

# St Francis of Assisi School

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**Year 7/8 Open Evening**

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## **Kia Ora Koutou**

### **Book Fair Thanks**

A big thank you all those that helped make the Book Fair such a success. By hosting the book fair the school has managed to fundraise \$1100. Thanks to Francesca Aiken, Charlotte Robb, Michelle Wright and Tracey Bryce for their help also.

### **Cultural Festival/Wearable Arts**

On Wednesday night both our Kapahaka group and our Wearable Arts students performed at the Cultural Festival. They both did an excellent job. We were very proud of both groups. They represented the school with a great amount of polish and pride. We have received lots of positive feedback from those who attended and this is a real credit to the students and their commitment to Kapahaka. A thank you to those who assisted with the uniforms and a special mention to Matau Maaka, for his time and effort he has given to the students. You can view our School performances on our school facebook page.

### **Koru Games**

Our Year 7/8 students will be participating in the Koru Games on September 13-15th. These games give our students the opportunity to play against students from around the South Island. They will be representing the school in a variety of sports; Badminton, Basketball, Football (soccer), Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby Sevens, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch and Volleyball. Parents of Year 7/8 students should have received an email this week asking for support. We need each of the teams to be supervised. If you can any help for a part of the day or for the full day can you please email [maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz)

## **Marian Entrance Test**

Due to a clash of the Marian College Entrance Exam with the Koru Games, Marian College has changed the date for the exam. Marian College have not let us know the date yet however as soon as we know we will let you know.

## **“Athon” Friday 19th September**

As part of the fundraising efforts of the PTA, the students are going to participate in a “Athon” fundraiser. This will take place on the last day of the term from 1.00pm. Students will receive a sponsorship form so that they can begin collecting money. The “Athon” will take the form of a variety of events. Students will spend time at each of these events and all students will spend all afternoon participating till 3pm. More information on this next week.

## **REMINDER**

### ***Paid Union Meetings for Teachers - September 7***

*The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.*

*Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:*

*fewer teachers and larger class sizes*

*less job security for teachers*

*lower quality teaching*

*fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff*

*more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees*

*The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.*

*The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the teachers have the right to*

*attend them as part of their collective agreement. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.*

***In order for our teachers to be able to attend we encourage you to pick your children up at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 7 September. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can help by making appropriate arrangements for your children.***

**Year 7/8 Evening - Tuesday 6 September 2016 7pm**

Come along to celebrate the learning that is happening in Year 7/8 in 2016, see what the students can look forward to in 2017 and to find out the benefits of attending Year 7/8 in a full primary setting. [RSVP on this link.](#)

**Catholic Sports Tournament**

Year 5/6 will be representing St Francis at the Catholic Sports Tournament next Friday September 9th. The students will be leaving by bus at 11.20am and will return to school by 2.30pm. All sports will be played at South Hagley Park. The Year 5/6 students can wear their sports uniform to school on this day. The students must ensure that they have mouth guards/shin pads and all the right gear to play at the tournament. Thank you to the parents and teachers who will support each team at the tournament.

**Sports Uniforms**

A reminder at the conclusion of the Catholic Sports Tournament that all sports uniforms be washed and returned to Mrs Scott.

**Netball**

SFOA A team are playing in quarter final on Saturday against Belfast court 16 at 10:30am  
Winner of this advances to semi final at 12:20pm court 19

SFOA C team is playing in the semi final against Hornby at 11:25am court 18

We wish them the very best of luck and hope many of you will head along to support them.

***Nga mihi nui***

***Jo Earl***

***Principal***

**Next Year's Term Dates**

Term 1 Monday 30 January Thursday 13 April (Holiday includes Easter and ANZAC Day)

Term 2 Monday 1 May Friday 7 July

Term 3 Monday 24 July Friday 29 September

Term 4 Monday 16 October Friday 15 Dec (TBC)

**Lost Property**

**Paiaka Hub Lost Items:**

Matthias O'Sullivan is missing his right school shoe (black New Balance) size 3.

Arie Kriek is missing one of his school socks, please return if found.

Paige Gibson is missing her named school jersey.

**Road Patrol**

*We are so grateful for the parents and grandparents who help each morning with road patrol. We are lucky to have a space open up to give another parent or grandparent the opportunity to help us out on a Thursday morning every 2 weeks. We are also putting together a list of casual helpers to fill gaps when someone is unable to do their shift. If you are able to help please contact Phil Bell [phil.clare.bell@gmail.com](mailto:phil.clare.bell@gmail.com) 02102914855*

**Parents Prayer**

*We invite you to join us on Fridays 9am to pray for our school community. We gather for 15 minutes in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.*

**SUMMER TOUCH**

*If anyone is interested in getting their child into summer touch who is not already involved in a team through St Francis of Assisi, could you please email Maree Scott on [maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz) with your child's name, their year at school by Friday 9th of September.*

**Scholastic Book Club**

*New catalogue has gone home today. Order online or drop order to school by Wednesday 7 September.*

**PTA**

**PTA Fundraiser** - Save the date Friday 25 November

More information at the end of this newsletter.

**Parish Fees**

PARISH ATTENDANCE DUES FOR ATTENDING A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Term Three Parish Attendance Dues invoices have been emailed out to parents/caregivers this week, so please check your inboxes. These accounts are due for payment on or before the 20th August 2016. Please remember that if you think you will have difficulty meeting your obligation to pay this account, the parish may be in a position to assist you; so please contact Kirsten at the Parish Office (385 3459) to make an appointment with Father Simon. Please note that these fees go to the Diocese not to the school.

**For Rent** The Parish house at 63 Kensington Avenue will soon be available for rent. A very tidy 3 bedroom, 1-bathroom house with heat pump. Please contact the Parish Secretary on 385 3459 during office hours for a tenancy application form.

**Sacramental Programme**

The parish has developed a Sacramental Catch Up programme. This is for families whose children have missed out on one or more of the following sacraments – Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion.

If your child is not yet baptised (any age), or has not yet made his or her First Reconciliation or First Holy Communion (and is in Year 5 or above), then we encourage you to sign up for the Sacramental Catch Up programme. We would love to see your children receive these beautiful gifts later this year.

An invitation will be sent in the following week to those families to whom this may apply. If you wish for your child to be a part of this programme and do not receive an invitation, please contact Bev in the school office.

### **Community Notices**

Riccarton Junior Cricket Club 2016-17 registrations

Summer is fast approaching and its time to register for your favourite summer sport.

Registration for junior grade cricketers are now open, for a registration form or further information please contact Deborah Granger at email:deborahgrangernz@gmail.com

### **Active Kids Holiday Programmes**

September registrations now open!

Week 1 - Monday 26th - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Week 2 - Monday 3rd - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. OSCAR subsidies available.**

Visit our website for full details:

<http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

### **ANZ Olympic Schools Programme**

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](mailto:rebecca.snelgar@anz.com)

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

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PTA FUNDRAISER

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Come along for a fun night of Bingo, Auctions, Raffles and Chocolate Wheels

**TICKETS: \$15 provides you with supper and 1x Bingo Card**  
Cash Bar (R18)  
Extra Bingo Cards at \$2 per card or 3 for \$5 on the night

#### AUCTION ITEMS:

We are looking for items that we could Auction on the night  
eg: sporting gear, vouchers, and offers from business  
Anything that you think would raise some great funds for the hall fit-out please  
get in touch with [chantelles@rocketmail.com](mailto:chantelles@rocketmail.com)

ONLY 1 SPOT LEFT FOR SMALLER SPONSORSHIP FOR \$200  
Contact [chantelles@rocketmail.com](mailto:chantelles@rocketmail.com)

We are also looking for offers of help for the evening; if you are able to help please get in touch with Chantelle McCrostie, Kim Goggin or Andrea Wall.



**Ray White.**



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