

St Francis of Assisi School

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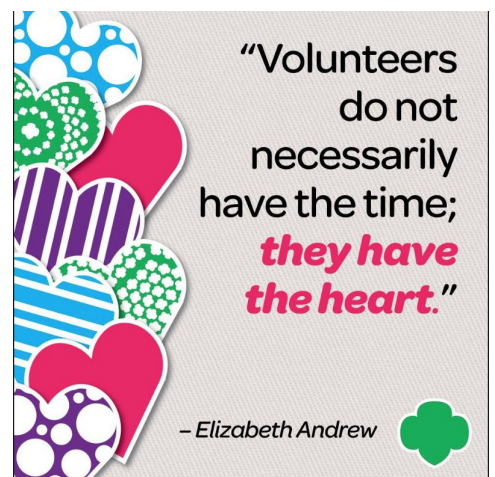
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Tena Koutou Katoa

It was the last week of winter sport this week - we have had a great season and the weather has treated us pretty well. We want to thank all the parents who have helped us over the season - we have an amazing level of support at St Francis and I assure you that we are very grateful. Without this level of support we would not be able to field as many teams - we are proud of the fact that all Year 5-8 students participate in weekly sport.

Thank you to those who have coached and travelled to sport each week, and thank you to those who have filled in when others have been unable to help.



It is now time for the uniforms to be returned to school - unless your child is competing at the the Central Winter Tournament. Could you please wash the uniform and return it in the bag that was provided.



Book Week

Next week we are celebrating book week.

On Monday 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 came home via email detailing the activities. This separate notice can be accessed on the website under the newsletter tab.

On Wednesday we will officially open our long awaited for 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!!! Any adults that want to help would be most welcome to join the 6.30am crew; helpers children are welcome at that time too and can keep warm in the library while we get the cooking started.

So come along and join us at 7.30am - 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 the 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.

Communication

You can find the most up to date information about upcoming events on the Learning Hub Blogs and the website. We have added "Follow by email" gadgets to the Learning Hub blogs so that you can have updates sent directly to your email. This will ensure that updates from your children's learning hubs will be pushed out to you as they are made. All you need to do is to navigate to the blog (these can be found under the our Learning tab on the website), then enter your email address. If you are unsure please ask your child's teacher or call in at the office.

It is always our aim to communicate well and in a timely fashion to you about events that are coming up and that involve your children, however from time to time we get it wrong. When we do get it wrong - give us a little grace, let us know and we will do our best to remedy the situation as quickly as we can.

Parent Communication re children being absent from school

If children are leaving school at any part of the day for appointments we do require a note from parents. You are able to email teachers, send a note, call the office or drop in to see the teacher. For safety reasons we need to be able to confirm where your child is.

Sickness

We have a fair deal of sickness lately which is common in the Winter months. Please ring to let us know if your child is unwell. You can leave a message on the answer phone or use the school app to text a message.

Please note the following guidelines from the Ministry of Health and do not let your children return to school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours - we understand that this can be difficult however it is essential to help stop the spread of the bugs. We would really appreciate your support with this.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea - MOH Guidelines

Please ensure that your children do not return to school too soon after any bouts of vomiting and diarrhoea as per the Ministry of Health advice below.

- Don't go to school, early childhood centre or work until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Don't prepare or handle food for at least 48 hours after the symptoms stop.
- Immediately remove and wash any contaminated clothes and bedding using detergent and hot water.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces by using a bleach-based disinfectant.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based gel.

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers - September 7

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the teachers have the right to attend them as part of their collective agreement. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

In order for our teachers to be able to attend we encourage you to pick your children up at 12.30pm on **Wednesday, 7 September**. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can help by making appropriate arrangements for your children.

Cultural Festival Rehearsal

The Senior Kapahaka group has been working so hard to get their performance to such a high standard and we are excited that the time for their performance is getting closer.

Our performance date is Wednesday 31 August and we will be attending a rehearsal at the Horncastle Arena on the morning of our performance. We will travel together by bus for the

rehearsal and as our performance time is early, we will need to leave school at 8am on this day.

On the evening of the performance we will need the students to be at the Horncastle Arena by 6.15pm at the latest. You will be given precise directions about where to meet closer to the time.

Tickets have been sent home today with the students for those that ordered tickets through the school. Please check bags for these if you haven't seen them yet!

Wearable Arts

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our Wearable Arts and Visual Arts Shows. The children had a fun time presenting their work and it was great to see so many parents attend the shows. The following teams were selected as winners and the models from these teams will present their outfits at the Cultural Festival on Wed 31 August before our Kapahaka group performs. Well done to everyone involved - teachers and students.

Please check out the Tumu and Kaupeka blogs for all the photos.

<http://stfrancisyear7and8.blogspot.co.nz/>

<http://stfrancisyear5and6.blogspot.co.nz/>

Krazy Kiwi	
Beth O'Donovan, Jorja Walshe , Claudia Snelgar, Lily Walter	Air New Zealand Aeroplane
Taylor Fahey, Oliver Ellenbroek , Sam Tippen	Sky Tower
Harriette Fraser, Petra Lewis , Lila Harnett	Pascall Lollies
Beccy Lilburne, Charlotte Hall , Joanna Flanagan	Kiwi Outfit
Grace Wakefield , Alex Wathne	Goodnight Kiwi
Olivia Chambers, Freya Perrett , Claudia Wilson	L&P Can
Danielle McKenzie, Amy Williamson , Learna Crosby	Poppy Dress
Emily Davis , Niamh Webb, Hannah Stanton	The Longest Drink
Lily Armstrong, Caitlin Harrison , Kim Tran	ANZAC Dress
Bella Heslop-Brown, Ella Smith, Ashley Dewar	Jelly Tip
Multicultural Madness	
Connor Grey, Tyrell Morgan, Struan Gordon	Maori English Scottish Mix

Grace Van den Heever , Ruby Merrylees, Lucy Munro	Your Majesty
Micaela Francis, Anna Colvin , Methuli Ranasinghe	Sphinx
Charlotte Lyons, Amber Garrick , Liana Borkus, Bella Dillon	Ireland Leprechaun
Anabelle Brown ,Samantha Shaw, Alexis Elliot	Cherry Blossom Tree
Taylor Fasi-Fidow, Ebony Allpress-Mclver , Malaika Sequeira	Chinese Dragon
Kiera Worthington, Eva Mitcalfe	America
Bella Cleghorn, Saskia Green, Sophie Music	Statue of Liberty
Beth Atkins , Maria Van Shouten,	Flamingo Dress
Mitchel Penn, Caleb Middlemiss, Hunter Righton-Alsford	Statue of Liberty

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.

Sports Results

Football Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs Shirley B 2-3 loss
 St Francis 2 Vs Rudolf Steiner C5 3-5 loss

Football Yr 7/8

St Francis A Vs Hillview A 5-3 win
 St Francis B Vs St Peters A 2-2 draw - 1st equal in their grade.

Hockey Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs Redcliffs A 1-1 draw
 St Francis 2 Vs St Martins Strikers 8-2 win - 1st in their grade.

Hockey Yr 7/8

St Francis A Vs Hillview Avalanche 7-6 win - 3rd in their grade.
 St Francis B Vs OLA White 3-5 loss

Netball Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 Vs OLA Green 7-13 loss - 2nd in their grade.
 St Francis 2 Vs St Peters A 16-6 win
 St Francis 3 Vs Selwyn House 15-4 win - 1st in their grade.

Netball Yr 7/8

St Francis A Vs St Martins B1 21-15 win
St Francis B Vs St Martins B2 15-25 loss

Rugby Yr 5/6

St Francis A Vs OLA Green 35-15 win - 3rd in their grade.
St Francis B Vs St Martins 65-25 win - 3rd in their grade.

SUMMER TOUCH

If anyone is interested in getting their child into summer touch who is not already involved in a team through St Francis of Assisi, could you please email Maree Scott on maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz with your child's name, their year at school by Friday 9th of September.

Term 3 Accounts

Accounts went home last week so please check your child's bag if you haven't received it yet. 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 Jo or Pauline to discuss options.

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.

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.

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl
Principal

PTA

Mid Winter Breakfast 7.30am Wednesday 24 August
Olympathon 19 September
Save the Date - November

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. Please note that these fees go to the Diocese not to the school.

For Rent The Parish house at 63 Kensington Avenue will soon be available for rent. A very tidy 3 bedroom, 1-bathroom house with heat pump. Please contact the Parish Secretary on 385 3459 during office hours for a tenancy application form.

Community Notices

Active Kids Holiday Programmes

September registrations now open!

Week 1 - Monday 26th - Friday 30th Sept

Week 2 - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th Oct

Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. OSCAR subsidies available.

Visit our website for full details:

<http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

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!



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
Chantelle McCrostie – chantelles@rocketmail.com

Kim Goggin- goggins@vodafone.co.nz

Jo Bryne- Jobryne.slt@gmail.com

Andrea Wall- b.wall@clearnet.co.nz

Looking forward to a fun evening with lots of surprises and money raised
for the school.



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

459 Innes Road, Christchurch

www.edgewartennis.co.nz