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What's on in the first week?

Reminder - Full winter uniform for Term 2.

Monday 30 April

Tuesday 1 May

Wednesday 2 May

Thursday 3 May

St Francis of Assisi Cross Country (all students)

Friday 4 May

Praying as a family

Praying as a family...have you heard of the saying, "*A family that prays together stays together.*" This saying is attributed to Venerable Father Patrick Peyton. He is also fondly known as the "Rosary Priest". He was the founder of the Family Rosary Crusade. Pope Francis furthered his journey to sainthood by naming him as Venerable on 18 December 2017. During the holidays, when daily life is a little less frantic, you might take time to pray a decade of the [rosary](#) as a family.

Staffing Update

Helen Viney

Today we farewelled Helen Viney - one of our amazing Teacher Aides - Helen is leaving us to study towards upgrading her ECE qualification to a Primary Teaching degree. We are so grateful to have had Helen on our staff and she will be greatly missed. We are fortunate to still have her as one of our parents and so we will still see Helen around the school at times. Best of luck Helen - we wish you well.

Rebecca Henderson

We would like to announce the appointment of Rebecca Henderson to our staff. Rebecca will start in the Kākano Team after the holidays and we welcome her to our school community. I know you will all make her welcome.

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Principal Awards

Congratulations to these people for receiving awards this week at assembly:

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Ivy Facoory Joseph Mackay Ava Robertson Bronte Allpress Tilly Smith Elsie Smith	Sidney Hoet Archie Finn Willow Boyce Blake Symes Benjamin Robb Alex Lyons Zac Kelly Romeo Vaiese	Sophie Davis Olivia Symes Matthew Tohill Isabella Vaiese Jack Dungey Harriet Mallia Josh O'Connell Maia Bagnall	Grace van den Heever Roza Litten Reuben John Finn Gavigan Petra Lewis Lorenzo Fasi

Kākano Hub.

We are very excited that the Kākano hub is now completed! The Teachers have been moving in this week and will be ready for action for the start of the new term.

All children in Kākano will go back to their current class at the start of the term and will be taken across to the new hub by their teachers one class at a time. Parents may collect their children from the new hub at the end of the day.

Have you got a question that you just don't feel you can ask?

We are holding Coffee Mornings every Wednesday at 9am to answer your questions. We have endeavoured to answer a few of the questions in the newsletter today. Feel free to add more questions on this link. <https://goo.gl/9owJ9T>

Some of the questions are a little tricky to answer without a bit more context so we have added a space for name and email address (still optional though) in case you would like us to email a response to you. Rest assured you can still be anonymous should you wish to be.

We are doing our very best to answer all your questions and sometimes we may misinterpret your question - however we are always happy to accept polite, constructive criticism anytime.

This week we were joined by Whitney Hansen who answered these questions.

1. *Hand Typing. If our children are using chromebooks why aren't they being taught how to use the keyboard properly?*
2. *How can we see what they are doing on their chromebooks?*
3. *Why are our children using chromebooks and not proper word laptops, these are what are being used in the real world?*

We will put the recording on facebook as soon as it is completed.

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Paiaka Hub

On Thursday, the Paiaka Hub were lucky to have House of Bricks come along. House of Bricks promotes collaboration, creativity and team building skills through the joy of Lego. All term, the children in Paiaka Hub have been learning how to work together as a team, think creatively and use their problem-solving skills in their Project Based Learning. So this was a perfect opportunity to put their learning into action...and what fun it was! They had two different set tasks that saw them creating things from towers, to dancing dabbling robots, gardens and spaceships.



Holiday Photo Competition #Snapped

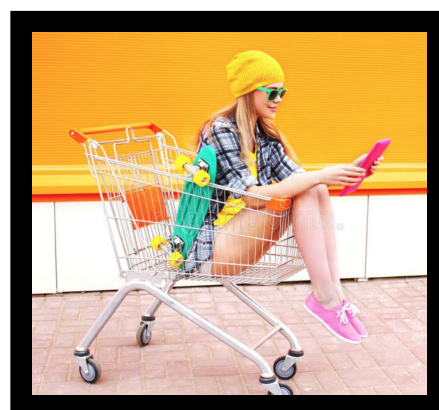
<https://goo.gl/3MwMvx>

Click on this link to enter our holiday competition. Snap a photo of your child reading in a strange place - the stranger the better - Enter to win one of our excellent prizes!!

Any problems inserting your photos email Jo or Whitney.

principal@stfrancischch.school.nz

whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz



Audition for a place in one of the Representative Groups in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

Are you a singer or an instrumentalist? Are you reasonably good at it...or even better?

If you are then we would love for you to audition for us and be part of this amazing experience. The Music Festival is a huge extravaganza featuring over 4000 students that takes place over 3 nights at the Horncastle Arena in late October. Students in the Representative Groups perform every night.

In our Music Festival we have four Representative Groups which are the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra. These groups play a very

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important role in the Festival and the experience of being on stage with thousands of people watching you and a thousand massed choir students singing along with you is truly amazing.

As with Canterbury representative sports teams, you are chosen because you are good and have real potential. For the choir, you need to be able to sing in tune and being able to read music is an advantage. If you play an instrument, you probably need to have been playing for several years and, if exams apply to your instrument, a rough guide would be around Grade 5 for strings and Grade 4 for woodwind, brass and percussion. Obviously, many of you will be above this standard but this allows for people who may not have taken exams but are actually good players. If in doubt, ask your teachers - they know the standard that we are looking for.

We only select between 80 to 100 students per group. This is done through an Audition process.

If you do get in you need to be aware that you must attend rehearsals in August and September and then attend a three-day Holiday Course in the first week of the Term 3 holidays. You will learn so much and make lots of new friends. Details are on our website.

Even if your school does not have a choir in the festival this year you can still apply for an audition for any of the Representative Groups. This is the pinnacle of musical achievement in Christchurch Primary and Intermediate school music. For more details see the Festival website www.musicfestival.school.nz.

You can only apply for an audition through the website, and applications close on the last day of Term 1.

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.

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.

<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUY2>



Lost Property

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Sam McGuire Room 10 has lost his named SFOA new school jacket which he has only worn one day. Please return if found. Thanks

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

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

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

Reflection Afternoon for Women:

Take some time off for yourself, to nourish your own spirit. Sat Apr 28th 1.30 - 5pm. No need to be a Church-goer, super-spiritual or know much about God at all. But if you are interested in exploring your spirituality, or feel you want more than what this world offers, come along and spend some time reflecting on where your heart may be leading you.

Led reflections focusing on your individual journey.

To register contact Kirsten Challies at kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz

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PTA News

Easter Raffle

Thanks so much to everyone for their support. The Easter raffle made \$10,200 which is absolutely amazing.

Thanks to those families that worked really hard to sell the tickets - First prize goes to Arthur and Emily Chambers and second prize to Hamish Adriaens.

Today Arthur and Emily were presented with a camera and Hamish with Fitbit. Well done!

Cheese Rolls Fundraiser

Save the date - Sunday 20 May.

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.

Cheese Roll Helper Roster

Please click the link below to put your name down to help make the cheese rolls. Thanks

[Cheese Roll Helper Roster](#)

All Shapes and Sizes - Ladies Night

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

CELEBRATING WOMEN

Our Ladies Night Fundraiser is under way
Save the Date Friday 25th May
Fundraising to help with the out fit of the new school hall.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. Major sponsor so we can make this event 100% profit. Major Sponsor has naming rights. Your logo will be on all advertising. \$300
2. Goodie Bag Sponsor - Do you have a company that can supply us with bags to use as goodie bags? Or would you pay for the bags and we will place your company name on the bag.
3. Raffle Sponsor - Will your company, business or family contribute a gift basket or gift voucher for our mega raffle.
4. Would you like to be a stall holder? Do you have a service you would like to promote through a discount voucher in our goodie bags.
If you can help or would like to discuss contact Clare Bell
clare.bell@stfrancischch.school.nz



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St Francis of Assisi Netball Club



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New Players

We are a parent run club and welcome new players from Year 3 to Year 8 if you know anyone that is interested in playing this season please either head to our website to register www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa or contact Chantelle McCrostie on chantelles@rocketmail.com for more information.


Keeping up to date:

If your child is not playing this season but you would like to keep up to date with the club and see what is happening please head to our Facebook page where you will see weekly results and what is happening with the club.

<https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisofassisinnetballclub>

Club Contacts

- Chantelle McCrostie – chantelles@rocketmail.com
- Liona Stanicich- liona@xtra.co.nz
- Emma Van den heever- showerdomesouth@gmail.com



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OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 8 May @ 8:30am—11:30am

Meet the staff and students and see the College in action

- Principal and Head Boy Welcome 8:30am
- Tour of the College plus activity stalls
- Tea & Coffee and an opportunity to chat with the Senior Leadership Team

"An Educated Heart and an Educated Mind, providing a seamless Catholic Education for Year 7-13 boys"

Parking available on the field across the school (Sports Field)

Enrolment enquiries, email Principal's PA Elmarie Els on eels@stc.school.nz or phone the school office on 03 348-7010

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Chisnallwood Intermediate School - Urgently Require Homestay Parents:

If you would be interested in hosting an international student in July/August this year. Chisnallwood have a number of students who will require homestays between 3 nights to 3 weeks.

You would receive a weekly payment for hosting for us.

Please email kim@chisnallwood.school.nz for further information or call on 388-4199.

Shirley Boys High School

Parent Information Evenings (Meet Headmaster John Laurenson for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee)

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th May 2018 6.00pm - 7.30pm SBHS Spartans Room (PE block, entrance off North Parade)

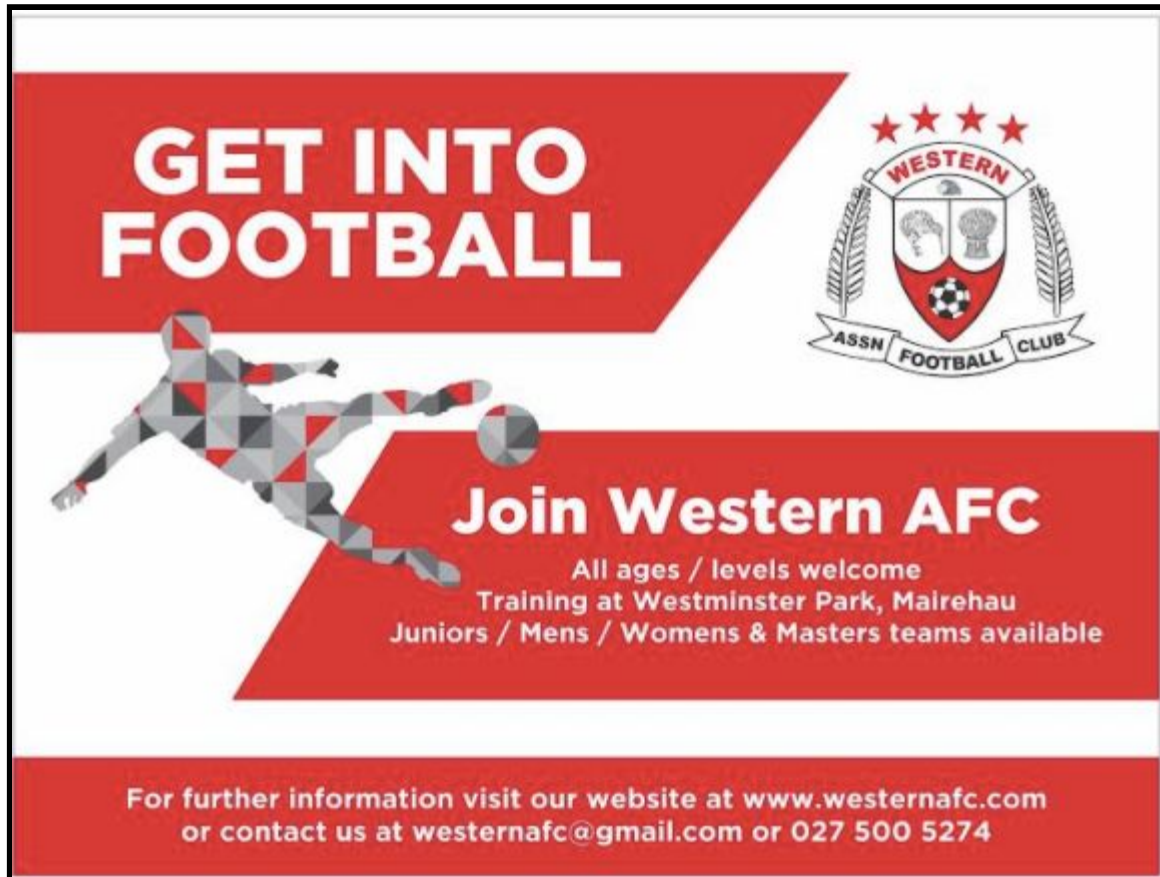
Community Open Night Thursday 24th May 2018 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Commencing in the Assembly Hall (entrance off North Parade)

C V Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam Thursday 7th June 2018 1.00pm - 3.00pm Assembly Hall (North Parade) Please register on the school website or at the school office

Car parking is available at Shirley Boys' High School and Shirley Intermediate School

North Parade, Christchurch Phone: 375 7057 office@shirley.school.nz
www.shirley.school.nz

Western AFC



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.

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.

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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

The St Bede's Basketball Committee have asked if you could share this fundraising with your school community.

Basketball Fundraiser

Ethel and Bethel Bingo evening

- Saturday, 5 May at 7pm
- \$20 per ticket including pizza supper and one bingo card.
- Additional bingo cards
- Raffles
- Chocolate wheel
- Silent auction
- Spin the bottle

can all be purchased on the night, so bring lots of cash!

Tickets from <https://goo.gl/forms/kofyZBTAZna7Ylf02> or email Ali on howard.ali@xtra.co.nz.

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