

# St Francis of Assisi School

*St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter*

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## Kia Ora Koutou

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15

*The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all. Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950.*

### Future Focused Education

We have decided to share an article each week that discusses future focused education. Here is the first in the series for you.

#### What Does the Future of Learning Look Like?

Author of The Future of Learning, MARK TREADWELL, says we need to embrace learning systems that have proven over thousands of years to be far more equitable and successful than rote learning has proven to be over the past 200 years.

In this article for Education Review Mark is asked the question:

*If the purpose of education is to ready young people for the life ahead of them, what should the future of learning look like?*

[You can read his answer here](#) or connect with [our school blog](#) and read it on there. Feel free to comment or ask questions on the blog.

### Jump Jam for Star Jam

Thanks so much for your support for this fundraiser today. Together we raised \$409.50 for the charity Star Jam.



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### **Cultural Festival**

Just a reminder that the Cultural Festival performance night for the St Francis of Assisi Kapahaka group is Friday 18 August. If you ordered tickets through school these have been sent home today. If you did not manage to order them through school you can still order tickets through Ticketek.

### **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.

### **Lost Property**

Christopher Chamoun from Tumu Hub has lost his named school jersey and tie. Please return if found.

### **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 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@stfrancischch.school.nz](mailto:mackenzie.kane@stfrancischch.school.nz)



### **Scholastic Book Club Orders in by this Wednesday 16 August please.**

Please go to the **LOOP online** ordering system and follow the prompts for a quick and easy way to order. From this order onwards Scholastic will only accept a credit card payment ***through the online ordering*** and not through the school with a paper order and credit card slip. This is to streamline orders and payments and get the books back to the children as soon as possible after orders close. If you have any problems with online ordering please give Pauline a call on Mon, Wed or Friday.

### **Parking Issues / Innes Rd and Kensington Avenue continue!**

There is no doubt about it - parking spaces are definitely at a premium on Innes Road and Kensington Avenue. We need you all to follow the road rules in order to keep your children safe - **and** our neighbours happy.

- **No driving up any of the school or parish driveways** - (unless you are picking up a sick or injured child and you need to use the disability parking next to the office).

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- No parking in the Parish Car park
- No parking on the shingle beside the Church and the Presbytery
- You can not park in the 5 min drop off and walk in to pick up your child - you must stay with your car if you park there and stay no longer than 5 minutes so that others can use the space as well.
- No stopping on yellow lines - you can get a ticket even if you are still in your car on the yellow lines - as soon as you open your door a ticket can be issued.
- You must park at least one metre away from any driveway - this has been a big problem on Kensington Ave - our neighbours are unhappy that they are sometimes unable to get in or out of their driveways. Not only this - when they have approached some of our parents who are doing this - apparently our parents have been quite rude to them. We are not making friends and this is not a good look for our school. We rely on our neighbours to keep an eye on our school and we want to foster good relationships. Please be considerate.

### **PTA News**

#### **PTA Teatowel Fundraiser**

Next 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](mailto:dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz). Thank you for your support.

Thanks for your support, Gillian and the St Francis of Assisi School PTA

### **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](http://www.catholicshomenow.co.nz)

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### **“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](http://www.ccrnz.org/register2017)

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

### **Will You Help Care for Children & Young People in Canterbury?**

Are you a single person, grandparent, couple or family; we have many children and young people who need various levels of care ranging from one weekend a month to a permanent home they can call their own.

God calls us to many things, is God calling you to make a difference in the lives of children and young people?

To find out about one of the many ways you can help please join us for our Foster Care Information Evening:

Monday 21 August 2017 at 7pm

Level 1, 370 Colombo Street, Sydenham

RSVP: [Rebecca.Young@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Young@ohf.org.nz)

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.**

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**Community Notices****Cricket Registrations East ChCh/ Shirley**

See advertisement below

**Tween and Tweens Parenting Group**

See advertisement below





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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# Build a great family team and have fun on the way!



## Tweens and Teens

**12 years +** We will show you that, although these years may be challenging, they can be some of the best years of your life – and theirs!

- Small group course with a trained facilitator
- Six sessions per course
- Tailored to your needs

### **Tweens and Teens covers:**

- Atmosphere
- Boundaries
- Communication
- Discipline
- Self-esteem
- Future focus

*Toolbox courses are free to foster carers, whanau caregivers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren, and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. We are also able to offer free training for participants wishing to become Toolbox facilitators.*

### **WORRIED ABOUT BECOMING THE PARENT OF A TEENAGER?**

FREE @ Mairehau Primary

#### ***Teens and Tweens Parenting Group***

Where: Staffroom Mairehau Primary School

When: 2pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Cost: FREE

Contact: [angela@nht.org.nz](mailto:angela@nht.org.nz), or 033556522 ext 111



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