

St Francis of Assisi School

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Welcome

This week we welcome Whitney Hansen as our newest permanent staff member. Whitney is teaching in the Kaupeka (year 7/8) hub. Whitney has a great deal of experience in e-learning, Te Reo, and sport organisation. We welcome Whitney into the St. Francis whanau.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

St Francis of Assisi school is very fortunate to have had a wonderful level of parent and community involvement from the very beginning. We want to thank all the parents who have helped us this year so far and intend to hold a morning tea next Thursday at 10.20am. Come along and join us for a catered morning tea. We would love to have you here.

Olymp-a-thon Monies

Donations / Sponsorship money gained from this event is now due - please send it in a named envelope to the office as soon as you can.

Celebration in the Parish

Last weekend the Parish celebrated the baptism of five young people who completed the sacramental catch up programme.

Congratulations to Mea & Indie Stevens, Zoe Kelso, Jinhee Mun and Hamish Adriaens on taking the special step today. The sacramental catch-up programme for Reconciliation and Holy Communion begins next week.



Rosary

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses".

Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary, we meditate on the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious and the Luminous Mysteries of Jesus and Mary.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God.

Careers Expo

This term the Year 7 and 8 students will explore the topic of 'Careers Education'. Students will increase their awareness of their strengths, interests and how they relate to others. They will be exposed to a number of the career possibilities that are or are yet to be in society.

*As part of this, we hope to run a Careers Expo using parents and our community as our main resource. **We would love to have as many parents as possible come and speak about their career paths. We hope to run this in Week 4 on Thursday 3rd November and Friday 5th November.***

Please email or speak with Rebecca (rebecca.methven@stfranschch.school.nz) if you would be willing to share your career experiences with us.

Altar Serving Training: All Yr 6s and above are invited to train to become Altar Servers in our parish. Training will be at 4pm Thursday next week (20th) at the Church. All parents of those wishing to train need to complete a Consent form which needs to be returned to Kirsten in the parish office or brought with them to training on Thursday next week. If current servers wish to come along for a 're-fresher', they are more than welcome.

Athletics

The School Athletics Day will be held, at school, on Monday 31 October. All parents, grandparents and whanau are welcome to come along. We would love to have you here supporting your children.

The day will start at approximately 9.15pm and run until approximately 3pm. We will be sending out a more detailed timetable and a map next week, explaining where and when each event will be held, we will aim to stick as close as possible to these times, however we cannot guarantee the exact time of any events.

On that day children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE uniform and sensible footwear. Hats are compulsory and although we will have some sunscreen available we would appreciate if you could apply sunscreen to your children before school.

They will need a larger lunch than usual and a named drink bottle. In order for us to run this event successfully we require a large number of parents/caregivers to assist.

If you are able to help in this capacity please let us know via email, we thank you in advance for your support with this. Kind regards Maree Scott and Whitney Hansen

maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz

Winning House - Term 3

Congratulations to **Blue** House. This house earned the most points last term and as a reward the children from this house can wear Mufti next Friday 21st October.

School Photos

On Monday there will be School Photos. All children must be in their correct winter uniform. If you would like a family photo, children need to be at the library at 8.30am.

Book Club - new issue out today. Orders in by Friday 28 October please. (Check out online ordering through Scholastic LOOP)

Lost Property

Lily Fahey (Paiaka Hub) has lost one black school shoe, please return if found.

Glen Cranshaw has lost his named school 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)

Road Patrol

We are so grateful for the parents and grandparents who help each morning with road patrol. We are lucky to have a space open up to give another parent or grandparent the opportunity to help us out on a Thursday morning every 2 weeks. We are also putting together a list of casual helpers to fill gaps when someone is unable to do their shift. If you are able to help please contact Phil Bell phil.clare.bell@gmail.com 02102914855

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.

School Fees

If you have fees outstanding for terms 1,2 and 3 please arrange payment as soon as possible.

Term 4 accounts will be sent home in week 3. Thank you to those parents who have kept their accounts up to date. If you are having difficulties paying your account please contact Pauline to discuss options.

PTA Notices

PTA Fundraiser - Ethel and Bethel Bingo Night Friday 25 November

More information in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Ethel and Bethel Bingo Night

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.

Year 7/8: Blocks of chocolate for the chocolate wheel.

Year 5/6: Women's pamper items, eg body wash, hand cream

Year 3/4: Christmas items, eg Christmas crackers, biscuits, Christmas confectionery, Christmas puddings.

Year 1/2: Men's pamper items, eg bodywash, fudge, chocolate.

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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



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Parish Notices

PARISH ATTENDANCE DUES FOR ATTENDING A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Term Three Parish Attendance Dues invoices have been emailed out to parents/caregivers this week, so please check your inboxes. These accounts are due for payment on or before the 20th August 2016. Please remember that if you think you will have difficulty meeting your obligation to pay this account, the parish may be in a position to assist you; so please contact Kirsten at the Parish Office (385 3459) to make an appointment with Father Simon. Please note that these fees go to the Diocese not to the school.

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

Riccarton Junior Cricket Club 2016-17 Registrations

Summer is fast approaching and its time to register for your favourite summer sport. Registration for junior grade cricketers are now open, for a registration form or further information please contact Deborah Granger at email:deborahgrangernz@gmail.com

Electric Ore

Gaelic Dancers present "Electric Ore" at the Elmwood auditorium, Aikmans Road on Saturday 15th October. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Times 2pm and 7pm. An Irish dancing show filled with great music and stories.

Need Childcare?

Fun, trustworthy and caring masters student looking for work. Five years experience with children. Flexible with days and hours. Phone 021 0683988

Tweens and Teens (12-18)

The teenage years can be like riding a roller coaster; Toolbox courses aim to take out a few of the nastier twists and turns on the track, and also to help you to hold on and enjoy the ride.

The Tweens and Teens Toolbox is completely realistic – it addresses the serious dangers and problems that teenagers can encounter and gives practical coaching strategies to handle them. But it is also encouraging in that the course never loses sight of the fact that there is so much to enjoy as your children go through this stage.

Toolbox is ideal for parents whose children have not yet reached puberty, or are in the early 'tween' stage of adolescence: you won't be caught unprepared and if your children are

already in the midst of the teenage years, there is so much in every session you will be able to use straight away.

What's covered in the six sessions: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self-esteem, Future focus

Starts Tuesday 11th October 7.30pm for a 6 week period.

At The Neighbourhood Trust, St Albans Baptist Church, 64 McFaddens Rd.

Cost of course \$35 per person. Contact Kim on 0276772472, or kim@nht.org.nz

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

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