

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

We have had such a great start to the term - it was great to see everyone coming through the gates with smiles on their faces on Monday morning. Everyone settled into work mode very quickly and we could tell that they were well rested and ready to learn!

Don't forget to check out the Hub blogs for an overview of the learning that is taking place this term.

School Mass for term 2 is next Friday at 11pm in the library. Parents are welcome to join us..

Global Kindness Project



During this term we will participate in the **Global Kind Project**, an event inviting students and teachers to reflect on kindness, gratitude, empathy and action.

We will also have the opportunity to connect with other classrooms around the world, celebrating our learning and sharing our ideas!

The Project Goals include:

- Students will become more empathetic in the classroom and more aware of the world around them
- Students will be inspired to take social action by developing and implementing service-learning projects to reach out within their communities
- Students will use, with teacher supervision and support, social media and digital tools for learning and to collaborate with other classrooms
- Students will engage with reading, writing, and digital literacy standards

You can learn more at [Global Kind](https://theeducatorcollaborative.com/global-kind-project/). <https://theeducatorcollaborative.com/global-kind-project/>

School Cross Country

Next Tuesday 9 May we will be holding the School Cross Country at Walter Park. To find out more check out the post on the School Sport Blog <http://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

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Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Thanks for all your donations today - the cans of evaporated milk will really help lower the costs of the fundraiser which is such a great help.

We are raising money to install the playground that is currently in the container beside Rm 11. We know the children will really enjoy this playground and we are looking forward to being able to finally get it installed. There will be several stages to the this project as we will first have to remove the old confidence course that is sited down the right hand side (if you are looking from the carpark) of the field. We know that the playground will be an exciting addition to our playground and really appreciate the support we get from our school community.

Orders need to be in by Friday 12 May - it would be great if you could approach family and friends and get some orders in to help us reach our goal.

The cheese rolls are being made on site on Sunday 21 May - we will need as many helpers as possible on the day. If you are able to help please fill in the google form on this link.

[Cheese Roll Helpers Form](#)

If this link does not work for you cut and paste this URL into your address bar.

https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOSvYUTzXIEcbmjnTh6DMpnGLED_wW-LjxqtxH_Dm0ZczoA/viewform

Please see the flyer further down in the newsletter for more information.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to these students who received awards this week

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Mia Shine Mikayla Sinclair Vincent Matsushima-Rolleston Sophie Lingard Liam Humphries	Natalie Stack Willem Schulte Pieta Kirby	Charley Ansett Cleo Esposito Alexis Elliott Molly McMenamin Logan Hammond Ezra John Samantha Early	Petra Lewis Will Coombes Corban Fisher Ashley Dewar

Choir to sing at Mass on the 28th May 10.30am

As part of our school and parish liaison, the choir will be singing at Mass in a few weeks time. It would be wonderful to have as many choir children as possible to attend. Correct

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winter uniform is to be worn. Please fill out the following form if your child is in the choir and can attend. [Permission slip](#). This can also be found on the Arts blog.

First Communion

We are needing a photographer to take portrait and group photos of our First Holy Communion children on Sunday 11th June.

Please contact Liz 02102580119

Marian College Open Night

Marian College, 12 Barbadoes Street, Open day

Tuesday 9th May, 3.00pm to 6.30pm

Accident on Kensington Ave

Could anyone who witnessed a vehicle badly damaging the wing mirror of a silver Honda Fit, by the Kensington Ave entrance at around 8:40am on Monday 1 May, please contact Sarah on 0272858067 (for insurance purposes). Thank you.

Transport Needed

Is there anyone who lives near Lake Terrace Road who would be willing to take one of our 9 year old students to her home after school each day. Please phone Angela on 027 424 7698 or 354 3447.

Second Hand Jersey -

as new only worn for 3 weeks

For sale Size 97cm School Jersey. Price Negotiable. Please phone Liz -385 2660

Safety of our Children

Please make sure when bringing your children into school in the mornings to close the gates behind you. We need the gates to be closed to ensure that no students wander out into the carpark - Please do not push the gate so that it stays open.

Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email phil.clarebell@gmail.com.

Thanks

Drop Off Zone

Please note the drop off zone on Innes Rd is for exactly that - dropping off and picking up children - you must not leave your car there while you walk in and get your children - you can't leave your car unattended. There are some parents parking and leaving their cars there and this is extremely inconvenient for those who wish to use it properly. Also a reminder that you must not park on the yellow lines, nor come into the Parish carpark. These rules are for your children's safety - please abide by them.

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Basketball

A reminder that our Years 5-8 start their Basketball competition at Bishopdale YMCA next week. The Year 5/6 teams will play on Thursday night and the Year 7/8 teams will play on Friday nights.

Winter Sports Socks

With our Winter Sport starting up on Thursday 18 May, Football, Hockey and Rugby players are required to have St Francis of Assisi long sports socks. If you didn't purchase a pair last year they can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$16.50. This can be paid either via internet banking or money in a named envelope at the office.

Winter Sport Coaches

As you all know Winter Sport starts this Term, we are very lucky to have lots of keen teachers who will travel with, and coach some of our teams. However we don't have enough teachers to coach/manage all of these teams.

We have had some offers of parent help already and are very appreciative of this. If you are one of those people, or you are keen and haven't indicated this to us yet, please fill out this form - <https://goo.gl/forms/HoD2OhzZFTMxVshz1>

HPV Vaccination Consultation

The Board of Trustees would like to consult with the school community about whether St Francis of Assisi should provide the vaccination on site for our Senior Students. Please fill out the google form to give your opinion. [HPV Vaccination
https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/1vHgG3DaeduMRxlrYS1DDGqL8W7Ytmi-Uos5UL4fNE2A/edit](https://docs.google.com/a/stfrancischch.school.nz/forms/d/1vHgG3DaeduMRxlrYS1DDGqL8W7Ytmi-Uos5UL4fNE2A/edit)

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.

PTA

We are really thankful to our PTA who are continually thinking about what they can do for our school community. It's not all about raising money - this term the PTA is running two Disco events - fun events for your children to enjoy getting together socially. A huge thank you to the PTA for running these events.

Disco Flyers can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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St Francis of Assisi PTA Monthly Update May 2017

Welcome to Term Two - we have just had our monthly meeting and thought it would be a good idea to touch base with you after each meeting to give you a quick update about what is happening with the PTA and what upcoming events we have on and where we are heading with school and our community.

*Junior Disco Fri 19th May
Yr 0-4 5:30pm -7pm
Yr 5-6 7:30pm -9pm
\$3 per ticket
Available from the office*



*Senior Disco Fri 26th May
Year 7-8
\$5 per ticket
Available from the office*

Upcoming Fundraiser

This week you would have received your order forms for Cheese Rolls. This is the main fundraiser for the PTA this year and the funds raised from this will go towards removing the old playground on the back field and replacing with the new one we have in storage.

To be able to provide the children with a great playground we would love you to get behind this and get your family and friends to order.

Orders are due: Friday 12th May
Orders collection: Sunday 21st May
We do require helpers for this so please keep an eye out for the forms to assist and sign up if you can.

BINGO Night Fundraiser Update -

Thanks to all who attended and donated to our BINGO evening last year as you are aware the money we raised from this was to go towards the hall. With the money we raised we have placed \$10k into a separate bank account that will help go towards the school hall once this starts. So we thank you for all your support and this would not be able to be achieved without all your help.



Entertainment books are now on sale and are available to view at the school office or you can head to St Francis of Assisi Facebook page and click on the link to order today!



**Wed June 7th
7pm**



**#Ladies Fashion Evening
Friday 23rd June**

**# Mid Winter Gathering
Saturday 5th Aug R18 Event**

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 next week, 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 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

Winter Socks

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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.

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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 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

Kelly Sports at St Francis Assisi School

Kelly Sports once again returns to St Francis Assisi Primary School in term 2. Our Fundamental Skills - Winter Warmers - programme offers the opportunity for your School Year 1-4 child to develop and enhance their key fundamental skills through a variety of different sports this term.

The programme will operate on a Thursday After School, 3.10pm-4.10pm, based at St Francis of Assisi Primary School.

Further information will be with you at the school shortly, but for more information or to book, please visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Sam Holland on 027 724 8834 or chchnorth@kellysports.co.nz

Olympic Schools Program

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

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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 or rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

<h2>Join the fun...</h2>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
 <p>GirlGuidingNZ</p>	<p>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</p>

Junior Disco

St Francis of Assisi Junior Disco



Under the Sea

Come along to the Junior Disco

Grab your tickets from the Office

\$3 Entry Fee

Date: Friday 19th May

Time: Year 0-4, 5:30-7pm

Year 5-6, 7:30-9pm

Place: Heaton Intermediate School

Come along and join in the fun, dress up if you wish and show us your dancing moves.

Sausages \$1
Hot Chips \$2
Bags of Lollies \$2
Glow Sticks 2 for \$1



Senior Disco



St Francis of Assisi Senior Disco

Purchase your tickets from your
School Office (entry by ticket only)

Date: Friday 26th May

Time: 7:30- 9:15pm

Place: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

\$5 Entry Fee

Hot Chips \$2

Bags of Lollies \$2

Chocolate Bars \$2

Soft Drinks \$2



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Southern Cross Irish Dance



**1ST
LESSON
FREE**

Beginner Classes

<p>Tuesdays 4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards) Christchurch Irish Society Hall 29 Domain Tce, Spreydon</p>	<p>Saturdays 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

SouthernCrossIrishDance.com



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