

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

Pope Francis marked All Saints' Day Wednesday saying the saints are honoured not because they were perfect or did everything right, but because they allowed God to touch their lives and fought hard against sin.

"The Solemnity of All Saints is 'our' feast: not because we are good, but because the holiness of God has touched our lives," the Pope said Nov. 1.

Saints, he said, "are not perfect models, but are people whose lives God has crossed," and can be compared with the stained glass windows of a church, "which allow light to enter in different shades of color."

The "ingredients" for a happy life, then, are what Christ calls the beatitudes, he said, explaining that the blessed ones "are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who know how to weep for others and for their own errors, those who stay meek, who fight for justice, who are merciful toward all, who guard purity of heart, who always work for peace and remain in joy, not in hate, and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good."

The beatitudes, then, are not "sensational acts" reserved only for "supermen," but are attitudes for those who live through the trials and fatigues of everyday life.

[Pope Francis - All Saints Day](#)

Book Character Day

What a fantastic turn out of book characters today! Thanks so much for supporting us by helping your children dress as their favourite character - we were really impressed with the range of characters that turned up today. Photos will be placed on our facebook page for you to scroll through. The students have been participating in lots of fun activities this week relating to Book Week - the windows in the Hubs look amazing. Thanks to Louise Mackay and Paula Brown for organising all these events.

Book Fair

Thanks to Louise Mackay for organising the Book Fair - this has been another successful event and we thank you all for your continuing support. Thanks to those parents who have helped with this as well - we value your support.

EOTC

Our Year 3/4 Team are off to Living Springs on Thursday for an overnight stay - they are all very much looking forward to it. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

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Project Based Learning

In the last two newsletters we have shared information about Project Based Learning - an approach to curriculum delivery that allows students to solve problems in authentic contexts. We want to share more information with you and invite you to join us on Monday 13th November at 7pm to hear Thom Markham, a PBL expert, speak. Thom is coming from California to spend time with our staff and our parents - thanks to our very supportive BOT. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible - we have only had 10 responses from parents to let us know that they are coming. We need to make the most of this - these opportunities do not come around this often - we are the first NZ school that Thom will be working with.

Hopefully you have received a flyer about this - if not please come and get one from the office.

Let us know that you are coming by filling in the form on this link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rMY27YUnpJ6SMg2h2>

Chromebook Purchasing

We are aware that many of you are still waiting for purchasing information. This will be ready to share with you on Monday - thanks for your patience.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the recipients this week. Ka rawe!

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Ava Gibbard Alex Lyons Ellenor Hall Jachai Lucas Wells Monica Bell Jules van der Dussen Leo McTague Joel Humphries Max Bell Flynn Bennett	Kristen Condino Brynn Keown Alexis Ballantyne	Emily Chambers Ethan Middlemiss Ethan Sandys Xavier Middlemiss Olivia Toomey Charlotte Hall Hannah Williamson	Jakob Blazey Millie Green Adam Walker

Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	What	Who's invited?
Wednesday 8/11	All day	North Zone Athletics	
Thursday 9/11 Friday 10/11	Overnight	Year 3/4 camp	
Monday 13/11	7pm	An evening with Thom Markham - Project Based Learning	All parents
Friday 17/11		Show Day - school closed	
Wednesday 29/11	7pm	Confirmation Mass St Francis of Assisi Church	All welcome
Friday 1/12	5pm onwards	PTA Fish n Chip Night	All welcome
Wednesday 6/12	All Day	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics Ashburton	
Wednesday 6/12	6.30pm	Year 8 Dinner More info soon	Year 8 students and parents
Thursday 7/12	All Day	Kākano and Paiaka Big Day Out	
Wednesday 13/12	6.30pm	End of Year Prizegiving	All parents All students
Thursday 14/12	10am	End of Year Mass St Gregorys	All students All parents

Lost Property

Ollie McWhirter Kakano Hub has lost his named school jersey on athletics day. Please check your child/children's jersey and return if found. Thanks

New School Jackets

A reminder that the first order for our new school jackets closes today . They are an optional part of our school uniform. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front and @stfranschch on the back. Payment can

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be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. The range of sizes is available to try on in the office. To order, click on the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUY2>



Touch

Subs and payment details have been sent out to parents of those children playing, if you have not received these please contact the office.

Accounts

Statements for Term 4 will be emailed/sent out soon. No payments have been received on some accounts. **Swimming, Activity fee, Yr5/6 camp, Yr7/8 camp, and Yr7/8 technology charges are now overdue.** If you have any of these charges outstanding please arrangement payment in full or set up weekly payments as soon as possible. Any queries please phone Pauline.

NB Please make sure you make online payments to the school account noted at the bottom of the statement not the Parish account.

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Parish Notices

From the Parish Office - Attendance Dues

The parish has a \$23,000 invoice to pay to the Catholic Diocese this month being the Term Three attendance dues for your children attending St Francis of Assisi School. I am still chasing \$10,000 in unpaid attendance dues. Term Three accounts were due for payment on the 20th of August. Please bring your account up to date as soon as possible or make contact with me at the parish office. Thanks – Kirsten on 385 3459.

Parish Office Hours

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

PTA Notices



St Francis PTA Wine Fundraiser

Watch this space!!! Watch this space!!!

Next week the PTA will be emailing all parents with a form to purchase wine as an end of year fundraiser.

This is top quality wine and there is a selection to choose from with each bottle sold \$3.50 coming back to the school.

So before you start to purchase for Christmas



Wait for these great wines at great prices!

More information to follow next week

Sunscreen

Support our PTA by purchasing a sunscreen set. Share the offer with friends and family

Each set is \$40

An order form has gone home with each family today or you can order through this google doc.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhg--Z5NypB9ECcx8p1AgvS0aFNgRduv-0sK0Sy3brC5U74A/viewform>

You are able to Internet Bank Internet banking Westpac 03-1700-0288855-00

Reference: Surname and "Sunscreen"

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Or pay cash at the school office

When the Sunscreen has arrived you will be contacted and you will be able to collect from the office.

First round of orders close 13th November

If you miss this date you can order until the end of November. Orders after 13th November need to go to the office directly.

PTA Fundraiser

Support the fit out of our new hall.

Sun Days Duo \$40.

Duo Set contains 1 x 400ml Sunscreen Lotion RRP \$39.00

1 x 150ml After Sun Moisturiser RRP \$29.00

Plus a Sunrise cooler bag



Order at the office or fill in the Google form
All families that sell 2 or more packs go in
the draw to win a Summer Fun Pack.

Nutrimetics Sun Days Sunscreen

SPF 50+, UVA/UVB Protection

Four-hour water resistant, Dermatologically tested

Aloe Vera, Vitamin E, Fast absorbing, dry touch,
non-stick formula

Nutrimetics Sun Days After Sun Moisturiser

Infused with Aloe Vera

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Community Notices

Clicking for Kids



New Zealand's premiere photography programme for gifted & talented children

Term 4 Bookings now available!

Private tuition & online courses

NCEA prep, student exhibitions, professional portfolio & competitions

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Calling all future cricketers..

At Canterbury Cricket we are excited to announce that on the 12th November from 11-1pm we will be holding a Canterbury Kings Fan Day at Hagley Oval. This day will go forward regardless the weather. If it is wet we will use the horticultural hall.

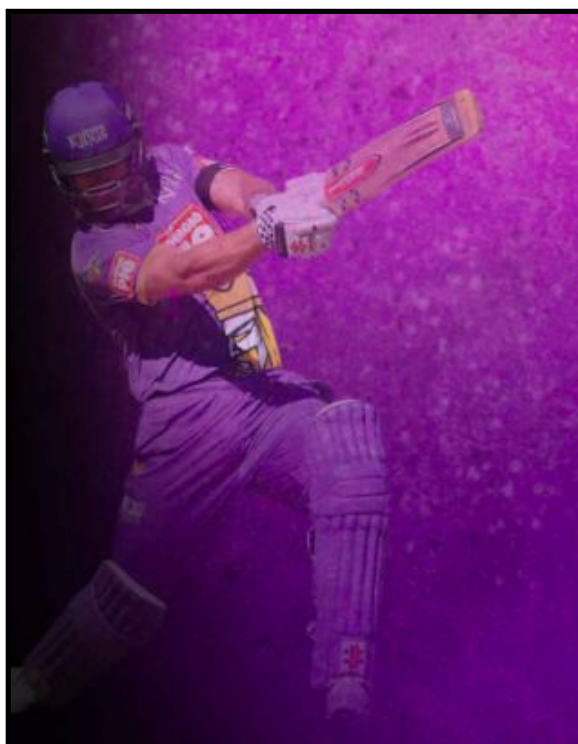
All our Canterbury Kings + Canterbury Magician players will be there getting involved with you, our fans in cricket. There will be various games, as well as a signing and photo session. There will be a free BBQ and drinks available for the kids, with a coffee cart and food vendors to satisfy the parents. This day will also provide the unique chance to go behind the scenes and have a look in the changing rooms and Hagley Oval Pavilion.

All you have to do to get involved in this cricket frenzy is fill out the brief registration form on the link below:

<http://www.canterburykings.co.nz/harcourts-vision-canterbury-kings-fan-day/>

If you fill out this form you will automatically win a free family pass (2 adult and 3 children) to one of the first three Canterbury Kings games of your choice at our Castle Hagley Oval.

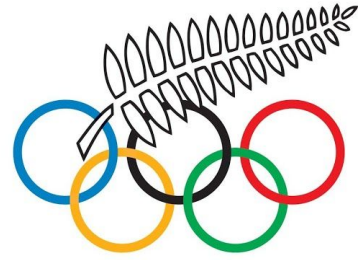
So what are you waiting for, sign up to be part of this cricket spectacle and help the Kings defend the castle.



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Olympic Schools



St Francis of Assisi School has registered on the Olympic Schools Program.

ANZ and the New Zealand Olympic Committee are proud to support St Francis of Assisi School in its mission to inspire and motivate young New Zealanders to achieve excellence through the Olympic Schools Programme.

The Olympic Schools program has been developed by ANZ with the NZ Olympic committee to inspire & motivate NZ's youth. Your school will be provided with resources & merchandise to provide opportunities, activities & incentives for students to live the Olympic values.

How does it work?

When a Home Loan or business loan is drawn down by any parent, teacher or friend of St Francis of Assisi School the school will receive 800 credits to redeem at the ANZ Awards centre. The awards centre has a variety of items ranging from sports equipment to the latest computer technology. The school will receive 800 credits for every successful drawdown of a new Home Loan, business loan or top up with ANZ over \$50000. 800 credits equates to \$400 of purchasing power in the ANZ awards centre.

When your first loan is drawn an Olympian will come to your school & work with the teachers to deliver a memorable Olympic experience for all students.

Your school can also request personalised letters of encouragement from an Olympian. These will be written directly to a nominated student and will recognise individual student potential and provide added encouragement to them in their pursuit of excellence, whether academic or sporting.

The person drawing down the loan just needs to contact myself or let the staff member at ANZ know they want the credits to go to your school. We will then register the points. We will send you a statement of your points every 2 months.

How can I find out more?

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information

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Before | After School | Holiday Programmes

- OSCAR on Innes After School Care (St Albans Play centre)
- Mairehau Primary Before & After School Care
- Holiday programmes run from both sites

We provide: B4S breakfast, AS afternoon tea,

Structured indoor outdoor activities.

Holiday Programme includes planned outings.

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