

St Francis of Assisi School

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Double Time Conference

On Monday our Year 7/8 students were very lucky to be able to attend the Double Conference at Cathedral Grammar School. This was organised by one of their teachers Nicola Church, Head of Innovation and Development - and we are very grateful to her for making it work so that all our Year 7/8 students could attend (initially we were only able to send 35). Here is the link to the [Year 7/8 blog](#) where you can read more about the experience. Thanks to Katherine Wilson for keeping this blog so up to date!

Zone Athletics

What a fabulous day for the Zones at Rāwhiti Domain yesterday. After what was quite a wet start to the day it ended up being very hot for our athletes. We had some great results which will be published in next week's newsletter.

1:1 Chromebook Information Evening

On Monday night this week we held an information evening for those parents who wanted more information about this 2017 initiative. The presentation from this evening has been placed on our facebook page and can also be accessed here; [1:1 Device Learning](#). There are a couple of very good video clips that are well worth a watch when you have time. Thanks so much to Leigh Gibbard for his efforts at the presentation. Leigh is the sales manager for Cyclone and also (more importantly) a parent in our school community. He shared information on Chromebooks and the purchasing bundle that Cyclone have put together for us.

The portal to order your chromebook, should you wish to order through Cyclone can be accessed here: [St Francis Portal](#) and the password is **stfbyod**.

Can Sail Trip 2 - Miss Dungey's Homebase

A great day was had by all on the Can Sail Trip - all the children had a great time and we managed to bring back the same number that we started with! A big thank you to Mike Litten, Kirsty Stanton and Nicki Purdon for their help. It was pleasing to hear from the Can Sail staff about how much they enjoyed working with our students!



Choir - Jubilate Mass Tuesday 22nd November

The choir will be singing at a Jubilate Mass at the St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The choir will join other school choirs for the celebration. We will be leaving school by bus at 10am for a practice from 10.15am. The Mass begins at 11am and will finish just after 12pm. The students will be back at school around 12.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

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.

Lost Property

Glen Cranshaw has lost his named P.E. shorts. Please return if found

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

Term 4 accounts have been sent home. Thank you to those parents who have already paid. 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 your account in full before the end of term please give Pauline a call to discuss.**

PTA Notices

Family Fun Night - Fish n Chip Tea Friday 18 November

Come along to have tea in the school grounds and join in the fun and games. This is meant to be a fun get together, games will be run on the field after people have had their tea. Hope to see you there.

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Proudly sponsored by



Come along for a fun night of Bingo, Auctions, Raffles and Chocolate Wheels

TICKETS: \$15 provides you with supper and 1x Bingo Card
Cash Bar (R18) Event

Extra Bingo Cards at \$2 per card or 3 for \$5 on the night
Thanks to all our sponsors all spots are now filled

Tickets are now on sale and selling fast..... limited number available Please see the office to add your name to the list

All funds raised are to help fit-out our new school hall

Friday 25th November 6:30pm arrival 7:30 kick off
Heaton Intermediate School Hall



Thanks to all our sponsors



Ray White Bishopdale - Inline Realty
Karen Ellis - 021 519 275

Ethel and Bethel Bingo Night

Only 50 tickets left for this fun night out. The PTA are asking for donations for the upcoming Bingo Night. It would be appreciated if your child could bring the following items along to the collection box in their hub. Thanks so much for your support. It would be great to have these items by the 4th November.

Last call for donations - we would love to have donations of grocery items for a grocery hamper raffle. It would be great if we could have these by next Friday.

Parish Notices

Parish Picnic

Sunday November 13th - from Midday in the School grounds.

A date for the Diary:

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Life and food will be held on Sunday February 12th 2017. (cancellation date is February 19th 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

