

St Francis of Assisi School

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Tena Koutou Katoa

I was really pleased to be approached by staff from Ryman Healthcare in the last week of the holidays to ask if some of our students would be involved in a Flash Mob performing alongside residents from Diana Isaac and Anthony Wilding Retirement villages at Northlands Mall and then at The Palms this week. The Flash Mob was to be a performance of Somewhere Over the Rainbow - a song from the Royal New Zealand Ballet - Ryman Healthcare Season of The Wizard of Oz.



I am so pleased that we said yes! What a fantastic opportunity to be involved in. Mackenzie Kane and Melissa Dungey worked with our students and over a very short time frame (one week) a group of choir students practised the song every day - they learned the words very

quickly and last Friday at the first combined practice - we knew we were going to part of something very special.

On Wednesday we performed at Northlands and The Palms and we had fantastic responses from the audiences. Our students were amazing - we were very proud of them - not only for the performance but for the way they interacted with the adults around them. After the performances we were treated to lunch at Diana Isaac and the students and residents did an encore performance for the adults in the rest home facility. This was particularly special. Thanks must go to Adam Gallagher for accompanying us all on the guitar and to Nicki Brown and Liz Dilger from Ryman for involving us from the outset. Check out the two short clips on our facebook page. I think that everyone involved will remember this for a long time to come!

[Will a Robot Take Your Job?](#)

This week and last our year 7/8 students have made a visit to Mindlab to be introduced to Robotics and participate in some explosive science experiments as well. One of the interesting things for me was the exercise they did that showed the likelihood of the jobs they were aspiring to being taken over by robots in the future. You can check out the likelihood of your job being taken over by a robot on the above link!

Assembly Certificates

We are very proud of our students that received certificates today.



Coffee Morning / Junior Report Explanation

Just a reminder that we are holding an information coffee morning on Monday 16 May at 9am where you can come along and find out more about the reporting process for the junior students and to give you a chance to ask any questions you may have. This will be held in the staffroom. [RSVP here](#)

Catholic Schools Day 16 May 2016

On Monday 16 May Catholic Schools across the Diocese will be participating in a Circle of Prayer. St Francis of Assisi will be holding a prayer celebration at 9.55am and the Special Character team welcome any parents who wish to attend.

Year of Mercy

The logo for the Year of Mercy contains many visual images that are significant in the church. The almond shape signifies new life and the representation of Christ both divine and human. The contrast of light and dark colours reflects movement from darkness into light as we are graced by Christ's love and forgiveness. The colours - red: blood, life and divinity of God, white: eternal light of Christ, blue: humanity, gold: Adam and humanity. The image is of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul of mankind, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ and his forgiveness that carries us forward. The one shared eye represents the unique way that man can see all that God sees. The motto "Be Merciful Like the Father" (Luke 6: 36) is both a reminder and invitation, that we continue to show mercy to others like the Father has.



In the coming weeks we will look at different Corporal works of Mercy.

Junior Kapahaka

Junior Kapahaka began yesterday for our Year 3/4 students. We had a great turn out for our first session and we will be working each week towards a performance at the end of term assembly. Year 1/2 Kapahaka also started today - we were very impressed with their enthusiasm.

Helping Hands - Pastoral Care

Thanks for the response to the Helping Hands initiative. You can add yourself to the database at any time by contacting Jo Earl principal@stfrancis.ch.school.nz or Charlotte Robb char.robb@gmail.com or filling out the [form on this link](#).



"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
2:4
Philippians

If you know of a family that would benefit from a helping hand please contact Jo Earl principal@stfrancis.ch.school.nz or Charlotte Robb char.robb@gmail.com. This will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to our cross country place getters from last week.

Year Level: NE-Yr1			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Leo S	1st	Sophie B
2nd	Seb W	2nd	Beth P
3rd	Rocco	3rd	Mia
Year Level: Year 2			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Zach H	1st	Caoimhe H
2nd	Tane W	2nd	Elise E
3rd	Louis B	3rd	Molly
Year Level: Year 3			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Mostyn B	1st	Sophie D
2nd	Lucas C	2nd	Lilly Fahey
3rd	Ethan O'Donovan	3rd	Grace N
Year Level: Year 4			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Joey B	1st	Makayla
2nd	Quinn	2nd	Neila
3rd	Luca V	3rd	Petra

(Top 6 from Year 5-8 have earned selection for Zone Cross Country 25th May at Murchison Park from 1pm. Details to follow)

Year Level: Year 5			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Reuben Ngariki	1st	Kayla Webb
2nd	Seamus Gallagher	2nd	Casey Harrison
3rd	Samuel Tippen	3rd	Monique Riddle
4th	Ben Baxter	4th	Joanna Flanagan
5th	Jo Walsh	5th	Beth O'Donovan
6th	Jordan Fearon	6th	Grace Wakefield
Year Level: Year 6			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Will Coombes	1st	Jorja Walshe

2nd	Josh Cusin	2nd	Liana Borkus
3rd	Adam Walker	3rd	Claudia Snelgar
4th	Ollie Meates	4th	Charlotte Lyons
5th	Thomas Bishop	5th	Maia Greenwood
6th	Taylor Fahey	6th	Malia Dungey
Year Level: Year 7			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Henri Webster	1st	Samantha Cochrane
2nd	Corbin Fisher	2nd	Emily Davis
3rd	Mitchell Penn	3rd	Niamh Webb
4th	Val Cowan	4th	Anna McKey
5th	Ben O'Donovan	5th	Ella Smith
6th	Josh Luxford	6th	Kiera Worthington
Year Level: Year 8			
BOYS		GIRLS	
1st	Ruben Walker	1st	Lily Buckley
2nd	Hunter Righton	2nd	Sophie Music
3rd	Joshua Coe	3rd	Amy Williamson
4th	Oliver Lyons	4th	Olivia Tippen
5th	Adam Poumaka	5th	Kimberley Tran
6th	Michael Flanagan	6th	Caitlin Harrison

Winter Sport

Winter sport commences on Thursday 19 May. Winter sport is for all students in Year 5 - 8. We have entered multiple teams in football, netball, hockey and one rugby team. We are very grateful for the parents giving up their time to help coach and manage the teams on a Thursday. All games except hockey (Nunweek Park) will be played at Hagley Park. It is imperative that students have the correct protective equipment or else they will not be able to play. Mouthguards are needed for hockey and rugby, shinpads for hockey and football and rugby/football boots are advisable for rugby and football. The weekly draws will be posted on the school's facebook page.

Basketball



Check out the new basketball uniforms -

The Year 5 and 6 SFOA Magic and SFOA Rockets had their first game last night in their new SFOA basketball singlets. The students, coaches and parents loved them and we were all very proud of how they looked and played for their school.

Winter Uniform

Girls – Long-sleeved Blouse; Pinafore for Year 1-4 Skirt Year 5-8 Navy tights or knee-high navy socks

Boys – long sleeved grey shirt; Grey Winter Shorts Knee-high grey socks with red and blue stripes

Please note - Skivvy's are not included in our school uniform.

We are introducing a tie for Year 5-8 boys and girls. **Please note:** It will become compulsory in Term 3 which will give people time to make this purchase. The tie has even stripes navy and red. We have one at the school office that you can look at if you are unsure. In 2016 Year 8 boys and girls will not be required to wear the tie however they are most welcome to should they wish to.

Board of Trustee Elections

Time is moving very quickly and nominations for Board of Trustees are due at the end of next week. Once again - please consider putting yourself forward for this role. Election Calendar appears later in the newsletter.

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."

- Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

2016 Board of Trustee Elections

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees.
Key dates are as follows.

By Friday May 6th Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the schools caregiver roll.

Friday 20th May NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 20th May at noon. An election will be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of vacancies is 5.

Wednesday May 25th Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 3rd June Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 9th June Votes are counted and candidates advised of the results.

Friday 10th June New Board takes office

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

School fees

Just a reminder that there are still many swimming lesson fees outstanding. Please make arrangements for payment as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR STATEMENT.

Scholastic Book Club

Ordering online is now open - just follow the steps for a quick and easy way to order.
Orders close Friday 20 May.

PTA News (Please note date change for Junior Disco - date printed last week was a mistake)

Socks - The sock order fundraiser closes today however the PTA will have some stock available. Contact Kelly Van Wieran by email kellyvw@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Junior Disco - 27 May @ Mairehau High School Hall. Year 1-4 5.30 - 7pm and Year 5-6 7.30pm til 9pm. The theme for the Junior Disco is Sparkles and Superheroes. Children are more than welcome to dress up but this is not compulsory. More information coming home soon.

Senior Disco - 10 June - Year 7/8. More information to follow soon.

[Entertainment Books](#)

Order forms for entertainment books will be coming home in the near future or you can order your entertainment book on the above link.

St Francis Helping Hands Database

- Please place me on the Helping Hands Database.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am happy to help with...

- baking
- making a meal
- school drop off /pick up
- visiting
- other (please specify)

Community Notices

Free Trial Session for Kelly Sports

Bookings are still open for the Kelly Sports **Before** School programme on Thursday mornings. Come along this Thursday, or next Thursday, for a free trial,

When: 8:00 am for the full hour, or just come along for 25 minutes at around 8:30 am to see why the students have so much fun. We finish at 8:55 am.

FREE EVENT CELEBRATING NZ MUSIC MONTH MAY 2016

Sunday 15th May 2016

9.30am-10.30am

Calling all young musos, songwriters, music fans and kids who sing, play an instrument, do karaoke, busk, make you-tube videos or just like to listen to cool sounds...

Do you wonder how the songs you hear on the radio or itunes are made? Ever been inside a recording studio? Now's your chance.

Come and tour one of New Zealand's biggest purpose-built studios right here in Chch. Orange Studios has a fantastic vibe and their staff make it such a cool place to visit.

You will hang out with Michael the studio owner and his team, see how the place works, where the musicians sit, where we put the loud instruments and how each room is set up.

Some things you will learn about are:

- How the rooms are specifically built to make sure the music sounds great*
- How we get the best sound out of each instrument*
- What all the buttons on the sound desk do*
- How a recording session runs and who calls the shots*
- How after we record the music, we work on it to make it sound even better!*

The tour will take about 1 hour (depending on the questions that you ask) and costs nothing. The sessions are open to any child (between 6 and 14 years) who are interested in how the songs or music you love is made. Parents are welcome to attend as well but please discuss this at the time of booking, so we can keep track of our numbers!

To register you can visit the website orangestudio.co.nz/shows or can submit your details (name, age and number of attendees) to charlotte@orangestudio.co.nz.

Check out the facebook event: for juniors (ages 6-14 yrs)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/153264898402892/>

and for seniors/adults (ages 14+ yrs)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/577552022402066/>.

Or you can click through via the Orange Studio FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/orangestudiolt/> or the Orange Studio webpage: www.orangestudio.co.nz

View and Print our Studio Tours flier [HERE](#)

Location: Orange Recording Studios

1063c Ferry Rd

Ferrymead

(access via Kite Lane)

We would love to show you around!

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