

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia Ora Koutou



Even though the weather has not been flash we have a fabulous start to the term. The students have settled well into the changes that we have made to the timetable and the carb snack has become more popular throughout the week.

Just a couple of reminders:

- We are striving to be wrap free - we know this is challenging and not always achievable but just ask that you keep it in mind when packing lunches. We are sending all rubbish home in lunchboxes in our drive to reduce the waste from school.
- We are a “water only” school. We have not enforced this up til now however it is a vital part of the new strategies we are putting in place. To this end we have asked for the drinks to be removed from the Lunch Online Menu as of next week. Please do not send any drink other than water to school. We will be introducing the Drink to Think - Think to Drink strategy later this term - this strategy encourages students to increase their water intake throughout the day. More information about this will be shared closer to the time.

We have included some links for you about the benefits of our school becoming water only.

<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=9251>

<http://www.waterinschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Edmonds-Appetite.pdf>



<http://www.waterinschools.org/why-water/>

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Parish Mass

This Sunday at the 9am Mass, the Parish are holding a Grandparents Mass at which our choir will be singing. We would love to see as many of our students and families there as possible. We have 373 students at our school and at present we only have 8 students indicating that they can come to this Mass. We would be very grateful for support with this.



The feast of Sts Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus is a day to celebrate and thank all grandparents. Whatever their situation, whatever the family dynamics, our forebears are part of us, and grandparents (and increasingly great-grandparents) are often the only forebears we get to know in person. The great interest people have in their family history shows how deep our need is to connect with those who have gone before us, and with so many tools now to do research, people's interest in their family tree is at an all time high. Maori have always understood the importance of whakapapa. Grandparents and great-grandparents have so much they can tell their grandchildren about their family history – talk to them!

Cardinal John Dew

St Francis of Assisi Sports Awards

Our inaugural School Sports Awards took place on Thursday of this week, at 9.30 am, in the library. It was a huge success and students are already talking about our second sports awards in Term 4. We would like to thank those whānau members who were able to join us, your support was really appreciated. Congratulations again to all our award winners.



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Christchurch Schools Music Festival Tickets

Exciting news! The tickets to the festival can now be purchased through ticketek. The Year 5-8 choir students will be performing at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm. More information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the [festival website](#). This link [here](#) will show you what side of the stage we will be on. This will help you choose where you would like to sit. The ticketek booking page also has a plan showing where the choir will be sitting. Any questions about this, please see Mackenzie Kane in Room 8 or email me at mackenzie.kane@stfrancischch.school.nz

Cultural Festival

Just a reminder that the Cultural Festival performance night for the St Francis of Assisi Kapahaka group is Friday 18 August. If you ordered tickets through school these will be sent home as soon as we receive them. If you did not manage to order them through school you can still order tickets through Ticketek.

Building Update

As you will have seen we are finally making progress! The work has started and we hope that it will be completed by the end of the year.

Cairns Conference

Whitney Hansen, Team Leader for Year 7/8 and E-Learning Co-ordinator is presenting at a conference in Cairns next week, alongside a team from the Catholic Education Office.

Their presentation is entitled: **RE Digital Resources Development - Research/Professional Learning Project** and will share the diocesan-wide (Years 7 & 8 students across 31 schools) research/ professional learning project the team has been working on. Our school has been one of the schools that has been part of the research. This research / project aims to work with current RE classroom teachers in order to assist the teaching/learning process by providing them with theologically and educationally sound digital RE resources that engage the learner. Some of year 7/8 students were interviewed for this presentation - it's great to see that our students voice will be shared with Catholic schools from all over Australia and NZ. We are very proud of Whitney's involvement with this project and wish her well for this presentation.

Parking Issues / Innes Rd and Kensington Avenue

There is no doubt about it - parking spaces are definitely at a premium on Innes Rd and Kensington Avenue. We need you all to follow the road rules in order to keep your children safe - **and** our neighbours happy.

- No driving up any of the school or parish driveways - (unless you are picking up a sick or injured child and you need to use the disability parking next to the office).
- No parking in the Parish Car park
- No parking on the shingle beside the Church and the Presbytery

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- You can not park in the 5 min drop off and walk in to pick up your child - you must stay with your car if you park there and stay no longer than 5 minutes so that others can use the space as well.
- No stopping on yellow lines - you can get a ticket even if you are still in your car on the yellow lines - as soon as you open your door a ticket can be issued.
- You must park at least one metre away from any driveway - this has been a big problem on Kensington Ave - our neighbours are unhappy that they are sometimes unable to get in or out of their driveways. Not only this - when they have approached some of our parents who are doing this - apparently our parents have been quite rude to them. We are not making friends and this is not a good look for our school. We rely on our neighbours to keep an eye on our school and we want to foster good relationships. Please be considerate.



PTA Updates

PTA Teatowel Fundraiser

Next term we are organising a teatowel fundraiser which will have pictures of your children's drawings on them. We are looking for a sponsor who in return will have their name/logo on the teatowels. If you are interested can you please contact Leanne on 021 025 06238 or dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz. Thank you for your support.

Entertainment Books

Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson Entertainment 2017 / 2018

The Christchurch Entertainment books have arrived and will be available to pick up from the office, from Monday 8 May. For those who haven't purchased one yet and wish to do so, you can either click the link below and order one online, return the envelope that was sent home with your child to the school office OR purchase one from the office.
www.entbook.co.nz/1341q64

Display copies are available to have a look through in the staff room and in the office. To view the book online click on this link <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/347408>

The PTA coordinator for book orders is: Gillian Kent-McConigley, 0274-795-630 with support from Phil Bell and Leanne Flanagan.

All proceeds will go towards the development of St Francis of Assisi's playground.

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Thanks for your support, Gillian and the St Francis of Assisi School PTA

Lost Property

PTA JULY NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 2 and what a busy term it has been.

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last term and look forward to a couple of weeks off and another busy Term 3 ahead.

Here is the latest update from the PTA.

Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Thanks to Fran and the Team for this successful fundraiser.

We are sure you will all agree that the Cheese Rolls were delicious- the funds raised from this will go towards the installation of the playground in the back field.

We thank you for all getting behind this event and supporting it so well.

We can't wait to see the progress of the playground.

Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd Aug, 7pm

Ladies Evening

Thanks to Claire and Tracey for organizing this event at school on Friday 23rd June.

For those that attend we are sure you will agree this was a lovely evening with lots of great bargains available.

This evening was a great success and we were able to raise \$4000 to help with the installation of the playground.

Save the Date:

Mid-Winter Xmas Shin-Dig

Saturday 5th Aug 7pm

Heaton Intermediate

R18 Event

\$20pp Supper Included

Band, Cash Bar

Spot Prizes for Best Xmas Get-Up

(NB: this is not a compulsory dress-up)

**GRAB YOUR TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE
NEXT TERM!**

Limited to 100 Tickets only!



The band is booked, the liquor license is on its way so grab your friends and lets all get together to celebrate, have a drink and make sure you have your dancing shoes on.

Have a happy and safe holiday and grab your tickets to this parent's only event at the beginning of next term. Any questions get in touch with one of our PTA Members.



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Parish Notices

Office Hours

Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a **"Current of Grace" Conference** 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North.

"Current of Grace" Conference

"Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand"

When: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017-06-23

Where: Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all!

For further information and to register on-line visit www.ccrnz.org/register2017

For further information please contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537

Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Registrations now open for **July school holidays– book online!**

Week 1 – Mon 10th – Fri 14th July *LINCOLN *WESTBURN *PAPANUI

Week 2 – Mon 17th – Fri 21st July *CHCH BOYS HIGH *ROLLESTON

- Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure,
- Delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff. Junior and Senior Team Leaders.
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply.

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