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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Next week is *Holy Week - Te Wiki Tapu*. During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, including the Paschal Mystery of his death and Resurrection.



On Thursday we will have an Easter Liturgy which parents are warmly invited to. This will be at 2.15 pm in the Tumu hub.

Young Vinnies

Our Young Vinnies group are doing a "Fill a Bag " appeal. This means that we are collecting clean, used items that are in good condition including clothing, toys, books, non perishable food items, bric a brac etc. We are aiming to fill 40 bags of items to represent the 40 days of Lent. There will be collection bags in each hub / room. Items can be brought in between now and Wednesday 28th March. Any questions, please see Louise MacKay.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to these people for receiving awards this week at assembly:

Kakano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Harper Keenan	Liam Pagsanjan	Bethany Andrew	Arthur Chambers
Ella Lingard	Chiara Domigan	Mia Beetar	Oliver Eveleigh
Tayla Dry	Daniel Guckert	Connor Bryce	Liana Borkus
Torren Keown	Ruby Widdowson	Cleo Esposito	Joanna Flanagan
Angus Fowler	Leo Stanton	Ezra John	Oliver Meates
	Eilish Murphy	Petra Eveleigh	
	Santara Fogarty	Nathel Wijemuni	
		Christopher Chamoun	

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Helping Hands

Helping Hands is an initiative that we started up in 2016. We provide support for people in our community for many different reasons and the support can be in many different forms e.g. meals, baking, visits, transport to and from school and many more. We need more people to join our database to help provide for families who need our support. It may be that there is a new baby in the house and the family would benefit from some baking for school lunches or maybe there someone in the house is unwell and providing a meal might be the very thing that makes their day. Whatever the reason, there are always people in every community that need their community to wrap around them at certain times. Our Helping Hands group does this very well.

We are refreshing the database - What support can you provide? Click on this link or copy and paste this URL into your address bar <https://goo.gl/ZFSFyC> and fill out the form. This will ensure you are on our database and we will contact you when we need you. Thank you to those who have already put their names forward - you are on our list and we will contact you when a need arises.

We would also like to hear from you if you know of a family that would benefit from this support. We know this can sometimes be a sensitive issue and we work hard to keep all information confidential. Please come and see Jo at the office or you can contact Charlotte Robb who helps administer the group principal@stfrancischch.school.nz or char.robb@gmail.com

Have you got a question that you just don't feel you can ask?

Are you wondering about something at school?

While our door is always open - we know it's sometimes hard to ask *those* questions. Come along to a coffee morning next week at 9am in the staffroom. Sit down and chat with us - we are happy to answer your questions. If you would prefer you can submit your question on this form and it will be anonymous. We will answer it at the coffee morning and we will also record an answer and put it on our facebook page for those who can't attend. This is not just a one off - we will keep an eye on the form and answer questions as they arise. Copy and paste this link into your browser if the above link doesn't work. <https://goo.gl/9owJ9T>

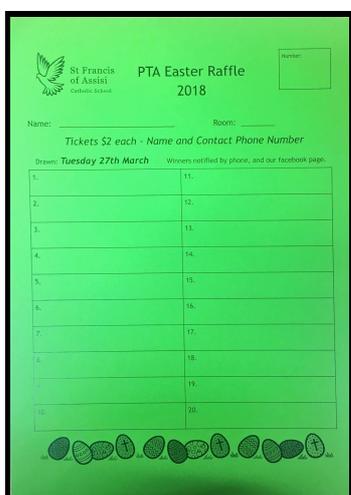
Easter Dates

School will be closed on Friday 30th April, Monday 2nd April and Tuesday 3rd April. We return on the Wednesday 4th April.

Easter Raffle

We have had fantastic support for the easter raffle - thanks so much to each and every one of you! Keep working on selling those tickets this weekend as they are all due back on

Tuesday and the raffle will be drawn at the PTA meeting on Wednesday night next week. Winners will be phoned and names will also be put on facebook.



The image shows a green raffle ticket form for the PTA Easter Raffle 2018. At the top left is the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School logo. The title is 'PTA Easter Raffle 2018'. There are fields for 'Name:' and 'Room:'. Below that, it says 'Tickets \$2 each - Name and Contact Phone Number'. The drawing date is 'Tuesday 27th March' and winners will be notified by phone and on the school's Facebook page. The form has a table with 25 numbered rows (1-25) for ticket entries. At the bottom, there is a decorative border of various fruits like lemons, limes, and oranges.

All of the donations have been made up into 25 gift baskets. These photographs have been placed on facebook. **There are 25 chances to win a prize.** There are also prizes for the family/person who sell the most. First prize is a camera and second prize is a Fitbit flex. Thanks so much - we appreciate your support. Could all tickets be sent back to the office by the morning of **TUESDAY 27TH**. Thanks for your support!

Lunchonline

Sydenham Bakery will no longer be supplying lunchonline after Term 1. Pita Pit and Subway have been added to lunchonline and will start from Friday 4th May.

Accounts

We have just started using a new school management system. This week, by email, you will receive your term one account which has been generated using this new system. On your account you will see the donation and the activity as explained below.

School Donation:

The school donation is set at \$25 per student for up to two students per family.

Activity Fee: <https://goo.gl/xPVejm>

Last year we introduced an activity fee. This was to cover whole team trips and experiences each term and to avoid asking for little bits of



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money all the time. The feedback from parents last year was positive so we have continued with this this year. You can read about the activity fee on the link above and we will send it home with the newsletter today. Please note that if you are experiencing difficulties with payment at any time please contact me and we can discuss options. I can assure of you of confidentiality in regard to this.

Audition for a place in one of the Representative Groups in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

Are you a singer or an instrumentalist? Are you reasonably good at it...or even better?

If you are then we would love for you to audition for us and be part of this amazing experience. The Music Festival is a huge extravaganza featuring over 4000 students that takes place over 3 nights at the Horncastle Arena in late October. Students in the Representative Groups perform every night.

In our Music Festival we have four Representative Groups which are the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra. These groups play a very important role in the Festival and the experience of being on stage with thousands of people watching you and a thousand massed choir students singing along with you is truly amazing.

As with Canterbury representative sports teams, you are chosen because you are good and have real potential. For the choir, you need to be able to sing in tune and being able to read music is an advantage. If you play an instrument, you probably need to have been playing for several years and, if exams apply to your instrument, a rough guide would be around Grade 5 for strings and Grade 4 for woodwind, brass and percussion. Obviously, many of you will be above this standard but this allows for people who may not have taken exams but are actually good players. If in doubt, ask your teachers - they know the standard that we are looking for.

We only select between 80 to 100 students per group. This is done through an Audition process.

If you do get in you need to be aware that you must attend rehearsals in August and September and then attend a three-day Holiday Course in the first week of the Term 3 holidays. You will learn so much and make lots of new friends. Details are on our website.

Even if your school does not have a choir in the festival this year you can still apply for an audition for any of the Representative Groups. This is the pinnacle of musical achievement in Christchurch Primary and Intermediate school music. For more details see the Festival website www.musicfestival.school.nz.

You can only apply for an audition through the website, and applications close on the last day of Term 1.

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School Jackets

There are an order of school jackets due to arrive in the next couple of weeks - We apologise for the delay in this order, and will be in contact with you as soon as they arrive.

We will also be doing another order at the end of this term, this order will close on the last day of Term 1. The jackets are an optional part of our school uniform. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front. Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. The range of sizes is available to try on in the office. To order, click on the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUy2>

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://sportsstfranschch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Road Patrol

We still need two parents to supervise road patrol on Thursday mornings (one fortnight each) and one for Friday mornings (once fortnight). Please contact Phil Bell 021 02914855 phil.clare.bell@gmail

Scholastic Book Club Order

Orders close 9am Wednesday 4 April (first day back after Easter break). Any cash orders need to be in to the office before school on the Wednesday morning so that order can be finalised and hopefully books will be delivered before the end of term.

Miniball

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@stfranschch.school.nz

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@stfranschch.school.nz

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'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/>

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>

Parish Notices

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday 27th March 3:15pm

In the Church

All children & parents or grandparents are welcome.



PTA News

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.

[Service and Skills Audit - Can you help?](https://goo.gl/forms/CvcqUhiUUXYu4zQ82) <https://goo.gl/forms/CvcqUhiUUXYu4zQ82>

Please have a look at this form and see if you can help? The PTA are trying to look at many different ways of raising funds to fit out the new kitchen in our hall that is currently being built.

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St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

We are well underway for this upcoming Netball Season; we have just had our Senior Netball Trials and have 3 senior teams this season and are really looking forward to seeing and hearing how they come this season. So see the Full Teams head over to our Website.

Junior Trials

We are holding our Year 5 & Year 6 Netball Trials this coming Sunday.

Sunday 25th March

Year 5 12:30pm- Warm Up

1-2pm – Skills and Games

Year 6 2:15pm – Warm Up

2:30-3:30pm Skills and Games

We look forward to seeing all the players down at St Francis of Assisi

If your child is interested in playing netball for the 2018 winter sports season, we are still accepting registrations please check out our website and register today!

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home or www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa

Senior Uniform Distribution

We will be passing out the Senior Netball Uniforms at school on Tuesday 27th March straight after school.

Can we please have all Year 7 & 8 players come along to collect their uniforms- please check our Facebook page for where these can be collected from.

NOTIFICATION OF NEXT CLUB MEETING

Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our next meeting on Wednesday 2nd May 7pm venue to be decided closer to the time.

All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Chantelle McCrostie –
chantelles@rocketmail.com or 027 5 515 777.

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Join Western AFC
All ages / levels welcome
Training at Westminster Park, Mairehau
Juniors / Mens / Womens & Masters teams available

For further information visit our website at www.westernafc.com
or contact us at westernafc@gmail.com or 027 500 5274

St Albans School Monster Fair – Sunday 11 November

We're excited to announce the return of the St Albans School Monster Fair in 2018. It's been four years since we last hosted this great event and with our renovations complete we're once again able to open our gates to the St Albans community and beyond.

The Monster Fair is run by the St Albans School PTA, and volunteers from across the school, whose hard work helps to raise much-needed funds for the school. In previous years we've helped to fix the school pool; supported the rebuild of the library and contributed towards the teachers' wish list – providing great resources for our tamariki and their families.

In 2018 we're raising funds to build a new playground. As you can imagine this comes at a significant cost and the Monster Fair is our flagship event for 2018.

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We've reviewed our school calendar to find a date that doesn't conflict with school holidays; public holidays and school camps. This leaves us with one possible date which we have locked in and we'd appreciate it if you could please mark this on your calendar:

St Albans Monster Fair
Sunday 11 November 2018
12pm – 4pm

The St Albans Monster Fair is a community event and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Over the coming months you'll see our advertising popping up. And we hope you'll be able to support us by sharing our posters too.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Sharon O'Conner on stalbanmonsterfair@gmail.com

Thanks for your support

Highland Dancing Classes

Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing on Saturday, the 7th April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.15am for a starting time of 9.30am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards will be very welcome. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest. All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing caleyhighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com or visiting our facebook page – Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing or the Canterbury Caledonian Society website – Highland Dancing. For telephone enquiries please contact Colleen Cole on 3288694 or Rosemary Armstrong on 033122579. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed.



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