

St Francis of Assisi School

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Items Covered This Week

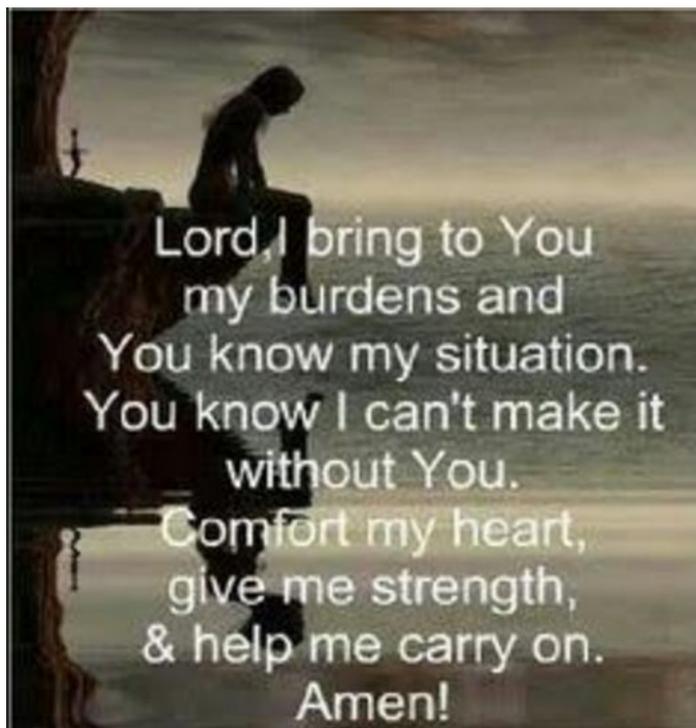
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Welcome Back

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome Back! It was good to see how the children were on Monday when we walked through the spaces. The whole school has a great vibe going on.

Thoughts and prayers are still with Cath Shaw and her family. Her husband Paul passed away last week and they held a wonderful celebration of his life yesterday.



Naming the Hubs Competition

Thanks to all who entered the competition - some fantastic ideas -we will be judging over the next week and will let you know the outcome!

BOT Report

The new board met on Thursday 28 July with a full agenda of items to consider. We welcomed Greg Tucker from the Education Review Office, who visited the school and board as part of a readiness review that all new schools are subject to. The board was asked to reflect on progress and achievements thus far and also the short and medium term goals for the school. Greg was very complimentary of the work being done by our staff and management, particularly with the short time frames imposed on us in our development.

ERO will visit the school in 2018 for a full review.

As part of the new Board's role, a school mission and vision will need to be developed. Community feedback will play an important part in this process. The board will meet outside normal meeting times to consider the process toward creating this guiding document.

School Hall / Multi-purpose area

A key aspect of the meeting was the discussion on the school hall construction project. Prior to the meeting, the board considered a range of feedback received from our school community. We were appreciative of the time taken by those who formally and informally gave their thoughts and questions.

Mike Nolan from the Catholic Education Office was on hand to provide key details and insight from the diocese. The board, mentioned in our notice to the community, were primarily concerned with understanding the parameters we were working within to make a decision for the school. We discussed parameters around size of the hall, location, timing (of both the building process and disruption to the school) along with touching on funding and additional elements of design and equipment brought up during our consultation.

The board also heard from our Principal and Staff Representative summarising their expectations of the usage of the hall and how this would provide additional benefits to both the culture and teaching and learning within our school. We also discussed possible future plans for the remaining buildings on site and how the master plan for our school's property may take shape.

Key in our thinking was that all design and planning would take into account our capacity roll of 495 students (currently at 372). This particularly affects the size of the hall (and the effect on related classroom space we are entitled to) and to some extent the location of the hall.

After considering the information, the **board unanimously agreed to proceed to the detailed design stage, with a proviso that the board can address further design questions with project architects.** This decision has the immediate benefit of being able to engage a project team enlisted by the Catholic Education Office (including project manager, architect, engineers and quantity surveyors) at the earliest possible stage. The location of the hall was also ratified after due consideration of feedback received and the factors noted above.

The board elected a Property Sub-committee to work closely with the key contacts to further this project. Katherine Eveleigh, Richard MacKay and Jonathan McKenzie form a knowledgeable team to guide the school in this area in the busy months ahead.

More details on the process and our timelines will be communicated in due course.

This is an exciting time for our school and as a board, we are committed to continuing the excellent work noted by the ERO into this next phase of our school. On a personal note, I am honoured that at this meeting, the members have elected me the Board Chair for the remainder of the year. We plan to set lofty goals and look forward to playing our part in achieving them.

Tom Music
Board Chair
St Francis of Assisi Catholic School

Next Board Meeting: Staffroom Thursday 25 August 5.30pm

Winter Tournament

We had a great day on Tuesday at the North Zone Tournament and we had some great results. We haven't had confirmation of what teams are going through to the Centrals however we will let you know as soon as we do.

Library

You may noticed that the Library space has been a hive of activity lately. Our classes will begin using it next week. We will continue to use this as a multi purpose space until we have a new hall. We have ordered new library furnishings which are due mid August - we will open the Library officially once the new furnishings are in place - Watch this space!

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl
Principal

Sports Results (Thursday Sport)

Hockey Year 7/8

Hillview Avalanche Vs St Francis A 1-8 win
OLA White Vs St Francis B 4-7 win

Hockey Year 5/6

St Francis 2 Vs Recliffs A 4-2 win
St Francis 1 Vs OLA Black 14-0 win

Netball Year 7/8

Hillview B Vs St Francis A 10-14 win
St Martins B Vs St Francis B 12-12 draw

Netball Year 5/6

St Francis 2 Bye
St Francis 1 Vs Spreydon B 9-2 win
St Francis 3 Vs Hillview B 25-5 win

Football Year 7/8

St Francis A Vs St Martins A 2-3 loss

Tamariki Seven Oaks Vs St Francis B 1-4 win

Football Year 5/6

Bishopdale A Vs St Francis 2 1-2 win

St Francis 1 Vs Redcliffs B 2-4 loss

Rugby Year 5/6

St Francis A Vs Hillview Y5 15-20 loss

Rowley Rebels Vs St Francis B 45-20 loss

**Friday 25th
Nov**

7:30- 11pm



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PTA
BINGO
FUNDRAISER**

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**Venue:
Heaton Intermediate
Date:
Friday 25th Nov 2016
Time:
7:30-11pm**

***All Proceeds to go towards the
NEW SCHOOL HALL***

More Information to come in Term 3



Dear Parents and Caregivers

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN POINTS TOWARDS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

ANZ is encouraging people within school communities to support their local school when taking out an ANZ home loan. I am emailing all St Francis of Assisi Catholic School parents and caregivers about this opportunity, as we could really benefit from the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme.

For those of you in the St Francis of Assisi Catholic School community about to draw down a home loan – please consider nominating St Francis of Assisi as ‘your school’. We will earn credits from the ANZ Awards Centre for sports equipment or computers and our students benefit.

An eligible home loan drawn down of \$50,000 by somebody ‘nominating’ St Francis of Assisi will entitle our school to 800 credits and approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please contact our local ANZ Representative Rebecca Snelgar on Ph: 3683988, Email: rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in mind!

