

St Francis of Assisi School

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Newsflash!! Winner of the staff/student netball match - STAFF 13 point to 6.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you all so much for making the effort to come in this week and meet with your child's homebase teacher. We are really pleased with the success of the meetings this week and hope that you felt that you received accurate and informative data about your child's achievement.

Remember that you can make a time with your child's teacher at anytime if

you want to discuss their achievement or well being. We are more than happy to meet with you.

Farewells

Today we are farewelling a few staff members. We held formal farewells at morning tea and then student farewells at Assembly.

Olivia Noboa - We have been really lucky to have Olivia working with us for the last three weeks. Olivia is training to be a teacher in Florida and we were really fortunate that she chose to do her Summer of Service here at St Francis of Assisi. Olivia, thank you so much - I know Louise in particular has appreciated your help and I know the children have really benefited from having you here. I know the children in Rm 11 have learned a lot about America and Independence Day since you have been here. You are going to a fabulous teacher and we wish you well in your future career.

Anna Carney - Anna is taking some time off to concentrate on her family. We are excited to meet the new member of the Carney family and I am sure Anna will be bringing her in to enrol her and meet us very soon. Anna, we have really appreciated the hard work put into Rm 9 this year and your professional approach and obvious ethic of care for those students. Of course we look forward to your return next year.

Scott Bermingham has been appointed to the Deputy Principal's job at Cheviot Area School and we congratulate him and wish him well for his start there next term. Scott is moving his family to Cheviot which of course means Thomas will be leaving us as well. We want to thank Scott for his contributions to the setup of St Francis of Assisi School especially in the Year 7/8 Hub and in the area of sport. I know we are going to miss the way you just get the job done quietly with the minimum amount of fuss. We wish you well for your new position.

Suzanne Newton has been appointed to the Deputy Principal's job at Shirley Primary School and we congratulate her and wish her well for her start there next term. We want to thank Suzanne for her contributions to the setup of St Francis of Assisi School especially in her role as DRS - your commitment to the special character has been very evident and has set us up really well. Thank you also for your leadership of the year 5/6 Hub and your willingness to trial new innovative practices.

Scott and Suzanne you both share the significance of being amongst the foundation staff members of St Francis of Assisi School and that can never be changed. Thank you both for being part of our team. I am sure that this isn't goodbye - we will be seeing you again quite possibly at our St Francis of Assisi 20 Year reunion!

Message from Cath Shaw

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I made the decision to take leave from school until further notice, to look after Paul. I had hoped to continue working mornings though to the end of term but this was not to be. Lynne Pettit will be teaching this week and Jo will organise a teacher for next term.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Cath

Appointments

With this many farewells there of course has to be some new appointments. We are really pleased to welcome these people to our staff.

Angela Bailey - Angela is taking over from Anna Carney who is going on parental leave. Angela will be working in Room 9 full time until the end of the year.

Dawn Ferguson - Dawn will be teaching in the Year 7/8 Hub for Term 3 - we are really grateful that she has agreed to step in while we are still in the process of making this appointment. Dawn has worked in the Year 7/8 Hub many times over the last two terms and is very familiar with the students and the programmes that are running - I don't anticipate there will be any disruption to the teaching and learning in this team at all.

Carly Burgess - Carly has been appointed to teach in the Year 5/6 Hub until the end of the year. Carly has already met with the other teachers and been part of the planning for programmes next term and we are excited to have her joining the team. Sarah Burrowes will lead this team until the end of the year.

Cat Gill - Cat has been appointed as fixed term teacher for Term 3 and will be working in Rm 7 for Cath Shaw until Cath returns later in the year. We are really pleased to welcome Catherine to our team.

Director of Religious Studies

The Senior Leadership Team and Fr Simon are pleased to announce that Rebecca Methven and Louise Mackay have been appointed to this position until the end of the year. Rebecca and Louise bring a wealth of experience to this role and they are both happy to share this role and carry on the work that Suzanne has been doing this year.

Hall

Later today you will receive an email with the concept plans for the new hall. Please take the time to have a look and forward any feedback to tom.music@stfrancischch.school.nz by 26th July. We will keep you informed of progress in this area.

Holidays

Happy holidays to one and all - it has been a busy term and term 3 promises to be just as busy with the following all on the calendar:

- *Cultural festival*
- *Wearable arts*
- *Music Festival*
- *Book week*
- *Official Opening of the Library*
- *Olympathon*

- *Mufti mania*
- *And many more - lots of fun to be had!*

Competition Time - Name the Learning Hubs!

We are keen to name our learning hubs - at the moment they are just labelled with the year level. We would like some labels that have meaning; maybe a special character focus, or a cultural focus - they could in te reo, or maybe you have another idea?

Just to get

We would like the names to all tie in together e.g at Marshland School ...

Pukeko-Nest	Pukeko (Years 0-2)	Tui (Years 3-4)	Korimako (Years 5-6)	Toroa (Years 7-8)
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At Isleworth school ...

Please visit our "Learning Team" blogs:

[Team Wairere - Rms 4, 4a, 4b](#)

[Team Moana - Rms 1, 2, 3](#)

[Team Hapua - Rms 8, 9, 10](#)

[Team Waipuna - Rms 11, 12, 13](#)

[Team Awa - Rms 6, 7](#)

At West Rolleston School ...

New Entrants Te Kete Kakano (the seed basket)

Yr 1/2 Te Ara Tupu (the emerging path)

Yr 3/4 Te Ara Whanake (the growing path)

Yr 5/6 Te Ara Whanui (the broadening Path)

Year 7/8 Te Ara Maia (the strong path)

Your challenge as a family is to name the Learning Hubs at St Francis.

Criteria for entry

- Family entries - no individuals (however a family can enter as many times as they would like)
- The Hub names must tie in together (this means if you were to use native trees for one hub - you wouldn't use colours for another?)

- It would be good if the hub names could reflect our special character or have a cultural focus, or tie into the Mairehau area.

The prize for the winning entry is \$100 worth of movie vouchers.

The competition will remain open until the end of Week 1 next term. Just put your ideas on paper with your family name and pop it in the box in the office. We will judge the entries in Week 2 next term and announce the winning family as soon as possible.

[St Francis DIY Club](#)

Along the same lines as [Normanby's Schools building club](#) we want to set up a DIY/ construction area up outside during the lunch hour where children can build things using hammer and nails and other bits and pieces. Of course this will be supervised by staff however we are keen to get any parents with skills in this area to help with the set up and running of this. If you would like to get involved please contact us at the office.

We are also keen to get any offcuts of untreated wood and any second hand tools.

SCHOOL FEES

The swimming lessons fee of \$25.00 and swim sport fee for seniors of \$6.00 are overdue. *We would really appreciate it if you would please pay immediately if you have not paid already. These lessons were heavily subsidised this year so that there was only a minimal cost to parents.*

Fees for all the student activities that have been completed (mindlab/ropes/basketball/imagination station and shine a light performance) are also now due.

Thank you to those who have made arrangements for payment. If you are having difficulties in paying you can phone Pauline to discuss arrangements. We are now halfway through the year would really appreciate the payments being made. You can begin to make part payments if you cannot pay all the fees in one payment. Also remember that the donation portion of your account is a voluntary donation only and does not have to be paid. All other fees for activities MUST be paid.

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR STATEMENT.

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl

Principal

St Bede's College – 2017 Enrolments

A reminder that enrolments for the 2017 academic year close Friday, 29 July.

The college office will be open daily 9am – 1pm during the holidays.

If you have any further queries, please email: khigh@stbedes.school.nz.

PTA

New members welcome - save the dates

PTA Winter Sock Fundraiser -

All girls winter sock orders have been handed out and we thank you for your patience with the delay in delivery!

The PTA can advise that we now have in stock and available to purchase plenty of Girls winter socks in a variety of sizes. Cost \$10.50 per pair.

Still waiting on a further delivery of boys socks to come in, once they arrive we will advise in the newsletter.

Contact kellyvw@gmail.com to order.

**Friday 25th
Nov**

7:30- 11pm



**St Francis of Assisi
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!

