

# St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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## Kia Ora Koutou

### Second week of Advent: Hope

The second purple candle is lit on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.



## Miss Parish's Can Sail Trip

We had a fantastic day out sailing on Monday. It was windy, but warm and the children enjoyed seeing many pods of dolphins and hoisting the sails. We are so lucky that the children have been able to enjoy this experience with the help of the CanSail Trust. A big thank you to our parent helps Reade Wilson, Jo Merrylees and Gareth Lewis for helping out.



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6 December	Confirmation Mass
Wednesday 7 December	Central Athletics - Ashburton
Thursday 8 December	Kapahaka on Tour
Thursday 15 December	Kākano and Paiaka Hubs Fun Day - Halswell Pool
Friday 16 December	Tumu and Kaupeka Hubs Fun Day - Halswell Pool
Monday 19 December	School Prizegiving 6pm Aurora Centre
Tuesday 20 December 10.30am	Final 2016 School Mass at <b>St Gregory's</b>
Tuesday 20 December 12.30pm	2016 School Year finishes

## Central Athletics

We wish our students all the best for the Central Athletics this Wednesday at Ashburton. We know you will represent St Francis with pride. Good luck to you all!

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Rebecca Methven to be Assistant Principal (acting) for the beginning of 2017.

Most of our other staffing is complete with just a couple of positions to confirm. Next week we will confirm the teachers working in each Hub and you will be notified of which homebase your child is in on Friday 16 December.

Next year we will be shifting the Year 5/6 Hub downstairs to the new single storey block and the Year 3/4 Hub upstairs. This is purely because of numbers - there are more Year 5/6 students and there is more space downstairs. We will be shifting the furniture and resources in the last week of school. If there are any parents who can help with the shift on the afternoons of Thursday 15 Dec and Friday 16 Dec - we would be very grateful.

### **Halswell Pool trips.**

These trips are to celebrate the first year of St Francis of Assisi and allows the children to have a fun time together before the year ends.

Years 1 - 4 Thursday 15 December. Leaving school by bus 11:15 and returning by 3:00pm

Years 5 - 8 Friday 16 December. Leaving school by bus 11:15 and returning by 3:00pm

Please ensure that your child has appropriate swim wear, sensible mufti including a warm layer and sunblock.

### **Prizegiving Monday 19 December 6pm**

We are looking forward to holding our very first prizegiving. We are holding this at the Aurora Centre at Burnside High School. This prizegiving is for all students and all parents. The children need to be brought to the Aurora centre by 5.45pm. The teachers will be there waiting for them and will take them to where they will be seated with their class for the event. There are awards for each home base so it is really important that all students are present. Our Kapahaka group will perform as will the choir. We expect the event to take no longer than one hour and 15 minutes.

### **End of Year Mass Tuesday 20 December**

We will be travelling by bus to St Gregory's for our final Mass. The Mass is at 10.30am and then we will be travelling back to school together for the final farewells. No children will be picked up at St Gregory's - All children will come back to school with their class.

### **Kapahaka on Tour Thursday 8 December**

We are taking our Kapahaka group on tour next week on Thursday morning. They are visiting St Albans Catholic, Isleworth and Breens Intermediate. We are excited to share their performance with these other Kapahaka groups. They will return to school by lunch time.

### **Lost Property**

Jake Hernandez has lost his named school jersey, this has been missing since the start of Term 4. Please return if found.

If anyone finds a black and blue fleece jacket from pumpkin patch please return to Charlie Lingard in Room 10. It was unnamed and lost last Friday.

Jude Brodie Grottis has lost his named school jersey. Please return if found.

### **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.

### **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)

### **School Fees**

#### **PLEASE PAY YOUR ACCOUNT BY SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Thank you to those parents who have already paid. A reminder that the donation portion of your account (\$25.00 per term) is a voluntary payment however the rest of the fees paying for activities your child has participated in need to be paid by 11 December. If you are unsure of the amount you may owe on your account please phone the office.

Please remember if paying online to use the account number at the bottom of your statement (this differs from the Parish account for Attendance Dues).

**If you think you will not be able to pay your account in full before the end of term you must give Pauline a call to discuss.**

### **PTA Notices**

#### ***A date for the Diary:***

*We are pleased to announce that the Parish Life and food will be held on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. (cancellation date is February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.) This is a day of celebration of the various cultures in our Parish Community and a chance to taste some of the fantastic cuisine on offer. If you wish to be involved in supporting your ethnic community in providing or helping at a food stall please contact Steven 027 530 8787 or Marina on 3234465. Pop this date into your diary for a great opportunity to gather as a Parish family in a fun and relaxed setting. It is not to be missed!*

### **Community Notices**

#### **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)



# Kama's Toy Drive 2016

This Christmas I have decided to do another **Toy drive** for the Christchurch Hospital Childrens Ward and Accute Childrens Assessment Ward in Emergancy.

Please bring a donation along to me (Kama Hall year 7 at ST Francis of assissi school) or txt 022-6970290 to organise a pickup.

Only **new** items can be accepted due to health and saftey regulations at the Hospital.

We are looking for boys and girls items age range from new born babies to 13years.

I will wrap and label these for the hospital before I take them up after school finishes on the last day 20<sup>th</sup> december

**Thankyou in advance**

