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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Values Assembly

Today we held our first Values Assembly. We looked at why values are important and how they are the core of life's meaning. Each student was given a card of our school values to take home and share.

Prayer Packs

Each Friday the Prayer Packs will be sent home. They will be given to the youngest child in each family. Please return the Prayer Packs on the following Thursday to the School Office so we can pass them on to the next rostered families.

Young Vinnies

Our Young Vinnies group are doing a "Fill a Bag " appeal. This means that we are collecting clean, used items that are in good condition including clothing, toys, books, non perishable food items, bric a brac etc. We are aiming to fill 40 bags of items to represent the 40 days of Lent. There will be collection bags in each hub / room. Items can be brought in between now and Wednesday 28th March. Any questions, please see Louise MacKay.

Kaupeka Big Day Out.

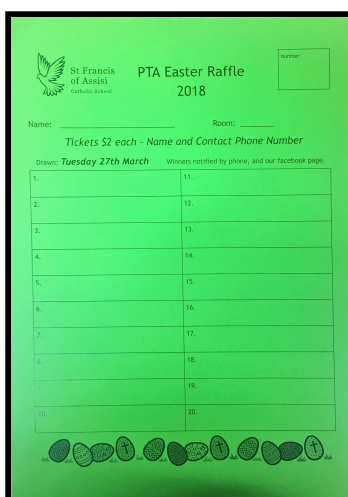
A few photos from today's trip. It looks like a great day out!



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Easter Raffle

This week each family will have received one set of tickets to sell for the Easter Raffle. The green card that you have received has 20 tickets to sell. You just have to write the person's name and phone number in the space beside the number they choose and put the \$2 in the bag. When all are sold they can be sent back to the office. If you would like more to sell this can be arranged.



The image shows a green PTA Easter Raffle 2018 ticket card. At the top left is the St Francis of Assisi Catholic School logo. The title 'PTA Easter Raffle 2018' is in the center. There is a space for 'Name:' and 'Room:'. Below this, it says 'Tickets \$2 each - Name and Contact Phone Number'. A date 'Drawn: Tuesday 27th March' is printed. A table with 20 numbered rows (1-20) is provided for writing names and phone numbers. At the bottom, there is a row of 20 small Easter egg illustrations. A small box at the top right is labeled 'Prizes'.

All of the donations will be made up into 10 gift baskets. We will photograph these and place a picture on facebook as soon as this has been done. There are 10 chances to win a prize. There are prizes for the family/person who sell the most. First prize is a camera and second prize is a Fitbit flex. Thanks so much - we appreciate your support.

Kākano Hub

Beginning next Friday 23 March the Kakano Hub will wear their sports uniform to school on Fridays. They will not be required to keep their sports uniform at school.

Accounts

We have just started using a new school management system. This week, by email, you will receive your term one account which has been generated using this new system. On your account you will see the donation and the activity as explained below.

School Donation:

The school donation is set at \$25 per student for up to two students per family.

Activity Fee: <https://goo.gl/xPVejm>

Last year we introduced an activity fee. This was to cover whole team trips and experiences each term and to avoid asking for little bits of money all the time. The feedback from parents last year was positive so we have continued with this this year. You can read about the activity fee on the link above and we will send it home with the newsletter today. Please note that if you are experiencing difficulties with payment at any time please contact me and we can discuss options. I can assure you of confidentiality in regard to this.

School Jackets

There are an order of school jackets due to arrive in the next couple of weeks - We apologise for the delay in this order, and will be in contact with you as soon as they arrive.



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We will also be doing another order at the end of this term, this order will close on the last day of Term 1. The jackets are an optional part of our school uniform. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front. Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. The range of sizes is available to try on in the office. To order, click on the link below.

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Touch

The cost of touch this season is \$16 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Touch and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Touch. Draws are posted weekly and can be found on the Sports Blog: <https://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Road Patrol

We still need two parents to supervise road patrol on Thursday mornings (one fortnight each) and one for Friday mornings (once fortnight). Please contact Phil Bell 021 02914855 phil.clare.bell@gmail

Lost Property

Jonte Boyce, Kaupeka Hub scooter has gone missing. Please return if found.
Torren Keown Kākano hub has lost his named jersey. Please return if found.

Miniball

The cost of Miniball this season is \$30 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Miniball and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Miniball.

If you are a parent of a child who is wanting to play Miniball and your child is not listed in any of the teams on the sports blog please email maree.scott@stfrancischch.school.nz

Friday Sports

We are still looking for parents to help out with Friday sport. This involves running a game down at Walter Park on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00. Parents are also warmly welcome to come and watch - If you are available to help us with this please email whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz

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'Energising Young Minds' competition

St Francis of Assisi has been nominated for School-gen's 'Energising Young Minds' competition by Key Price. This competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.



What happens now - We need our school community to vote on the School-gen voting page <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter St Francis and it will pop up with us so you can click on it to vote. You can vote once daily on each device - so vote on every computer, phone, Ipad etc that you have! Get the kids to do it on their Chromebooks

Music Lessons

Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during break times, call Ivan on 021 120 0080

Outstanding Forms

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Thanks to those who have filled the Blanket consent form - for those that haven't here is the link. This needs to be done so that your child can participate fully in school activities off site.

EOTC Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/ThaA4tt0f6oRwJFf2>

Parish Notices

Adoration for Kids

Come and encounter Jesus in adoration.

Half an hour of guided adoration (prayer, songs, silent reflection), followed by afternoon tea.

Children, parents, grandparents, families all welcome.

Sunday 18th March, 2.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Church.

For more information contact Debra - 027 717 5616, debra.mctague@hotmail.com

PTA News

Cheese Rolls Fundraiser

Save the date - Sunday 20 May.

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Come along and help make cheese rolls. This fundraiser was very popular and successful in 2017 and people enjoyed their cheese rolls through the winter months.

Service and Skills Audit - Can you help? <https://goo.gl/forms/CvcqUhlUUXYu4zQ82>

Please have a look at this form and see if you can help? The PTA are trying to look at many different ways of raising funds to fit out the new kitchen in our hall that is currently being built.

Community News



St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

If your child is interested in playing netball for the 2018 winter sports season, please check out our website to see what we have been up to and our registration is now open to all players from Year 3- 8.

[St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home](#) or www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa

As we are a 'Club', we can accept players who are not students at our school, so please feel free to ask friends and family who may like to join our club also.

This registration is for club netball which is played on Thurs/Fri afternoons at 4pm at Hagley Park and Saturday mornings. Please be aware that games/practices **are not** played during school hours. As per all Christchurch Sports Clubs a registration fee will be payable before the first game and this is likely to be around \$90-\$150 depending on age of child and team numbers. Payment plans will be available.

The fees payable to the club assist with the general running costs of a club including; Chch Netball Association fees for entering the teams into the local competitions at Hagley Park, upkeep & purchase of club owned uniforms, balls, bibs, prize giving's and trophies for example.

The club will also need to fundraise to supplement the player fees. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a team or our club it would be great to hear from you.

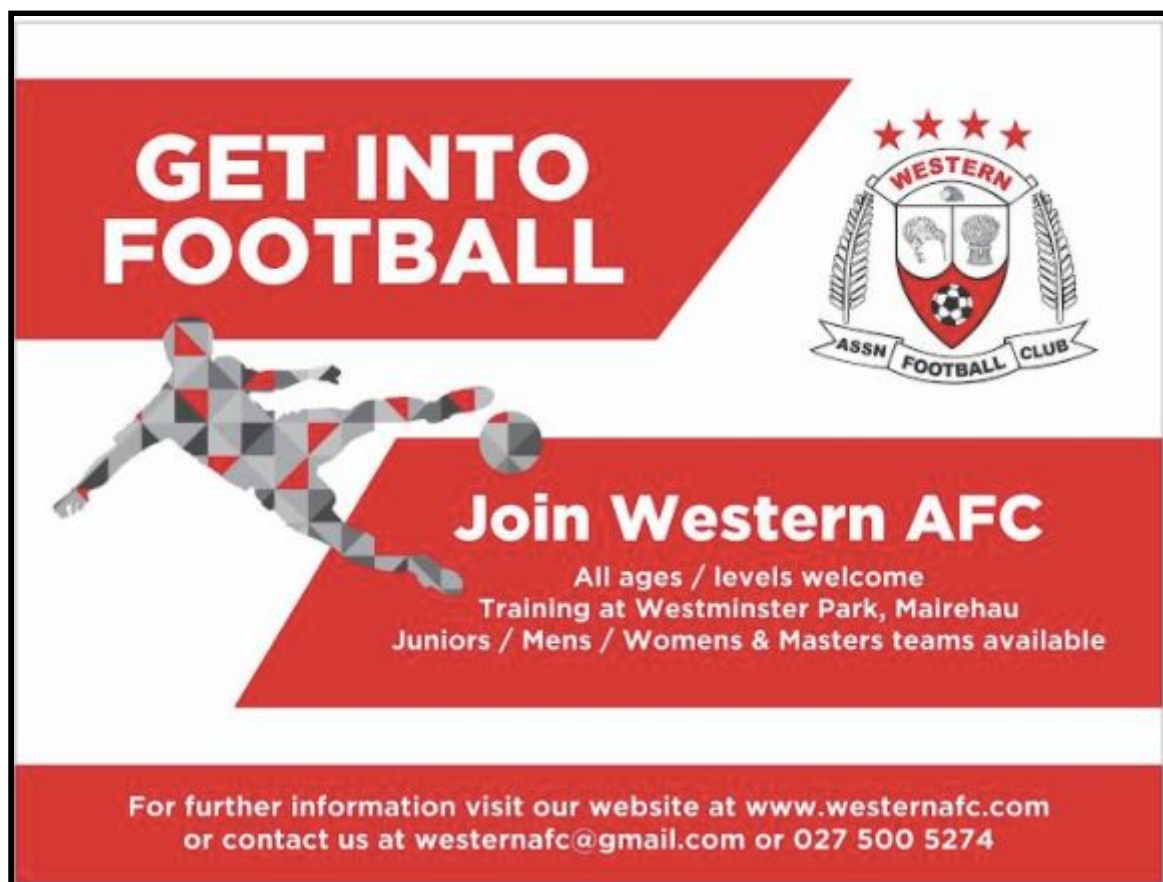
NOTIFICATION OF NEXT CLUB MEETING

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Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our next meeting on Wednesday 21st March from 7.00pm at Coffee Culture (The Palms). All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Chantelle McCrostie – chantelles@rocketmail.com or 027 5 515 777.

Western AFC

A recruitment poster for Western AFC. The poster has a red and white color scheme. At the top left, a red banner contains the text "GET INTO FOOTBALL" in white. Below this is a stylized, pixelated illustration of a soccer player in a red and white kit, kicking a ball. To the right of the player is the Western AFC crest, which features a shield with a soccer ball, flanked by two stars, and the text "WESTERN" above and "ASSN FOOTBALL CLUB" below. Below the player, a red banner contains the text "Join Western AFC" in white. Underneath this banner, the text "All ages / levels welcome" and "Training at Westminster Park, Malreha" is displayed, followed by "Juniors / Mens / Womens & Masters teams available". At the bottom of the poster, a red banner contains the text "For further information visit our website at www.westernafc.com or contact us at westernafc@gmail.com or 027 500 5274".

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St Albans School Monster Fair – Sunday 11 November

We're excited to announce the return of the St Albans School Monster Fair in 2018. It's been four years since we last hosted this great event and with our renovations complete we're once again able to open our gates to the St Albans community and beyond.

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The Monster Fair is run by the St Albans School PTA, and volunteers from across the school, whose hard work helps to raise much-needed funds for the school. In previous years we've helped to fix the school pool; supported the rebuild of the library and contributed towards the teachers' wish list – providing great resources for our tamariki and their families.

In 2018 we're raising funds to build a new playground. As you can imagine this comes at a significant cost and the Monster Fair is our flagship event for 2018.

We've reviewed our school calendar to find a date that doesn't conflict with school holidays; public holidays and school camps. This leaves us with one possible date which we have locked in and we'd appreciate it if you could please mark this on your calendar:

St Albans Monster Fair
Sunday 11 November 2018
12pm – 4pm

The St Albans Monster Fair is a community event and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Over the coming months you'll see our advertising popping up. And we hope you'll be able to support us by sharing our posters too.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Sharon O'Conner on stalbansmonsterfair@gmail.com

Thanks for your support

Shirley Rugby Club - 100 years of Rugby

Junior Registration dates for 2018 -

Monday 19 February 5.30 - 7pm

Monday 26 February 5.30 - 7pm

Sunday 4 March 10 - 12.30pm

Shirley Rugby Clubrooms - Burwood Park, New Brighton Road

Subscriptions for 2018 are \$55 per player, \$85 for 2 per family and \$100 for 3 or more per family All new players to the club are required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

More Information: www.shirleyrugby.co.nz / juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz / Facebook @shirleyrugby

Marist Hockey Club Boys Open Evening - School Years 1-6

Friday 2nd March 2018 4.00-6.00pm

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Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session.

We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2018 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our Marist Hockey Junior Club facebook for trial dates and updated information on when registration will be open. Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Marist Hockey Junior Club - maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com

Marist Hockey Boys Club

We have spaces available in our Kiwi Sticks (Year 5 & 6) boy teams, if you are interested in playing hockey this season. Please contact Justin 022 513 0966. or come along to Marist Park, access off Momerangi Crescent (behind St Bede's School) Sunday 18th March 11.45-1pm to have a go at hockey.

<http://www.maristhockey.co.nz>

Highland Dancing Classes

Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing on Saturday, the 7th April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.15am for a starting time of 9.30am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards will be very welcome. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest. All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing caleyhighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com or visiting our facebook page – Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing or the Canterbury Caledonian Society website – Highland Dancing. For telephone enquiries please contact Colleen Cole on 3288694 or Rosemary Armstrong on 033122579. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed.



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