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**Issue #5**

**2 March 2018**

## **Kia ora koutou e te whānau**

### **Bishop's Ordination**

The local Catholic community will be celebrating the ordination of our new Bishop, Fr Paul Martin. This will take place this Saturday, 3 March at 11am at Christchurch Boys High School Auditorium. The school has students representatives participating in the youth choir.

Bishop-Elect Paul Martin will be the tenth Bishop of Christchurch and succeeds Bishop Barry Jones who died in February 2016. Find out more about Bishop-Elect Paul by visiting the [diocesan website](#).

### **ERO - Education Review Office**

This week we had a visit from the Education Review Office. They were here to complete a New Schools Assurance Review.

The purpose of a New School Assurance Review is to provide assurance:

- the school is operating in accordance with the vision articulated by the board of trustees
- to the elected board and community that the school is well placed to provide for students.

The ERO team met with the Board of Trustees on Monday to get input from them and on Wednesday to give an informal summary of their findings.

We are pleased to inform you that the emerging findings were extremely positive and validated the excellent work that is happening here. The Board has been assured that the school is well placed to provide for the needs of your students and well resourced for future-focused learning.

The ERO team has gone away now to write up their findings formally. When this has been formalised we will share it with you and place it on our website.

### **Touch**

The cost of touch this season is \$16 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Touch and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Touch.

Draws are posted weekly and can be found on the Sports Blog:

<https://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

### **Duathlon**

On Thursday 8 March we will be holding the St Francis of Assisi School Duathlon, at 10.00 am at Walter Park. This is an optional event for Years 5-8 students. The students will walk

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down to Walter Park leaving school at 9.00am. To take part in this event students will need a helmet, a suitable bike\* and to be able to ride confidently for approximately 8km. \*A large portion of the event held at Walter Park will be on grass therefore difficult on a road bike, however the event at Ruapuna is a tar-sealed track therefore more suitable for this type of bike. The students who enter the competitive individual races of this event will be considered for the Duathlon held at Ruapuna Raceway on Monday 26 March. The course that the children will run and bike around will be within the Walter Park grounds, and the distances will be approximately:

#### Individual

Year 5 & 6\* Boys & Girls (competitive) = Run 2km - Bike 6km - Run 1km

Year 7 & 8\* Boys & Girls (competitive) = Run 2km - Bike 9km - Run 2km

#### Team

Year 5 - 8 Boys & Girls (non competitive) = Run 2km - Bike 6km - Run 1km

\*Please note that this event is now in year groups.

Those students entering in this event are encouraged to wear their PE Uniform to and from school on this Thursday. There will be an area coned off at Walter Park, which will be used as a transition area. This is where bikes will need to be dropped in the morning of the event (between 8.30 am and 9 am). As this is a optional event we will be using senior students, who are not competing, as marshals for this event, and will not need parent help. However you are more than welcome to come and support your child while they compete. We would love to see you there. If you have any queries or concerns about any of this, please feel free to email us at [maree.scott@stfrancis.chch.school.nz](mailto:maree.scott@stfrancis.chch.school.nz)

Those wanting to enter will need to have filled out this form by Monday 5 March.

<https://goo.gl/forms/r4vD9lwVFOzNznh82>

#### **Miniball**

Games started Thursday 22 February and will be every Thursday until 5 April, with the games being between 3.30pm & 7.00pm. The week of 29 March there will be no game due to Easter break.

The cost of Miniball this season is \$30 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Miniball and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Miniball.

If you are a parent of a child who is wanting to play Miniball and your child is not listed in any of the teams on the sports blog please email [maree.scott@stfrancis.chch.school.nz](mailto:maree.scott@stfrancis.chch.school.nz)

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## Friday Sports

We are still looking for parents to help out with Friday sport. This involves running a game down at Walter Park on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00. Parents are also warmly welcome to come and watch - If you are available to help us with this please email [whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz)

## Lit Club

Please note that Lit Club is on a Tuesday not Monday as was previously stated in the last newsletter. We were excited to start Lit Club this week. After next week you will be able to read about our sessions on the Lit Club Blog.

## Play Based Learning

In the Junior School the children are enjoying learning through play. They get to explore ideas, collaborate on projects with friends and be creative. We have noticed that the New Entrant children are already coming into the room in the mornings and joining in play with their new friends, rather than playing alone. This is a great opportunity to develop friendships and a great way to start the day.



Ivy made a fabulous safe home for animals where they are well off the ground.

## ‘Energising Young Minds’ competition

St Francis of Assisi has been nominated for School-gen’s ‘Energising Young Minds’ competition by Key Price. This competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.



What happens now - We need our school community to vote on the School-gen voting page <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

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Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter St Francis and it will pop up with us so you can click on it to vote. You can vote once daily on each device - so vote on every computer, phone, Ipad etc that you have! Get the kids to do it on their Chromebooks

### **Music Lessons**

Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during break times, call Ivan on 021 120 0080

### **Outstanding Forms**

#### **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**

Thanks to those who have filled the Blanket consent form - for those that haven't here is the link. This needs to be done so that your child can participate fully in school activities off site.

EOTC Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/ThaA4tt0f6oRwJFf2>

#### **1:1 Digital Technology Guidelines and BYOC Agreement**

As you know at St Francis of Assisi all of our Year 5-8 students learn in a 1:1 Chromebook environment. We value our internet facilities and digital technologies, and the benefits they bring us in learning outcomes and the effective operation of the school. We actively encourage our students to be competent and confident in the use of digital technologies; and are aware of and able to manage the challenges and issues that go with it. These issues include safety of themselves and others, privacy, copyright, and protection of digital devices and equipment. In short, we are growing our students to make responsible choices while using digital technologies; becoming digital citizens.

Because we know this is important for us all, we ask that everyone, the staff, the students and volunteers working at the school agree to use the internet and digital technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the St Francis of Assisi School Digital Guidelines.

As all Year 6-8 students, excluding new students, have already filled out this form there is no need to complete it again. However all new students and all Year 5 students will need to complete this before going a device at school. So if you are a parent of a Year 5 student or a student new to St Francis, please take the time to read through and fill out the Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form

Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/4bD13g10HijCaAZo2>

Students who bring their own Chromebook to school, will also need to complete the Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) Agreement. This agreement is additional to the Digital Technologies Guidelines. It refers to Chromebooks, brought to school by students, and must be signed before the student may bring their Chromebook to school.

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Like the Digital Technologies Guidelines, students who have already filled out this form will not need to complete it again. However all students in Year 5-8, who are bringing their own Chromebooks, for the first time this year will need to fill out the BYOC Google Form as well.

If you are a parent of a student who is bringing their own Chromebook to school for the first time this year, please take the time to read through and fill out the BYOC Agreement.

Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) - <https://goo.gl/forms/AJfbldolfjn5GvCo1>

If you have any questions about the Guidelines or BYOC Agreement, please feel free to email [principal@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancischch.school.nz) or [whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz) . We are more than happy to discuss any of this with you, please feel welcome to do this at any time.

## Parish News

## PTA News

### Easter Raffle

This year the PTA have decided to run an Easter Raffle. We are raising funds to fit out our new hall. We are asking each child to bring in one item for the raffle. Items such as a grocery item or an easter chocolate treat. We will divide all the items into gift baskets and these will form the prizes for the raffle. These items can be brought in anytime from now until 21 March and will be collected in the Hubs. The raffle will be drawn on 28 March and winners will be notified by phone and our facebook page.



Each family will get one set of tickets to sell - these will come home closer to the time - we thank you for your support for this fundraiser. **What do you need to do now?** Send along one item for the raffle prize with each child between now and 21 March. More information next week.

### Cheese Rolls Fundraiser

Save the date - Sunday 20 May.

Come along and help make cheese rolls. This fundraiser was very popular and successful in 2017 and people enjoyed their cheese rolls through the winter months.

## Community News

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## **St Francis of Assisi Netball Club**

### **LATEST NEWS UPDATE FOR ST FRANCIS NETBALL CLUB!**

We've just had our first meeting for the 2018 season and it looks like we're gearing up for another great year... if we can get enough parent support.

As you all know Tania has resigned from the club after many years of outstanding service and we also have other committee members who are moving on this year. We have a great but small team of people already lined up to help run the club this year but we need more help.

We need more parents to volunteer to help us out. If we don't get at least another couple of parents then we run the serious risk of not having a club for the year.

It's not a huge commitment - we just need numbers to get jobs done. It would be a real shame if we didn't get the numbers we need.

We are having another meeting at 7pm on Monday 26th February to reassess where the club is at. We will be asking for more volunteers at this meeting and if none come forward a decision may be made to close the club.

Thanks to Shelley, Sarah, Charlotte and Makaila for already offering your help this year. If you'd like to know more please get in touch with Anna, Chantelle or Emma.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Shirley Rugby Club - 100 years of Rugby**

Junior Registration dates for 2018 -

Monday 19 February 5.30 - 7pm

Monday 26 February 5.30 - 7pm

Sunday 4 March 10 - 12.30pm

Shirley Rugby Clubrooms - Burwood Park, New Brighton Road

Subscriptions for 2018 are \$55 per player, \$85 for 2 per family and \$100 for 3 or more per family All new players to the club are required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

More Information: [www.shirleyrugby.co.nz](http://www.shirleyrugby.co.nz) / [juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz) / Facebook @shirleyrugby

## **Marist Hockey Club Boys Open Evening - School Years 1-6**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 4.00-6.00pm**

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Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session.

We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2018 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our Marist Hockey Junior Club facebook for trial dates and updated information on when registration will be open. Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Marist Hockey Junior Club - [maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com](mailto:maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com)

### **Netball**

Marist Albion Netball Club junior trials will be held on Sunday 11th March (U13 9-11:30am, U12 and Year 6 1-3:30pm) on Hagley netball courts 11 and 12.