

St Francis of Assisi School

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First Holy Communion

We ask the school community to pray for the students who will be received to the Lord's Table this Sunday in two special Masses. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is a very special Sacrament that allows these young people to be full members of our Church community in the celebration of the Eucharist.

We pray for:

Grace Armstrong, Maia Bagnall, Mia Beetar, Jude Brodie-Grottis, Connor Bryce, Joseph Burke, Kade Burroughs, Sienna Caldwell, Emily Chambers, Sophie Chambers, Caterina Domigan, Jack Dungey, Cleo Esposito, Petra Eveleigh, Paige Gibson, Ruby Harnett, Dylan Jack, Ezra John, Reuben John, Caitlin Kent-McConigley, Hannah Kent-McConigley, Max Kirk, Arie Kriek, Leo Lewis, George Lingard, Felicity Lyons, Harriet Mallia, Molly McMenamin, Oscar Mitchell, Mereana Morgan, Olivia Mutch, Alexander Newton, Ben Neves-Graham, Josh O'Connell, Matthias O'Sullivan, Lexi Parkyn, Neila Penrose, Henry Robertson, Makayla Ruaiti, Ethan Sandys, Ellen Scott, Jayden Sequeira, Joshua Snelgar, Olivia Symes, Matthew Tohill, Aidan Urban, Luca van den Heever, Quinn Viney, Ella Wall, Hannah Williamson, Piper Wilson

Reconciliation

The students in Year 4-8 will be offered the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday morning.

BOT Elections

What a fabulous response we have had. Thirteen nominations is an excellent response. Thank you to those who have put their names forward to stand for the Board.

Jo Byrne, Stephanie Byrne, Carol Dean, Tania Ellenbroek, Katherine Eveleigh, Kelvin Fisher, Anna Gavigan, Steven Jack, Richard Mackay, Maureen Manson, Jonathan McKenzie, Julian Meates, and Camila Neves.

Candidate statements have been placed on the website and are also placed at the end of this newsletter. These have also been posted to you by the returning officer from Canterbury Education Services. If you have not received official voting papers by early next week - please let us know in the office and we will contact the returning officer for you.

Voting closes at 12 noon on Friday 3 June. Good luck to all the candidates.

Results from yesterday's Year 5-8 Hagley Sport

Football Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS Hillview Aces Lost 0-9
St Francis 2 VS St Martins Strikers - Loss 2-3

Football Yr 7/8

St Francis A VS Darfield HS Won 6-0
St Francis B VS St Peters B Loss 1-4

Hockey Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS OLA Green Won 14-1
St Francis 2 VS Spreydon Won 9-3

Hockey Yr 7/8

St Francis A VS Hillview A Draw 9-9
St Francis B VS Darfield HS Blue Loss 3-11

Netball Yr 7/8

St Francis A VS Cathedral Coll A Won 21-3
St Francis B VS St Martins B2 Loss 6-16

Netball Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS Shirley A Loss 3-9
St Francis 2 VS OLA White Won 14-5
St Francis 3 - BYE

Rugby Yr 5/6

St Francis Blue VS Thorington Loss 0-55
St Francis Red VS Hillview Year 6 Won 40-15

North Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday a team of 44 runners from Years 5-8 made their way to Murchison Park to compete in the North Zone Cross Country. Our school had the largest contingent of runners and all runners did themselves and the school proud. We had a number of top 12 finishers who now go onto the Canterbury Central Cross Country next month. They are:

Year 5 - Kayla Webb 12th

Year 6 - Josh Cusin 4th, Will Coombes 5th and Jorja Walshe 10th in the Girls

Year 7 - Henri Webster 12th

Samantha Cochrane 2nd, Niamh Webb 5th, Anna McKey 6th, Ella Smith 7th and
Kiera Worthington 8th

Year 8 - Ruben Walker 4th, Oliver Lyons 5th, Josh Coe 7th, Hunter Righton 8th and
Adam Poumaka 12th

Lily Buckley 3rd, Sophie Music 6th, Olivia Tippen 12th

Principal's Conference

Next week I will be attending the Trans Tasman Principal's conference in Auckland. Every couple of years Principals from Australia and New Zealand get together to reflect on current trends and listen to a series of high quality speakers, sharing their stories about innovations and practice from education and other sectors. I hope to come back with lots to share with you all. I will be away from Tuesday to Friday so if you should have any queries that can't wait please feel free to contact either Maire maire.bowler@stfrancischch.school.nz or Sarah sarah.burrowes@stfrancischch.school.nz and they will be able to help you.

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl
Principal

Lost Property

There is a selection of lost property in the school office most of which is not named. A white blouse have been in the office since last term. If these items are not claimed they

were will given to second hand uniforms to be sold. Fletcher Smith Yr ¾ has lost his named jersey. Please return to the office if found. Thank you.

Parking

Please note: Please do not park and leave your car in the drop off zone out the front 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 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.

Winter Uniform

Please note: Running shoes/ sneakers are not the regulation shoes that should be worn with the uniform. They are to be worn with the PE uniform only. Queen's Birthday weekend marks the changeover for the Winter Uniform and we ask for your support with this.

Girls – Long-sleeved Blouse; Pinafore for Year 1-4 Skirt Year 5-8 Navy tights or knee-high navy socks

Boys – long sleeved grey shirt; Grey Winter Shorts Knee-high grey socks with red and blue stripes

Please note - Skivvy's are not included in our school uniform.

We are introducing a tie for Year 5-8 boys and girls. **Please note:** It will become compulsory in Term 3 which will give people time to make this purchase. The tie has even stripes navy and red. We have one at the school office that you can look at if you are unsure. In 2016 Year 8 boys and girls will not be required to wear the tie however they are most welcome to should they wish to.

School fees

Accounts went out on Wednesday so please check your child's bag. If you are having difficulties in paying please phone Pauline. We are happy to receipt weekly payments or targeted online payments ie reference Swim 25.00 payment or Tech fee 45.00 payment. The swimming lessons fee of \$25.00 and swim sport fee for seniors of \$6.00 are now overdue and should be paid immediately.

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR STATEMENT.

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders have now closed.

Entertainment Books

The PTA would like remind all parents-

Entertainment Books which went home last Friday and are not being purchased need to be returned to the office

ASAP.

Any questions contact Kim Goggin 0210702770.

Upcoming Events

Junior Disco - 27 May @ Mairehau High School Hall. Year 1-4 5.30 - 7pm and Year 5-6 7.30pm til 9pm. The theme for the Junior Disco is Sparkles and Superheroes. Children are more than welcome to dress up but this is not compulsory. Hope you all have a lot of fun tonight.

IT ADDS UP!

If you read just
15 minutes a day,
in one year you
will have read
over 1,000,000
words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com



Senior Disco - 10 June - Year 7/8. More information to follow soon.

Candidate Statements

BYRNE, Jo

My name is Jo Byrne and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School. I am married to Nick Mallia, and we have Harriet and Frankie in the Year 3 and 4 hub.

I am a part time Speech Language Therapist at Ferndale Special School and also am a member of the Shirley Papanui Community Board. I am a proven advocate for my community and want to support the Principal, staff and PTA to assist in making our school community strong and successful with fantastic outcomes for all our students.

I want our students to develop a life long love of learning while reaching their potential. I would like our students to develop great friendships and relationships and to support each other to be the best they can be. I believe our school should offer leadership and citizenship opportunities for all students. I believe the entire school community should be in partnership working towards these goals.

I want to support staff in developing their teaching skills and finding their profession rewarding. St Francis should be a centre of excellence and have low staff turnover and high staff satisfaction.

I bring to the future BOT, knowledge and skills in special education and disability, governance, leadership, community engagement, fundraising, and special projects. I have years of experience in developing and writing school policies to meet Ministry of Education requirements. I have been part of the steering committee for the new St Albans Community Facility, and have helped develop this project through to consultation stage.

I appreciate the hard work of the Transitional Board of Trustees and commit to continue their great work.

BYRNE, Stephanie

My name is Stephanie Byrne and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi School. My partner and I have two children attending the school, Oscar Mitchell in year 5 and Lottie Mitchell in year 3.

I am the Managing Director of Body Corporate Solutions Limited and am fortunate that I this allows me to balance both work and family life. I grew up in Westport attending Buller High School and hold a Bachelor of Accounting from the University of South Australia.

My previous work experience commenced with 10 years in the Royal New Zealand Air Force initially in administrative roles and then as one of the first female aircrew members. After this I worked in for both government and corporate Australia for 11 years.

My experience in dealing with a myriad of people from all walks of life on a daily basis would benefit the future Board of Trustees for the school. I have extensive experience in administration, finance, legal, mediation, application of legislation, insurance issues and property management.

DEAN, Carol

Hi, for those of you that don't know me, I am Carol Dean and have three children, Dean, Amy and Hannah Williamson. Dean is currently in Year 10 at St Bede's while Amy and Hannah are in Year 8 and 4 at SFOA. As a family, we are so enjoying being part of this new school community and I am pleased for the opportunity to stand for the BOT as a way to continue with wonderful start.

In terms of background, I am a Consultant Psychiatrist, currently working half time at Hillmorton Hospital and half time, involved in the education and pastoral care of junior doctors. I am an active member of SFOA parish and am very committed to the ongoing provision of quality catholic education within our parish. I was on the St Paul's BOT from May, 2010, just in time to be involved with the earthquake times. Clearly, this experience of being on a BOT was not what I had expected! Although I learnt much through this process, I would relish the experience of being on a board that is working with a developing and flourishing school.

I believe I have many skills that will allow me to serve well on the board. Through my work, I have strong communication skills with a wide range of people. I have a strong solution focus and am very good at looking outside the norm for unique solutions to opportunities that arise. I have a good understanding of the BoT's role and how the governance function works. I am flexible in my approach to situations and able to quickly grasps the essence of complex issues.

I am committed to help ensure SFOA establishes itself as school which offers excellent education within the catholic culture which is so important for our children. Thank you for this opportunity.

ELLENBROEK, Tania

My name is Tania and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School. I have two sons, Oliver (Yr 6) and James (Yr 2) who both attend St Francis of Assisi School. My husband, Craig and I are self-employed with All About Electrical Ltd. I began my studies with primary education before changing to Tourism and Office Management. I have sat on a Secondary School Board as a Student Representative. More recently, I have been an Office Manager for a number of Christchurch Businesses. My most interesting role was with YHA New Zealand where I worked with the National Board, CEO & Senior Leadership Teams on various areas of the business including staffing, property development, finance, marketing and office management.

I see a position on the Board as ensuring student achievement levels are met, and I welcome the opportunity to work with our Principal, leaders, teachers, staff and students to further develop St Francis of Assisi into the best possible school. I will support the school with their strategic direction, as well as being a positive advocate for the school community. I

understand the difference between governance and management, and I am committed to expanding my understanding of the Catholic education system.

Along with faith in our Principal, I would bring to the Board of Trustees business knowledge, a strong awareness for supportive listening and the ability to ask good questions.

I would be honoured to join the St Francis of Assisi Catholic School Board to serve our parish and school community. I also believe in continuing the goals of more recent Board members whom have stated – “to form a school that will deliver a Catholic education of the highest standard,” and “building a strong foundation to equip St Francis of Assisi School to succeed and flourish long into the future.”

EVELEIGH, Katherine

I am a parent at St Francis of Assisi, and ex-pupil of Fatima, currently with three children at the school; Oliver in year 5, Petra in year 4 and Xavier who has just started as a new entrant. I was a board member during the final year at Fatima and I am keen to extend this experience on the new board at St Francis of Assisi.

I am passionate about providing education that enables each student to explore, excel and reach their full potential. As well as academic excellence, success includes fostering a love of learning, building strong lasting friendships, developing core values and strength of character. Providing resources, facilities and support to enable children to explore opportunities and develop their own areas of passion, to extend well beyond the classroom walls and primary school years.

I am a chartered consulting engineer who leads multidisciplinary teams on infrastructure planning and construction projects. Additionally, my husband and I own a building construction business. My work provides experience working on challenging projects involving strategic and innovative thinking, problem solving and community engagement. I am an optimistic, enthusiastic and approachable person who enjoys working in a collaboration team environment and am confident to speak up on controversial or difficult issues. I understand the importance of a strong relationship between the school and parents and value the provision of transparent and honest communication.

I have a particular interest in the arts and as such I am extremely excited about the opportunities that the school hall may provide, with a commitment to embrace and unlock this development opportunity. As a board member I will strive to make positive, progressive and meaningful contributions to the school.

FISHER, Kelvin

My name is Kelvin Fisher and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

Following a short hiatus to the West Coast, my wife Lisa and 11 year old son Corban have recently returned to Christchurch with Corban being in Year 7 at St Francis of Assisi Catholic School, previously having been a student at St Paul's.

The educational, cultural, spiritual and sporting opportunities offered by St Francis of Assisi Catholic School are exciting and provide an excellent platform for all students to develop to

the best of their potential. The opportunity to part of the inaugural board for the school and enhance these is an enticing prospect and I would be a committed, hardworking member of the board and wider school community.

During my professional career I have primarily been involved within the Consumer Goods & Customer Services industries and this experience in the corporate world would be very beneficial within the board of trustee's environment. I have a broad array of skills, knowledge and experience and am sure these would prove useful as we strive to continually enhance the school for all stakeholders. In addition to this I have held numerous administrative roles across sporting entities, including President, Secretary and Treasurer, and these roles have provided also provide numerous skills and experience which would be valuable in the role of trustee.

GAVIGAN, Anna

Hi, my name is Anna Gavigan and I am mother to Charlie in year 3 and Finn in year 5 at St Francis of Assisi School. I currently work part-time as a nurse and am in my second to last year of a law degree. I am a trained youth advocate and my particular legal interests are in education and child and family law. This will be my first governance position and it is with great enthusiasm that I approach this role. Being involved in the foundation years of a new school presents an exciting opportunity to help create an exceptional school. I believe in quality education for all children in an environment that promotes a love for learning. My strengths will lie in listening to the school community, my passion to meet the needs of all learners and working well as part of a team.

JACK, Steven

My name is Steven Jack and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

I have been a part of the parish and school most of my life. My wife Kathryn and I have two sons Dylan 9 and Lewys 6 who both attend St Francis of Assisi, we live in Mairehau.

I have coached U6 Rugby for Christchurch for the past 4 years and still play the occasional game myself. I own a local driving school and also work for full time for an ITO. Prior to this I was in Hospitality Management and Tutoring in Adult Education.

I am interested in being elected for the BOT as I am an active member of the school and community, I want to see our parish and school grow and be there for our future generation. I will bring new ideas, enthusiasm, humour and I can cook a mean sausage on the BBQ! If elected I promise to be as committed as possible and hope to enhance the parish and schools special character.

MACKAY, Richard

My name is Richard MacKay and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School. I am the proud father of three children; Molly (6) and Joseph (5) who are pupils at SFoA and Harry (3) who will start school in 2018. My wife, Louise, is a teacher at SFoA.

Although we have lived in the area for 8 years and have been part of the parish we are new to the school community. I am eager to offer my skills and experience and participate in the

governance of the school. I have always been keen to support my community and, over different periods, I have coached junior hockey, been a member of a local volunteer fire brigade and served with my cricket club organising committee. With 2 children in the early stages of their education I am particularly interested in maximising the potential of St Francis of Assisi Catholic School for my children, as well as yours.

I am a Health and Safety professional working in the health care sector and as such am able to bring sound risk management skills to the Board of Trustees. Building and maintaining relationships is another valuable skill that I can offer the Board and I believe will assist the Board in working productively and harmoniously. I am looking forward to working for the benefit of SFoA and our children.

MANSON, Maureen

My name is Maureen Manson and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

I have a son who attends St Francis and I currently work full time as a Submissions Manager for Fulton Hogan. I am interested in becoming a BOT member for the school as I believe I have skills and attributes that can contribute to the success of the new school, and our children.

I have over 13 years experience working in marketing and management roles in tertiary education and extensive governance experience. I have held the following roles on boards and committees:

- Committee member, Canterbury Software Inc.
- Chair and committee member Education Christchurch
- NZ Polytechnics representative on India Strategic Team
- Chair and member and Chair of the Russia Education Network
- Assistant Chair and member and of International Managers ITPNZ
- President and committee member of Canterbury Women's Rugby
- Committee member of Christchurch Football Club (Rugby)

Education knowledge and understanding. Over 13 years of my career have been spent in marketing communications and management roles in tertiary education. I understand the challenges and rewards of working in education. The competing demands from multiple stakeholders, and the need to balance risk and opportunity.

Extensive marketing and communications experience. In addition to my 10 years experience in a marketing role at CPIT, I have private sector experience both in education, manufacturing and construction. My knowledge is current and relevant and I am commercially astute. Over the past few years my focus has been digital communications, generating quality, engaging, content that is fit for purpose.

Project management experience. During my career I have led many projects including change projects, new developments and new initiatives. I am currently managing tender projects for multi-million dollar construction contracts.

Leadership and management. I am an innovative and entrepreneurial leader who can inspire people and deliver on projects and organisational expectations. I am also an effective team player who is collaborative and results focused. I have a proven track record of success working at a senior management level, leading, developing and managing teams and delivering exceptional results.

Energy, passion and a commitment to making a difference. I have a passion for education and the impact it can have on people and their families. My strength is in developing and implementing practical solutions that exceed expectations. I get things done!

MCKENZIE, Jonathan

My name is Jonathan McKenzie and I am standing for the Board of Trustees for St Francis of Assisi.

I am married and the father of 3 girls, 2 of whom are currently attending St Francis of Assisi. My family and I are part of the St Francis Parish. I am currently a Business Analyst in the retail sector. I have been involved in both Primary and High School Boards over the last 6 years and previously taught in High School.

My previous experience on Boards and the skills I have developed through the various roles I've had in the workforce provide me with a good foundation for the work of the Board needed to continue the strong development and growth of this new School.

MEATES, Julian

I find writing a summary about myself quite unpleasant. Lou and I have 2 children, Olly who is 10 in year 6, and Archie who will be starting school later this year. I work for Jolly Good Software and I design / create computer systems for businesses. I am a creative thinker and am always questioning why things are done the way they are done. I like to challenge those reasons and the practicality of situations to ensure that the best outcome is being achieved the best way.

I am the youngest of 10 children, yes my parents are Catholics, and I went to St Patricks school in Bryndwr and then St Bedes and I am currently on the St Bedes Old Boys Association. I am coaching the St Francis of Assisi Year 5/6 rugby teams. In selecting the 2 teams, instead of having an A team that would win each week but a cricket score and a B team that would struggle every week I decided the best outcome was to create 2 even teams. In reality whether our school wins the competition is less important than the kids learning how to be better Rugby players and learning how to play as a team. I still believe in winning and will do everything I can to help the teams to win but I want them to win because they play well as a team, not because they are a lot of skilful individuals.

A large number of my family suffer from learning difficulties (dyslexia to varying degrees) and so I am interested in ensuring that our school is fully equipped to identify, manage and appropriately educate the large number of students who do not fall into the "normal" spectrum.

I have accepted my nomination for the board because I believe I can help the school continue to establish itself and grow and to ensure that it is always challenging itself for the benefit of the students.

NEVES, Camila

Hello everybody! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Camila, I am from Brazil and I have been living in Christchurch for the past ten years. I have two

beautiful children that started this year (we actually come from Parkview School-Parklands) at St. Francis of Assisi: Ben, who is in the Years 3-4 Hub with Miss Kane and Chloe, who is with Mrs Mackay in Year 1-Room 11.

As a stay-home parent I've had the opportunity to be actively involved as a parent helper at Queenspark and Parklands kindergartens and Parkview School. I worked in successful fundraiser events and was a committee member (treasurer) for Queenspark Kindy. I explored cultural and creative activities with the teachers and the school/kindy children, which was incredibly enriching not only for me as a parent, but from a community member perspective as well.

At the moment I work part-time as a freelancer graphic designer/photographer and as voluntary guide for Christchurch Art Gallery. In this rewarding role, I have the pleasure to work closely with the Gallery Educator, Susie Cox, planning and delivering educational art tours for Christchurch Schools and Pre-Schools, and monitor the most efficient ways to enable children to get closer to art and develop observational and analytical skills as well as confidence, in sharing their views in a supportive and encouraging environment, where there all interpretations are appreciated.

I am passionate about diversity, languages and getting involved in the community. Growing up in Brazil, which is a very Catholic country, I was surrounded by people with a strong sense of benevolence, Catholic values, but most of all: Faith! After many years, so far from my Brazilian family and friends, I understood that the best (if not only) way to involve my kiwi family with these essential values, and continue to nurture my faith, is through the involvement with the catholic community.

And, even though we have been at the school for less than two terms, I had the chance to meet (in the playground, chatting before or after school) some amazing parents and look forward to work with them and the school staff, applying my analytical, creative and interpersonal skills, in order to provide the best educational opportunities for the children of St Francis of Assisi.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Camila