

# St Francis of Assisi School

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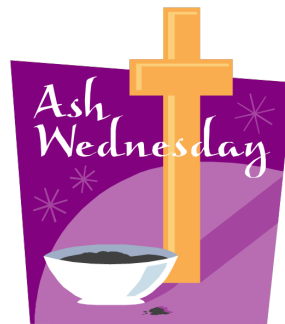
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**Kia ora koutou e te whānau**



Lent, the period of 40 days, leading up to Palm Sunday and Easter, is to be a time of preparation, reflection and renewal. We will begin our Lenten Journey on Wednesday with an Ash Wednesday liturgy. This will be held at 12.00 pm in the library. Parents are more than welcome to join us however please be aware that we are limited with space.



The season of Lent begins and ends with our belief that Jesus is God. When we receive ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads, we are reminded to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection.

### **Assembly**

Principal Certificates will be presented on Wednesday after our liturgy. There was no assembly this week due to Swimming sports.

### **Board of Trustees**

Last night we held our first meeting of the year. At this meeting Tom Music stepped down as BOT Chairperson. Tom has been on the Board of Trustees since the election last year and prior to that was on the Establishment Board for our school. He has devoted many hours of his own time to the establishment of this school and his passion for our school has been evident from the start. I want to personally thank Tom for his advice and support while he has been Chairperson. Tom intends to stay on the board as a proprietor’s representative and we are really grateful that we will still have access to his expertise and guidance.

We held an election last night and the BOT voted for a new Chairperson. We welcome Jonathan McKenzie as our new BOT chairperson and Jo Byrne as the new Deputy Chairperson. I look forward to working with both of you in these new roles. Thanks for being so willing to give of your time and expertise.

### **E-Learning Parent Education Evening**

On Monday 27 February we will be running a Parent Education Evening. This is an opportunity for you to come and find out about Google Apps For Education (GAPE), Chromebooks and how learning looks for your children in a 1:1 environment, and for those of you unable to make our ‘Welcome Wednesday’ sessions we will be discussing briefly school wide communication tools.

### **Tumu Hub Camp @ Woodend Christian Camp**

Our Year 5/6 team had a fabulous time this week on their 3 day / 2night camp at Woodend. Thanks so much to Maire Bowler and the team of teachers for the organisation that went into preparing this very successful camp. Education outside the classroom should provide just the right amount of challenge for the students and from my observations on Tuesday afternoon this was definitely the case. The activities (climbing wall, archery, orienteering, aero jump, initiatives to name some) were challenging and a lot of fun. The camp concert was great as well - a time for the students to showcase their talents. Some of the photos have been placed on facebook.

Without parent help our camps would not be possible. We would like to warmly thank and acknowledge the time and effort that our eight parent helpers gave to our camp. Hayden Beetar, Clay Penrose, Nathan O’Connell, Mary Perrett, Terry Wakefield, Jayne Ngariki, and Maureen Manson, thank you for your energy, enthusiasm and good humour.

Here are a couple of photos of the highlights.



### **Swimming Sports**

Today the Tumu and Kaupeka (Years 5 - 8) children have taken part in school swimming sports. They all entered in a choice of 25 or 50 metre events and the enthusiasm over participation has been high. Thank you to our teacher in charge of sports, Whitney Hansen and our sports coordinator, Maree Scott for the efficient and smooth running organisation of this event. It was a great day! Results will be placed on the sports blog soon.

### **The Arts Opportunities**

#### **Christchurch Schools' Music Festival**

Our Choir (Year 5-8) will be participating in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival in October. It is a highlight of our musical calendar. Applications are now open for the representative group auditions. This includes the special choirs (Junior Year 5/6 and Senior Year 7/8), concert band and orchestra. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn new skills and showcase their musical talents. Please check out the [website](#) for all of the information, including audition sign ups.

#### **Choir**

It is not too late to join our fantastic school choir! Children from Year 3-8 are welcome to join. Rehearsals take place during Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm.

#### **Road Safety**

Please reiterate to your child road safety practices as they travel to and from school. The Road Patrol is not supervised until 8.30am in the mornings and many children are being dropped off before this. Please ensure your children get into school safely. Please also ensure that you do not drive into the church carpark - you also need to encourage your children to walk up the painted lines through the carpark and not up the driveways. We are organising to have this strip repainted but in the meantime we need you to ensure your children are safe.

## Parish Notices

### 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

# St Francis of Assisi Netball Club



## Fun – Fitness - Friendship

Want to play netball? Come and join St Francis of Netball Club

If your daughter or son would like to play this season, please contact Chantelle McCrostie [chantelles@rocketmail.com](mailto:chantelles@rocketmail.com) for registration details or visit the club website <http://sporty.co.nz/sfoa?em=0>

Netball is for children from Years 3-8 and is played at Hagley Netball Courts.

Uniforms are provided and all abilities catered for.



Like us on Facebook to be kept up to date - search for 'St Francis of Assisi Netball Club' or type in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Netball-Club-683113305163334/?fref=nf>

## Marist Albion

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](http://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 2264003 or Steve Kinder 027 2716671.

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# Marist Hockey Club

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 2017 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our website [www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) for trial dates and updated information.

Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Junior Club Captain - Philippa Grey [dpmcgre@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcgre@gmail.com)



# Southern Cross Irish Dance



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## Beginner Classes

### Tuesdays

4pm-5pm  
(from 28th Feb 2017 onwards)

Christchurch Irish Society Hall  
29 Domain Tce, Spreydon

### Saturdays

10am-11am  
(from 4th March 2017 onwards)

St Mary's Church Hall  
329 Halswell Rd, Halswell

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Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact  
Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109,  
southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com

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