

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Tena Koutou Katoa

This week, if your child is in Year 4-8 you should have received a report containing information about your child's achievement over the last two terms.

We ran two parent information sessions this week to explain the report process. We understand that not everybody can make these sessions so we have recorded the presentation and put it on the website so that you can access it.

Key pieces of information that we would like you to know:

The OTJ (red triangle/ arrow on the report) indicates the overall teacher judgement - this is where the teacher believes your child is at this moment in time measured against the end of year standard.

- Your child still has 2 terms to meet this standard. **Therefore it is ok if your child has not YET met the standard.**
- **AT standard is NOT average** - if your child is at standard now - it is very good and they should be congratulated.
- **Effort is important** - if your child is not at standard however their effort is excellent - this should be celebrated too.

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

This area on the website has been updated - please check out the links and resources available to you to help support your child's learning at home.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Reminder that school finishes early (1.50pm) on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This is so that we can fit all the interview times in. Please ensure your child knows who is picking them up if there are any changes to your normal routine because of this.

Parent Teacher Interviews are an opportunity for you to discuss the report and the achievement information with you child's homebase teacher. We have to keep to a tight time schedule to fit everyone in so if you need more time - please make another time at the end of your 15 minutes.

The senior leadership team will be around if you have any queries that can't be answered by the homebase teacher.

Makerspace Friday

Today our Growing Minds Senior Leaders ran [Makerspace Friday](#). There were several workstations set up for those children who wanted to join in and the students had a fabulous time. Check out the photos on facebook.

[St Francis DIY Club](#)

Along the same lines as [Normanby's Schools building club](#) we want to set up a DIY/ construction area up outside during the lunch hour where children can build things using hammer and nails and other bits and pieces. Of course this will be supervised by staff however we are keen to get any parents with skills in this area to help with the set up and running of this. If you would like to get involved please contact us at the office.

Quote from Pope Francis Little Book of Wisdom

"The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts. Have we put a sign on the door saying: 'Do not disturb?'"

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl

Principal

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. It would be great if you could pay these as soon as possible. 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.

PTA News

Entertainment Books -only 6 books need to be returned or paid for ASAP.

We have raised over \$1000.00 in profit from the online ordering site alone, once I have the full amount raised I will let update again.

Keep spreading the word to family and friends -Orders can still be placed during the month of July/August... so if anyone asks direct them to our school website.

Please contact Kim Goggin for further details 021-070-2770.

PTA Winter Sock Fundraiser -

All girls winter sock orders have been handed out and we thank you for your patience with the delay in delivery!

The PTA can advise that we now have in stock and available to purchase plenty of Girls winter socks in a variety of sizes. Cost \$10.50 per pair.

Still waiting on a further delivery of boys socks to come in, once they arrive we will advise in the newsletter.

Contact kellyvw@gmail.com to order.

Cocktail Party

Saturday 2nd July – Edgeware Tennis Club - Door Sales available if anyone would like to attend at the last minute. \$30 per ticket includes 3 x cocktails and supper.

Love to see you there.

**Friday 25th
Nov**

7:30- 11pm



**St Francis of Assisi
PTA
BINGO
FUNDRAISER**

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**Venue:
Heaton Intermediate
Date:
Friday 25th Nov 2016
Time:
7:30-11pm**

***All Proceeds to go towards the
NEW SCHOOL HALL***

More Information to come in Term 3





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



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

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!

