

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia Ora Koutou

Snippet from last Sunday's Parish Bulletin...

Congratulations Val

Today is an extraordinary day for Val, a Year 8 boy at our parish school. Because today Val is taking a special step of faith. He will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 10.30am Mass.

And being washed in the waters of baptism, he will be made part of God's family in the Catholic Church. Then for the first time, Val will step forward at Communion time to receive the breath-taking gift of the Body of Christ. His own proud family gather around him today, but when he walks out the doors of the church at the end of this Mass he knows that he will belong to an even greater family, a family that spans every century, every culture, and every language. We are a community of saints and sinners – there's room for everyone.

By ourselves in this life we are weak; we are vulnerable to being swept along with the tide of passing fashions in human thinking. But through baptism we are united with Christ himself. The Lord always calls us back to meditate on the suffering, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus his Son. We expect to see this same pattern in our own lives, so that when hard times come, we are never afraid. And the gifts and joys of this life become amazing 'tastes' of the resurrection which Jesus experienced on Easter morning.

Congratulations Val. This day is a particular blessing for you – but actually it's a blessing for us too. Together with the angels and saints, we praise God and pray that the Lord will keep you safe and strong in the future He has planned for you.

Let's pray together that more families will be moved to have those not yet baptised receive this mighty gift from the Lord himself.

Fr Simon Eccleton

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the recipients this week:

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Christian Nottingham Lucas Ellery Sidney Hoet Caleb Kelly Ari Burroughs	Cory Adams Aleigha Tabanas Charles Jin-Hee Mun	Anabelle Brown Samantha Shaw Chanelle Anngow Ellen Scott William Pyle William Leech	Emily Davis Josh Luxford Lorenzo Fasi Kama Ruardy Hannah Stanton

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St Francis of Assisi Kapa Haka

Our Kapa haka rōpū performed at the Te Ara Tūhura Cluster Kapa haka Showcase held at Mairehau High School today. Once again they performed to a very high standard and we were very proud. Other schools including New Brighton Catholic performed to a high standard as well and we all joined together to sing He Honore at the end. It was a fabulous morning - thank you so much to the staff at Mairehau High School for making this happen.



Thursday Winner Sport - Division One Winner

A big congratulations to the Year 5/6 Rugby Team - the St Francis of Assisi Stingrays, who won Division One of the Canterbury Primary Schools Thursday Winter Sport Competition, after a competitive final against Rowley Avenue School. The team showed excellent composure and fought hard to the last minute. A special thank you to Tere Ngariki, the team's coach.



Helping Hands

You will remember that last year we put a database of parents together who were willing to help out in our school community. This has meant providing a meal every now and then to families who are going through difficult times or baking or maybe providing a school drop off or pick up.

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There are various ways in which you can help and we are keen to refresh our database and make sure everyone has had the opportunity to put their name down on the list. The more people we have on the list the less times you will be called on. We would really appreciate your help with this.



[Submit this form](#)

<https://goo.gl/forms/jiUni8GzIme82zev2>

If you know of any families that could do with a helping hand please come into the office and let us know in confidence, or speak to Charlotte Robb or Clare Bell, and we will ensure that they receive support.

Year 0-8 Touch

The Term 4 touch season is not far away. We are looking to enter teams to represent St Francis of Assisi in the McFarlane Park Touch Module across all year levels Teams will be made dependent on the number of responses we receive. The competition will be held on Wednesday evenings from 4.00 pm and game times may vary depending on the number of teams entered. The exact cost will be calculated when we have confirmed how many players we have, however it is usually no more than \$15.00 per student. The season will commence on Wednesday 25th October 2017 with the last game before the xmas break on 13th December To confirm your child's interest and availability please complete this Google Form by Wednesday 13 September.

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Year 5/6 Superstar Cricket

In Term 4 the Christchurch Metro Cricket and Christchurch Junior Cricket will run the Superstar Cricket Trophy Cricket Competition for Year 5 and 6 students. Games will be played on a Friday afternoon between 1.30 pm -2.45 pm in October and November, with a finals day to be played at the Polo Grounds at Hagley Park. Matches will be played at St Francis of Assisi and other schools around Christchurch involved in the competition. If your child is interested in playing please complete the Google Form by Tuesday 12 September.

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Year 7/8 Cricket

This year we will be entering a Cricket Team into the Primary Schools Cricket Summer Tournament. This is a one day event for Year 7/8 Students, which will be held Wednesday 8 November 2017 from 9am - 3pm, with a Postponement date of Thursday 9 November. All games will be played at South Hagley Park. If your child is interested please fill in this Google Form by Wednesday 13 September

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Year 3/4 Miniball

Checkers Basketball Club organise a Miniball League for Years 3 & 4 at Bishopdale YMCA during Term 4 on Thursday anytime between 3.30pm - 7.00pm. All games are half an hour and start on each half hour. Competition Games will take place on: 26 October, 2 November, 9 November, 16 November, 23 November and 30 November. We will need parents to help coach and manage the teams, we would love your support with this, please indicate on the form below if you are available to help us with this. The exact cost will be calculated when we know how many players we have, however it is usually no more than \$30.00 per student. If your child is interested please fill in this Google Form by Wednesday 6 September.

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Future Focused Education

We have decided to share an article each week that discusses future focused education. This weeks article was in Stuff and discusses the research that sits behind the calming and coping strategies (Play, Eat, Learn; Complex Carbs) that we have begun to implement this term. [You can read the article on this link](http://bit.ly/2xBxYRi) or cut and paste this URL into your address bar <http://bit.ly/2xBxYRi>

Think to Drink: Drink to Think

Today our students and our teachers all received a new drink bottle to launch our new strategy Think to Drink, Drink to Think. Thanks so much to Te Ara Tuhura Cluster for

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providing us with these bottles. The bottles must stay at school - they are named and we will ensure that they are washed regularly.

What is the 'Think to drink: drink to think' project about?



The 'Think to Drink: Drink to Think' programme is part of a project which aims to foster an environment that supports children following the Canterbury earthquakes. The experience of these earthquakes may have caused stress therefore taking care of one's body is an important way to help cope with stress. In class your child will be given a free drink bottle so that they can increase their water intake in the afternoons. This bottle is NZ made and BPA free.

In class they will learn about the importance of staying hydrated for their mind and body. We have provided you with some basic information so that your child can come home and tell you what they have learned. We will place more information on the [school blog](#) for you to read. You can click on the link provided or cut and paste this link <http://bit.ly/2gsjnUq> into your address bar to read more.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September. The children will need to be in full winter school uniform including correct shoes.

Scholastic Book Club - orders in by Wednesday 13 September

Politician Visits

Over the next few weeks we have some candidates coming in for some question and answer sessions with the year 7/8s. We have candidates from the Christchurch Central and Christchurch East electorates coming and we would like to invite any parents that wanted to come in and listen.

Nicky Wagner (National, Incumbent Christchurch Central) Thursday 7th September at 10.00 am.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival Tickets

Exciting news! The tickets to the festival can now be purchased through ticketek. The Year 5-8 choir students will be performing at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm. More information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the [festival website](#). This

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link [here](#) will show you what side of the stage we will be on. This will help you choose where you would like to sit. The ticketek booking page also has a plan showing where the choir will be sitting. Any questions about this, please see Mackenzie Kane in Room 8 or email me at mackenzie.kane@stfrancis.ch.school.nz

Lost Property

We displayed all the unnamed lost property for 2 full days this week. We are now washing all the uniform items and they will be given to the PTA to put in the 2nd hand uniform sale. It would help us greatly if you could please name your childrens' clothing.

Accounts

Statements for Term 3 have been emailed/sent out . If you have not received a statement that means you have paid your account in full - thank you! Online payments have been receipted up until those received yesterday. The Yr 3/4 camp fee will be billed separately once costs have been finalised. If you have Yr 5/6 or 7/8 camp fees and swimming fees outstanding please arrangement payment as soon as possible. Any queries or to make payment arrangements please phone Pauline.

NB Please make sure you make online payments to the school account noted at the bottom of the statement not the Parish account.

Enrolments for 2018

A reminder to parents who have a child due to start at St Francis to please contact the office for an enrolment form.

PTA News

PTA Teatowel Fundraiser

This term we are organising a teatowel fundraiser which will have pictures of your children's drawings on them. We are looking for a sponsor who in return will have their name/logo on the teatowels. If you are interested can you please contact Leanne on 021 025 06238 or dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz. Thank you for your support.



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Our students are designing the artwork and the Tea Towels will feature their hubs artwork and the drawings will be screen printed onto high quality cotton tea towels over 500mm wide by 700mm high!

Tea Towels are a great way to feature the Children's own artwork and have them involved in the design of the Fundraiser.

They make great gifts and are easily mailed to relatives, even overseas. The Tea Towels look great and are long lasting mementos of your Children's younger days. Not to mention that they are great for drying dishes!

By purchasing a Tea Towel(s) you are not only receiving a great keepsake or gift, you are also helping achieve our fundraising goal, which would not be possible without your support!

The price per towel is only (\$12.50).

The Tea Towel print run is limited so make sure you, your family and your friends don't miss out!

Final Order Cut Off: 22 September, Keep an eye out for the Order form that will be sent home in September If you have any questions you can contact Leanne at dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz

Free Dental Care for Children

Including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- Year 8 students: all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.
- To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre

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- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

Parish Notices

Office Hours

Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Catholics Returning Home is a four week programme for non-practicing Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church. The programme is welcoming, confidential and gives participants a chance to tell their story if they wish. The programme updates participants on recent changes in the Church. It starts soon in the following location in Christchurch.

Tuesdays at Papanui Parish (August 29th –September 26th) starting at 7pm until 9pm, St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui.

Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support by inviting them to this programme. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366) or visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz

Matt O'Connell

Evangelisation Coordinator

Mobile: 027 536940

“Current of Grace” Conference

In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a “Current of Grace” Conference 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North.

“Current of Grace’ Conference

“Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand”

When: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017-06-23

Where: Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all!

For further information and to register on-line visit www.ccrnz.org/register2017

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For further information please contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537

Our vision

Every child and young person growing up in a secure, loving family and receiving a depth of care which will bless them throughout their life.

Community Notices

Cricket Registrations East ChCh/ Shirley

See advertisement below

Tween and Tweens Parenting Group

See advertisement below



TRACK & FIELD 2017/2018

JUNIORS 4 YRS – 14 YRS

&

SENIORS 15+ YRS

2017/2018 REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

TUESDAY	5 TH SEP	5.30-7pm
WEDNESDAY	6 TH SEP	5.30-7pm
THURSDAY	7 TH SEP	5.30-7pm

At the New Brighton Olympic Club Rooms, Keyes Road, New Brighton
New Athletes ID is required (Birth Cert or Passport)

NEW & EXISTING FAMILIES ALL WELCOME

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Before | After School | Holiday Programmes

- OSCAR on Innes After School Care (St Albans Play centre)
- Mairehau Primary Before & After School Care
- Holiday programmes run from both sites

We provide: B4S breakfast, AS afternoon tea,
Structured indoor outdoor activities.

Holiday Programme includes planned outings.

Roana Johnstone | 355-6522 | 027- 701-9382 | www.nht.org.nz

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BOYS & GIRLS
-
COME & PLAY
CRICKET THIS
SUMMER!



East Chch Shirley Cricket Club

Junior Registration & Open Day 2017

Online registrations from 1st September
or come along to registration day
Saturday 16th September 10am - 12pm

Open day Sunday 1st October
Come along for a sausage sizzle, meet your
team & if you register, pick up your free cap.
10am - 12pm

- Online Registrations
- New players
welcome

BURWOOD PARK
75 BURWOOD ROAD
SHIRLEY
PHONE 021-744-114
or 027-874-8622

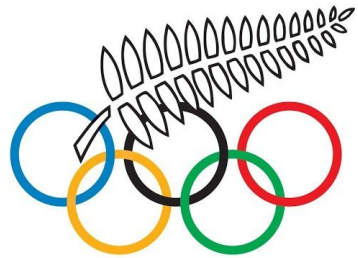
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Olympic Schools



St Francis of Assisi School has registered on the Olympic Schools Program. ANZ and the New Zealand Olympic Committee are proud to support St Francis of Assisi School in its mission to inspire and motivate young New Zealanders to achieve excellence through the Olympic Schools Programme.

The Olympic Schools program has been developed by ANZ with the NZ Olympic committee to inspire & motivate NZ's youth. Your school will be provided with resources & merchandise to provide opportunities, activities & incentives for students to live the Olympic values.

How does it work?

When a Home Loan or business loan is drawn down by any parent, teacher or friend of St Francis of Assisi School the school will receive 800 credits to redeem at the ANZ Awards centre. The awards centre has a variety of items ranging from sports equipment to the latest computer technology. The school will receive 800 credits for every successful drawdown of a new Home Loan, business loan or top up with ANZ over \$50000. 800 credits equates to \$400 of purchasing power in the ANZ awards centre. When your first loan is drawn an Olympian will come to your school & work with the teachers to deliver a memorable Olympic experience for all students.

Your school can also request personalised letters of encouragement from an Olympian. These will be written directly to a nominated student and will recognise individual student potential and provide added encouragement to them in their pursuit of excellence, whether academic or sporting.

The person drawing down the loan just needs to contact myself or let the staff member at ANZ know they want the credits to go to your school. We will then register the points. We will send you a statement of your points every 2 months.

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How can I find out more?

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information

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Tennis in 2017 starts with **Hot Shots**.

Come to any of Burwood Park's Community Play days and you'll be in the draw to win one of a dozen **GIANT** tennis balls.

Community Play days:

Saturday 26 th August	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 2 nd September	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 16 th September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 23 rd September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 30 th September	11:30am to 1:00pm

