

St Francis of Assisi School

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Circle of Prayer

We had a fabulous start to the week this week celebrating Catholic Schools Day on Monday by participating in the Catholic Schools Circle of prayer. Thanks to Suzanne Newton for her organisation of this and the Special Character Leaders for their leadership of the event - we joined in prayer and song at 9.55am. Each Catholic school in Christchurch had a time slot in the day which meant that at least one body of students was celebrating in prayer for every minute of the school day - awesome to be part of a prayer circle of this scale.



Winter Sport

Great weather for the start of Winter Sport yesterday - it was fantastic to see everyone geared up and ready. Thank you to Maree Scott and Scott Bermingham for the work that went into getting our teams sorted and ready for action! I also want to thank all of our parent helpers - we could not field so many teams if it wasn't for your help and we are very, very grateful - as are our students. All games were played in great spirit and a lot of fun was had by all.

Results from Thursday 18th May:

Rugby 5/6

Team 1 Vs OLA Green - 15-30 loss

Team 2 Vs Shirley A - 55-0 win

Hockey 7/8

A Team Vs Selwyn House - 3-14 loss

B Team Vs Rudolf Steiner - 0-5 loss

Hockey 5/6

Team 1 Vs Shirley - 10-1 win

Team 2 Vs Thorington - 10-1 win

Netball 7/8

A Team vs Selwyn House - 13-6 win

B Team Vs Darfield HS - 6-33 loss

Netball 5/6

Team 1 Vs Hillview A - 3-4 loss

Team 2 Vs Sockburn While - 6-2 win

Team 3 Vs Bishopdale B - 5-8 loss

Football 7/8

A Team Vs St Martins A - 1-1 draw

B Team Vs St Marys A - 2-6 loss

Football 5/6

Team 1 Vs Shirley A - 0-9 loss

Team 2 Vs West Spreydon - 4-1 win

Weekly draws will be on the school's Facebook page every Monday. A hard copy will be available at reception for people who are not connected to our Facebook page.

Staffing

This week we are pleased to announce we have appointed Mrs Angela Shea to our staff. Angela will be opening a New Entrant classroom in Rm 7 on May 30th as our other New Entrant classes have filled up very fast. We are thrilled to have Angela join our staff and I know our school community will make her feel very welcome.

Unfortunately this week we received a resignation from Scott Bermingham. Scott has been appointed to Deputy Principal at Cheviot Area School and will be leaving us at the end of this term. While we are very sad to see Scott leave us - we congratulate him on this appointment and wish him and his family well.

We are currently working through an appointments process and we will inform you as soon as we have any news in this area.

First Communion

We require helpers to assist with the afternoon tea and tidy up after First Communion Mass. If you are available between 2.30 - 4.30 could you please make contact with Jackie Lilburne 388 6920. Thank you

Parking

Please note: Please do not park and leave your car in the drop off zone out the front the church. This is a drop off zone and it is really frustrating for those who want to use it for its real purpose. If you coming into school you need to park elsewhere.

Also please do not park in the private right of way off the Nancy Ave entrance - we have had complaints from residents in this area. It is also not safe for our students once people start backing out to leave. You need to park further away and walk into school.

Shine a Light

On Wednesday the students were treated to a great performance called Shine a Light. The students were shown imagination can take you anyway and also about the joy of reading a great book. From what I could see from the short time I was at the performance I could tell everyone was very engaged in the show.

Year 7/8 EOTC Day

The Year 7/8 students had a great day on Tuesday at the Christchurch Ropes Course, located in the Groyne. The day's activities consisted of high ropes, low ropes, trust initiatives and team building activities. Our Year 7&8's tested themselves both mentally and physically and can all feel proud of what they achieved on the day. The Horizons Unlimited

team delivered a well prepared, engaging and challenging day for our students and once again the feedback we received about our students was really pleasing to hear.

"I sincerely hope that your students and staff had an enjoyable and challenging day out at the ropes course yesterday. The feedback from our staff is that they thoroughly enjoyed working with your pupils, and found them to be engaged and attentive." - Phil Latham, Manager at Horizons

Team Evaluation Video of the Ropes Day:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BwyRVjstcNSOeE5qRy02RTZfaU0>

Link for the photos:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BwyRVjstcNSON1RaTGhld08wcGM>





Winter Uniform

Please note: Running shoes/ sneakers are not the regulation shoes that should be worn with the uniform. They are to be worn with the PE uniform only. Queen's Birthday weekend marks the changeover for the Winter Uniform and we ask for your support with this.

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

Today at 12 noon nominations for Board of Trustee members closed. We are yet to receive the final information about who has been nominated however we will email out information about nominated candidates early next week. You will receive voting papers soon and I encourage you to vote and have your say in who our BOT members will be. Voting closes at noon on June 3rd.

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

Accounts will go out on Monday so please check your child's bag. If you are having difficulties in paying please phone Pauline. We are happy to receipt weekly payments or targeted online payments ie reference Swim 25.00 payment or Tech fee 45.00 payment. The swimming lessons fee of \$25.00 and swim sport fee for seniors of \$6.00 are now overdue and should be paid immediately.

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

Scholastic Book Club

Orders have now closed.

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.