

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

We pray for Father Simon and his family with the passing of their mother.

*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord
And let Perpetual Light shine upon her
May she rest in peace.*



Parish Life and Food Festival

The Parish are holding their annual Life and Food Festival on Sunday 12 February from 11.30am - 2.30pm. Our Choir and Kapa Haka are performing at the festival at approximately 12.30pm. Come along and join in the fun. We would love to see you there!



St Francis of Assisi Parish
We must be simple, humble, pure.

**PARISH LIFE
&
FOOD FESTIVAL - 2017**


Food


Music &
Entertainment

6 Cup-Cake Decoration Competition
Creative Junk Dress-Up

11.30am – 2.30pm, Sunday 12th February 2017
Weather postponement, Sun 19th February 2017
Venue: St Francis of Assisi School Quadrangle
B.V.O. Picnic set (Plates/glasses/cutlery)
To defray costs, a voluntary donation will be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Meet the Teaching Teams Fish n' Chip Night

On Tuesday 14 February we will be holding 2 sessions per Hub where you can meet the teaching teams and we can share some of the systems and programmes in the Hubs. The first session will be held at 3.30pm and the second at 6pm. Families are welcome to bring a fish n' chip tea on this evening as well. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Lit Club

Lit Club starts next Tuesday. This is a fun lunch time club for Year 5-8 students. Encourage your child to come along to the library on Tuesday at lunchtime to find out what it is all about.

Code Club

This year we will be running Code Clubs for all ages. There will be an after school Club for Tumu and Kaupeka students that will run on Tuesdays after school starting in Week 5, and two lunchtime clubs that will run across all year levels of the school. More information will be coming soon about this, so look out for it.

Welcome Wednesdays

This week we ran our second Welcome Wednesday - thanks to those who came to the session. This topic was communication. Our E-Learning coordinator, Whitney Hansen went through all the different types of communication we are using and their purposes. We are very aware that many people can't make these sessions at this time and we are intending on running some at the other end of the day e.g. 2.45pm when we can. In the meantime book in the date for the Parent Education evening we have planned as below.

Parent Education Evening

For those of you unable to make our Wednesday sessions we will also be holding a parent education evening where we will discuss the things covered in the Wednesday mornings as well as some learning on Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education. Our first evening will be on Monday 27 February at 7pm.

Te Reo Māori

For those that have put their names down for this course we will be holding an Expression of interest evening on Monday 13 February at 6pm. If you have not studied with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa before you will need to bring your passport or birth certificate as proof of identity and residency.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 has been sent home. If you got a \$2 voucher with your December order, don't forget to use it as it can only be spent on this issue. Also with this issue only - orders placed

through LOOP online will be in the draw to win 20 books for yourself and 50 books for our school. **Orders will close on Wednesday 15 February.**

School Swimming Sports

On Friday 24 February St Francis of Assisi School will be holding our school Swimming Sports. This event will be held at Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre from 9.45am to 2pm, and will involve all Tumu and Kaupeka students (Years 5-8).

We will be sending more information out about this next week, along with a Google Form, which students will use to sign up for their events. It would be great if you could talk to your children about this information and help them to choose events that accurately reflect their ability.

Children will be expected to enter a minimum of two events, races will be 50m and 25m for those confident to swim those distances, however we will also run other events for swimmers who are not confident to swim 25m or 50m.

We are going to need lots of parents support for this event, so if you are able to assist us with this please indicate that on the Google Form next week.

You are welcome to come and support your child/children on the day of the event, we will have a spectators area especially for you and would love to see you there.

Ocean Swim for Kids

This is being held at Corsair Bay 4 March at 12.50pm. Here is the link for further information and entry. <https://oceanswim.co.nz/ocean-kids/>

Lost Property

Jakob Blazey has lost his named school jersey, please return if found.

Sidney Hoet from Room 11 has lost her named school jersey. Please return if found.

Jude Brodie-Grottis 5/6 has lost one of his school schools. Please return if found

For Sale - School jersey size 38 (97) as new condition \$60. Ph Liz 385 2660

Ngā mihi

Jo Earl

Parish News

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme Children who have been baptised and are in Year 4 and up are invited to prepare to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please sign up on the clipboard board in the church foyer.

Community Notices

Marist Albion would like to welcome those wanting to play junior rugby this season. Registrations are open and can be completed online at www.maristalbion.co.nz or on February 27 and March 13 (5-7pm) at our clubrooms located in the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui. Our family-friendly club caters for players aged U6-U13. Membership enquiries can be directed to: Brendon Feary 021 226 4003 and Steve Kinder 027 271 6671

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club



If your child is interested in playing netball for the 2017 winter sports season, please complete the online registration form at the following link:

[St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home](#) or www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa

As we are a 'Club', we can accept players who are not students at our school, so please feel free to ask friends and family who may like to join our club also.

This registration form is for club netball which is played on Thurs/Fri evenings and Saturday mornings. Please be aware that games/practices **are not** played during school hours. As per all Christchurch Sports Clubs a registration fee will be payable before the first game and this is likely to be in the vicinity of \$50-\$100 depending on age of child and team numbers. Payment plans will be available.

The fees payable to the club assist with the general running costs of a club including; Chch Netball Association fees for entering the teams into the local competitions at Hagley Park, upkeep & purchase of club owned uniforms, balls, bibs, prize giving's and trophies for example.

The club will also need to fundraise to supplement the player fees. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a team or our club it would be great to hear from you.

NOTIFICATION OF AGM

Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our AGM on Monday 13th February from 7.00pm in a meeting space at St Francis of Assisi School (room to be confirmed). All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Chantelle McCrostie
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