

# St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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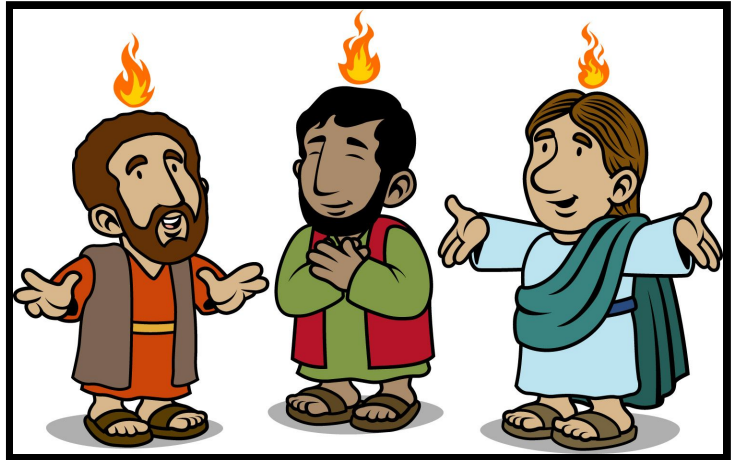
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## Kia ora koutou e te whānau

### PENTECOST

Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. We celebrate Pentecost Sunday on 4<sup>th</sup> June. In the Gospel reading on Sunday we hear Jesus saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are called to bear witness to our faith by being the hands, the feet, the face and the voice of Jesus in our world. Filled



with the gift of the Holy Spirit we have the strength to do this! Some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church. Let's celebrate!

First Holy Communion - Please continue to pray for the children preparing to receive this sacrament on Sunday 11 June. (1:00pm and 3:00pm)

### First Communion Choir

We would really like some of our senior students to step up and support the First Communion Masses by being a part of the choir for the weekend. To date we have asked the the senior students and only one has offered so we would really appreciate some encouragement from home - especially those who may have a sibling making their first communion on the day.

### Wheelie Wednesday

We had a great turn out for Wheelie Wednesday this week - the photos have been uploaded to our facebook page. Next week - Year 5-8.

### Safety at Our School Gate - Your Children - Our Concern

*Due to the ongoing issues of road users illegally parking on the yellow lines outside our school, the Christchurch City Council will be placing parking officials at our gate. Their presence will be random/unscheduled and they will issue instant fines via post to the vehicle owner. This will include over-use of the 5min parking zone.*

*Please remember that you MUST NOT drive your vehicle onto the school grounds or the Parish driveways to drop off or collect your children unless you have exceptional circumstances or permission from our Principal to do so. Please pass this message onto your family and friends who may also sometimes collect your children.*

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### **Heroes in the Tumu Hub**

The PBL (project based learning) in the Tumu hub is currently about what it means to be a hero. Tumu has had a wonderful week listening to some of our local heroes. They now have a great sense of the different ways that people can be a hero. Thank you to all of the fantastic guest speakers for giving up your time to speak to the children.

### **Sport**

Another great afternoon of sport yesterday. This we highlight the Year 7/8 and the Year 5/6 Rugby with a few photos.



### **Board of Trustees News**

#### **Playground Installation**

Thanks to the PTA cheese roll fundraiser we are well poised to begin work on the installation of the new playground. You may have noticed that the old obstacle course was removed this week (with the help of the company who have been doing the Flockton Basin work at the back of our field - big thank you to them!). We have a project team meeting next week to begin to plan the next steps for this and we will keep you informed along the way.

#### **Block One Redevelopment**

We are getting very close to beginning the work on Block One. Block One is the block directly being the new two storey block. It has been on the list for refurbishment since we opened. Consent from council has been received and we are awaiting the tender process to finish. We don't have any dates yet however as soon as we do we will let you know. It is our intent that the classes are modernised in keeping with the other new hubs and our junior team will move into these new spaces when they are complete. We will keep you informed along the way.

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## Pastoral Care

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 2 requires the board, along with the principal and teaching staff, to maintain an ongoing programme of self-review focused on continually raising student achievement.

There are three types of review:

A **strategic** review relates mainly to the charter and includes community expectations, values, vision, and strategic aims for the next 3–5 years.

A **regular** review is cyclical, so it includes those things that occur each year, such as the budget, policy reviews, and student progress and achievement.

An **emergent** review occurs when there are unplanned issues to examine or new initiatives – for example, a change in government policy, new local initiatives, or an incident or event indicating that a current policy needs to be urgently reviewed.

## Special Character Review

<https://goo.gl/forms/RU5qySIUn6pXN5fs1>

As part of its **regular review cycle** our Board of Trustees is keen to get your views on the three aspects of Special Character of our school, Our Catholic Community, Religious Education and Pastoral Care.

To this end we have compiled a survey for you to complete. The results will be collated and discussed at the next BOT meeting and we will place a summary of the results in the following newsletter. <https://goo.gl/forms/RU5qySIUn6pXN5fs1>

Everyone who submits the survey will receive a code word - come along to the office, or email us with the code word and you will go into the draw for a \$50 Joe's Garage voucher. The link to the survey is above - just copy and paste it into the address bar at the top of your browser.

## Lost Property

Saffron Parsonson has lost her named school jersey. Please return to Room 8 if found.

Claudia Snelgar in the Kaupeka Hub has lost her named school jersey two weeks ago please check your child/childrens jersey and return if found. Thanks.

Angus Fowler Rm 10 has lost his named school jersey. Please return if found.

## After School Programme



The Oscar After school program is currently full with permanent bookings therefore we are not able to guarantee casual bookings at present it will be only on a one off basis. If you are needing casual bookings you can contact the supervisor: 0274691873.

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### Norah Street Parking

Please note there is **no parking** on the short right of way off Norah Street that leads to the back field entrance. This area is for residents only. It is also very dangerous for the children who walk into school this way to have cars trying to drive into this area. Please park out on Nancy Ave.

### Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email [phil.clarebell@gmail.com](mailto:phil.clarebell@gmail.com). Thanks

### Second Hand Jersey

Second hand jersey for sale - as new only worn for 3 weeks. Size 97cm. Price Negotiable. Please phone Liz - 385 2660

### PTA

#### Ladies Night Out

*St Francis of Assisi School*  
*presents*

WESTENDE **WJ** JEWELLERS

# All Shape and Sizes

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tickets \$20

## Tickets on SALE

Get your tickets for the Ladies Night on Friday 23rd June  
We will be selling tickets outside the staff room from 2:45 this week.  
If you are not able to come after school drop a named envelop into the office with your ticket order and money.  
We are limited to 120 tickets and we only have half left. Get your tickets early.

If you have an questions contact Clare 0212135620 or Tracey  
[tracey.bryce@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:tracey.bryce@stfrancischch.school.nz)

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## **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](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1341q64)

Display copies are available to have a look through in the staff room and in the office OR 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.

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

## **Parish Notices**

Parish Office Hours have changed with effect from this week. Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

## **Attendance Dues**

Attendance Dues – DUE BY DATES. Some of you have expressed confusion as to why the parish has a due by date on our invoices.

As you are aware, the parish invoice you on behalf of the Diocese, for the Attendance Dues/Special Character Contributions for each child attending a Catholic School.

What you may not be aware of is that the parish then receives an invoice from the Diocese for approximately \$22,000 which we are required to pay by a certain date.

We put a due by date on our invoices to ensure the parish has the funds to meet the Diocesan Invoice for your children at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School.

The 2017 due by dates are 20th February, 20th May, 20th August & 20th November.

As always, if you have any queries or are having difficulty paying your account, please get in touch with the parish office. Phone 385 3459.

## **Our Parish St Vincent de Paul needs you.**

The parish St Vincent de Paul Conference covers the largest parish geographical area and receives on average 200 calls a month for assistance. Due to illness and age we now have very few people in our team who are able to deliver food parcels to those in need. Are you available during the day and have your own transport? Please consider joining our busy

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team in this very important work. Full training will be given. Please contact Kirsten in the parish office if you are interested in finding out more.

## Community Notices

***Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau***  
***23 Fergusson Ave***  
***Mairehau Ph 385 2716***

mairehau@kidsfirst.org.nz

We have a number of spaces coming up in Term 2, 2017

- Pay no fees - 20 Free Hours
- 100% trained and registered teachers
- Attend from 8.30am until 12.30pm or 8.30 am to 2.30pm

Please feel free to come for a visit and have a look around. Enrolments taken.

You can obtain up to 30 Free hours for 3 - 5yr olds if your child only attends Kindergarten.

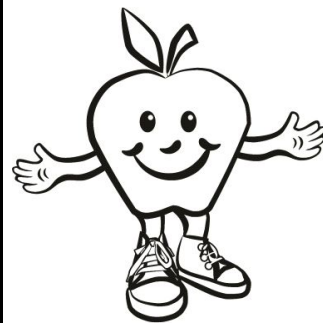
## ***Pippins***

Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our Rawhiti Pippin Unit – Thursdays 4.45-5.45pm at All Saints Church, 305 New Brighton Rd.

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!

Our programmes are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



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**GirlGuidingNZ**

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact

Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit

[www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)



Southern Cross Irish Dance



# Southern Cross Irish Dance

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**1ST  
LESSON  
FREE**

## Beginner Classes

<p><b>Tuesdays</b> 4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards) Christchurch Irish Society Hall 29 Domain Tce, Spreydon</p>	<p><b>Saturdays</b> 10am-11am (from 4th March 2017 onwards) St Mary's Church Hall 329 Halswell Rd, Halswell</p>
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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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[SouthernCrossIrishDance.com](http://SouthernCrossIrishDance.com)



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