shoes on the Juke Box will be ready to go**

**More details to follow- for further information or tickets contact -**  
**Chantelle - chantelles@rocketmail.com**  
**Kim- goggins@vodafone.co.nz**



### **Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books are now very overdue – 50 books still outstanding.

Please return books which you are not purchasing to reception ASAP.

**Books which are not returned by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June will need to be paid for and therefore an invoice will be sent via email to those families.**

Any questions please call Kim Goggin

021-070-2770

PTA Chairperson

**Junior Disco Photo collage** will be on display next week at reception – orders will be taken if you would like to purchase prints at a cost of \$1.00 per print – 8 x 10 size.

Contact Chantelle McCrostie

### **Second Hand Uniform**

The PTA would like to ask parents if they wish to donate any preloved/outgrown summer uniforms. These items can be left at reception.

## **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](mailto:rebecca.snelgar@anz.com)

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



