

St Francis of Assisi School

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National Young Leaders Day

On Tuesday the Yr 8 students attended the NYLD at the Horncastle Arena. This is an annual event which is dedicated to sparking the leadership potential that's inside every young person through practical, inspirational events and leadership resources. Leaders are often made, not simply born.

The students had a day full of listening to a variety of speakers, everyday people who have achieved great things through hard work, determination and self belief. They had fun playing games, mixing with their peers and the odd bit of dancing. The day ended with a performance by Avalanche City.

Feedback from the students show that this day was extremely valuable.

"I will never forget the advice & leadership skills that all of the guest speakers told us because:

1. They have already been in our shoes and done what we are doing therefore we should listen to them.
2. It is really good advice that we should take in and think about."

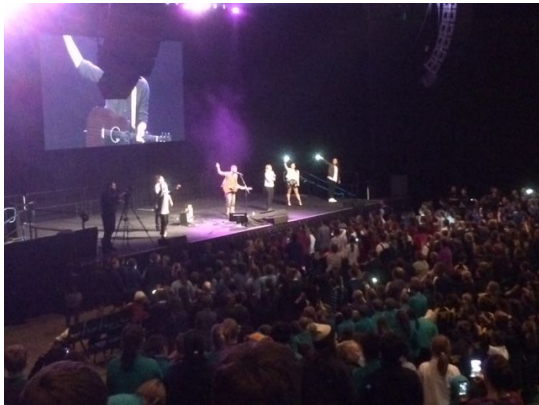
Zach Newton

"I was inspired by Jonny Wilson to save save save ! Hold on to my money then spend it when the time is right, and on something that will go towards helping in life." Jasmine Hamilton

“I think I will take away a quote from James Beck who was the National Attitude Manager it was “The easy thing to do isn’t always right, and the right thing isn’t always easy” I took a lot away from that because it does take a lot to do the right thing especially when it could cost you something in return.”

Alexandra Van Wieren

“I found that the hardest journey is sometimes the most effective one as many of the inspirational speakers described their journeys and how it can affect others around you. One of the many speakers talked about their experience in Africa where she went to see what the conditions where like. She had to sleep on a muddy floor and use a long drop. She found a little boy who was inspirational to her, he wasn’t feeling sorry for himself, he was happy for what he had. She purchased a goat for him so he would not have to go to bed on an empty stomach. He can provide for his family by breeding the goats, eating some and turning their milk into cheese. I found what she had done inspiring, but then I thought, some people have to go through this everyday. She could come back though but the other people have to stay there constantly. I really enjoyed all these speeches but I thought this was the most powerful.” Jem Lilburne



Check out the Year 7 and 8 blog
<http://stfrancisyear7and8.blogspot.co.nz/>

First Communion

Last Sunday was a lovely celebration of First Communion. The children were reverent and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children and school community to come together. Many thanks to Suzanne Newton and the team who prepared the children so well.

Junior School Trip to Margaret Mahy Playground and Imagination Station.

“Yesterday my class went to Margaret Mahy. My favourite part was the big silver slide. It was fun. Next we went to Imagination Station. My favourite part was playing with the lego because my team won. I loved the trip because my friends came with me. It was the best day of my life.” Caoimhe Harrison. Room 10.

“ On Wednesday we went to the Margaret Mahy playground. My favourite part is going down the big slide. My favourite part is when we went to go on the computers at the Imagination Station. I liked building the dog. Lily Keenan. Room 10.

Parking

Please note: Please do not park and leave your car in the drop off zone out the front of 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 are 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.

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.

School fees

Accounts went out on last week 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.

NB Basketball fee. Those Yr 3/4 & 7/8 children who are playing basketball have been billed for the season. Due to an additional player the fee is reduced to \$51.50. If you have already paid your account will be credited if you are yet to pay please only pay \$51.50.

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

Lost Property

Brynn Keown in Rm 3/4 1 has lost his named jersey, also Liana Borkus has lost her named jersey 5/6 3. If found please return to the office. Thank you

Winter Sports Results - Thursday 2nd June

Football Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS Bishopdale 0-4 loss

St Francis 2 VS Redcliffs 7-1 win

Football Yr 7/8

St Francis A VS Hillview A's 3-3 draw

St Francis B VS Sacred Heart 3-0 win

Hockey Yr 7/8

St Francis A VS Selwyn House Black 13-1 win

St Francis B Bye

Hockey Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS West Spreydon 13-0 win

St Francis 2 VS West Spreydon 2 11-0 win

Netball Yr 7/8

St Francis A Bye

St Francis B VS Rowley 6-14 loss

Netball Yr 5/6

St Francis 1 VS Sacred Heart A 26-7 win

St Francis 2 VS Thorington B 9-7 win

St Francis 3 VS West Spreydon 2 6-23 loss

Rugby Yr 5/6

St Francis A VS Rowley Rebels 15-55 loss

St Francis B VS West Spreydon 1 35-25 win

Nga mihi nui

Jo Earl

Principal

PTA News

PARENTS - SAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

PTA will be holding a Parent Social Evening

On Saturday 2nd July 2016.

Senior Disco

Please note change of date, now to be held on **Friday 24th June at The Mcfaddens Centre**, located at 64 Mcfaddens Road.

From 7.30pm -9pm.

Further details next week.

PTA School Sock Fundraiser

Boys socks ordered went home with children today.

Unfortunately we have a delay on the girls sock order.

these should be here by next Friday 10th June – we are really sorry to cause any inconvenience.

The PTA still has a stock of boys socks available to be purchased in different sizes.

Please email kellyvw@gmail.com if you wish to purchase.

Entertainment Books

Deadline Thursday 9th June for all unreturned entertainment books – drop back to the school office if you are not purchasing.

Many Thanks PTA

ANZ Olympics 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

Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in mind!

Mental Health and Nutrition Research - University of Canterbury

Would like to recruit males age 7-12 for a study into the effects of vitamins and minerals on mental health. If interested please contact Anna Lee 021 2442054.

