

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

It is with great sadness that we learned of the loss of one of our parent community, Kamila Mun, this week following a tragic work accident.

We ask that you keep Matthew, Jin Hee and their family in your prayers at this very sad time.



*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon her
May she rest in peace
Amen*



We have placed a prayer box in the foyer for the Mun family should you wish to leave a message for the family. If you would like to donate any baking, grocery items or any other donations - these can be left at the office. Thank you so much to those who have already donated - the response from our community has already been overwhelming. I know the Mun family will really appreciate this support.

This week the St Francis of Assisi Sharks Rugby Team and St Francis of Assisi Warriors Basketball Team will play with a black armband in memory of Kamila Mun. Matthew is a member of both of these teams.



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First Communion Masses



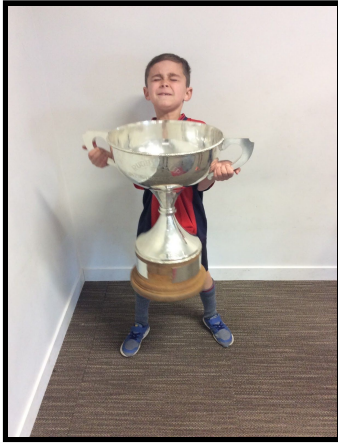
Congratulations to the large group of students who made their First Holy Communion last weekend at St Gregory's. We were very proud of one of our students in particular on Sunday. Charlotte Lyons gave up her time on Sunday to support both Masses with song - thank you so much Charlotte, many people have commented on the music - your singing was absolutely beautiful! I know the families of the students who made their First Communion were very grateful as well.

ITM Cup and Ranfurly Shield Visit St Francis of Assisi

Last Friday we were very lucky to have the ITM Cup and Ranfurly Shield visit our school. Our students were really excited for the opportunity to get their hands on both of them, and to learn more about the history of the two trophies. A big thank you to Brendan Fahey, who organised this for us through his rugby club.



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We took lots and lots of photos on the day, these are just a few above, but you can see all of our photos at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwGfUsWA3Ms2T2J2MTJRa1iYN2c?usp=sharing>

Rugby - Black Ferns vs Australia

Undeterred by the promise of bad weather 90 of our students opted to go and support the Black Ferns as they played against Australia at Rugby Park on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to see the Black Ferns play and our students supported them admirably. We were so proud of our students as they joined in singing the National Anthem - they represented our school with pride. Their support was rewarded with a selfie, autographs and a big thank you after the game from 2015 World Rugby Women's Player of the Year, Kendra Cocksidge. Thanks to Whitney Hansen for organising this opportunity.



Tumu Hub visits the Art Gallery

The Tumu children had a fun trip to the Art Gallery this week. They explored the lively exhibition by Canterbury artist Wayne Youle. A show that threads together ideas about family, cultural identity and nostalgia. The children discussed how their day- to- day lives are

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shaped by family, school and the world around them. The children then created their very own dream home from a 3D pop-out house then decorated it to create a fantasy space just for them. Thanks to the Tumu teachers for organising this great trip and to the parent helpers who made it possible.



Matariki

The Christchurch City Library Maori Services came to visit the Paiaka Hub to teach us about Matariki. We listened to myths and legends, sang, danced and created our own stars. Matariki is the Maori name for the group of stars also known as the Pleiades star cluster or The Seven Sisters; and what is referred to as the traditional Maori New Year. Today Matariki means celebrating the unique place in which we live and giving respect to the land we live on. This year Matariki is on June 25th.



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Robotics

This week we have been very lucky to have been able to have on loan all sorts of different robotics and coding equipment. Thanks to Nicky Tempero from CORE for making this happen. Our students and teachers have loved it. Check out the video we uploaded on facebook today.

Cultural Festival

Those of you who have students in the senior Kapa haka group should have received an email this week with ticketing information. Please contact Whitney Hansen or Jo Earl if you have not received this. If you are ordering tickets through school they must be ordered and paid for by 30th June. If you miss this date you will still be able to order them through ticketek.

From Last Week

Parent / Teacher Interviews (Year 4 - 8 students)

On Friday 30 June your child's mid-Year report will be sent home and then in Week 10 of this term you will be offered the opportunity to come and meet with your child's homebase teacher. This is a chance to talk through your child's progress so far this year and look at what his/her next steps are as they work towards achieving their goals for the rest of the year.

Interviews link (Yr 4-8 students)

You can book your interviews on this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> with the code u7rwe. Please contact us if you have any trouble and we will help you through the process.

Cybersmart and Blogging Information Evening

Parents are warmly invited to attend an information evening that will be held on **Monday 26 June at 7:00pm** in the library.

"The internet and online technologies, including mobile phones, are incredible tools for children to explore the world around them and to communicate, learn, play and be entertained. Knowing how to use the internet safely, whether at home, school or in a public place, is a crucial life skill for children to learn."

Dr Christine Bennett, Chair, Medical Advisory Panel, Bupa Australia

During this Information evening we will take a look at how we hope to develop Cybersmart Citizens at St Francis of Assisi School, through teaching them about online relationships, responsible and positive choices online, using digital tools, and about maintaining a positive digital footprint. As children are online now more than ever, it is so important that we all have a shared understanding of how our students can stay safe online.

We will also be discussing blogs and blogging. Our Year 5 - 8 students all have individual blogs now and are working hard to submit at least one post a week. During the course of the information evening we will share with you how the blogs are being used and why we believe

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this is important practice for our students. We will also take you through how you can access your child's blog and how to comment on his or her blog. Blogging is most powerful when students have an authentic audience to share their thoughts and ideas, and you as members of our community play a big part in providing this.

Mid Winter Breakfast - Friday 7 July

Back by popular demand! Keep your eye out for more information about the return of this school community event!

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons have been organised for all students in weeks 9 and 10 of the term. Our students will travel to the Graham Condon complex each day for lessons, 10 lessons in total. We are in the process of sorting the timetable for this and this will be advertised on the Hub blogs when it is completed. A reminder that the swimming lessons costs are not covered by the activity fee and will be itemised separately on your school account.

Sports Awards

On Thursday 22 June we will be holding the first of two St Francis of Assisi Sports Awards. The awards will run from 9.30 am - 10.30 am. These awards will be an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students in sport so far this year. The parents of those students who will be recognised at the awards will be sent an email closer to the time of the event.

Sport

Some action shots from Netball this week.



Board of Trustees News

The next BOT meeting will be held at 5.30pm next Tuesday 20 June. This is change from the previously advertised time.

Working Bee - Sunday 2 July 10am

Bring shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and come and join us to help prepare the area for the playground to be installed. Let us know if you are able to come by submitting this form

<https://goo.gl/forms/DKekFf7rCcwSx24m2>

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Special Character Review

Thanks so much to those of you who responded to the Special Character Survey. We ended up with a 42% return rate. This was a great improvement from the original 12%. The winners of the \$50 Joe's Garage voucher is Lindsay Harrison. Congratulations you can pick up your voucher after school on Monday.

The Special Character sub committee will be looking at the feedback and putting together an improvement plan with the aim of enhancing the Special Character at our school.

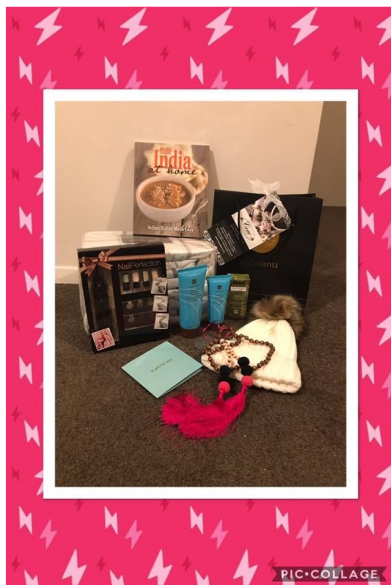
PTA Updates

Our Amazing Raffle

Tickets \$5 or 3 for \$10

First prize is amazing and valued at over \$1000!!!

You could win an amazing cut, colour and hair care package from Corkin and Friends valued at \$280, \$200 Ivy Blu voucher, \$150 Nicola Quinn Day Spa gift pack, \$100 All About You voucher, \$50 Northlands voucher, Mini group pass to Hanmer Hot Pools, Roxy Towel, Augustine Necklace, St Willow Scarf, Annabel Langbein Cookbook, Nutrimerics goodies to keep your skin moisturised this winter.



Second prize valued at \$500.

An amazing gift pack from CocoGifts valued at \$150, Beautiful Sheets from Ezibuy, Little India Cookbook, \$50 Northlands Voucher, Nail Perfection Kit, Antipodes Skin Brightening Serum, Woolly Hat from St Willow, Nutrimerics hand scrub and moisturiser and an Augustine Necklace.

Third prize valued at \$350.

\$50 Westfield Voucher, \$50 Redcurrent Voucher, Augustine Necklace, Quiksilver Towel, Wild South Lambswool Scarf, Antipodes Eye Cream, \$20



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Beautique Voucher, Vintage Tin Sign , Tassel Keyring and a free Coffee.

Fourth prize a goodie hamper donated by Harcourts Gold.

**You can buy tickets from Bev in the Office, Tracey Bryce upstairs or Clare Bell.
You can find Clare near room 7 and 8 each afternoon.**

Entertainment Books

Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson Entertainment 2017 / 2018

The Christchurch Entertainment books have arrived and will be available to pick up from the office, from Monday 8 May. For those who haven't purchased one yet and wish to do so, you can either click the link below and order one online, return the envelope that was sent home with your child to the school office OR purchase one from the office.
www.entbook.co.nz/1341q64

Display copies are available to have a look through in the staff room and in the office OR to view the book online click on this link <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/347408>

The PTA coordinator for book orders is: Gillian Kent-McConigley, 0274-795-630 with support from Phil Bell and Leanne Flanagan.

All proceeds will go towards the development of St Francis of Assisi's playground.

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

Lost Property

Joseph Burke has lost his green skeleton scooter with purple grips MGP (Brand) please return to Tumu Hub if found. Thanks

Charley Ansett has lost his named school jersey. Please return to Tumu Hub if found. Thanks

Sophie lost her jersey last Friday. It's named 'S.McGuire' and has a phone number on the reverse side of the label. I'm hoping someone has picked it up by mistake .Please return to Room 11 if found.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Orders to be in by next Thursday 22nd June 2017.

Parish Notices

Office Hours

Parish Office Hours have changed with effect from this week. Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

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Would you like to meet other families from the school and Parish?

Sign up to share afternoon tea with other families of the Parish on the weekend of the 18th June. We will contact you with whose place you will be going for afternoon tea.

This is a great chance to meet new people and enjoy others company. This is open to families of all shapes, sizes and ages.

There are clipboards at the back of the Church for you to sign up to host a family or to be a guest. Or fill in the form attached. Click the link below

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Hosts, you will have the flexibility on date, time and what meal you would like.

If you have any questions contact Clare clare.bell@mairehauparish.org.nz 021 2135620

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSe-o8aPOL6T9b1SEN.../viewform>

Community Notices

Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Registrations now open for **July school holidays– book online!**

Week 1 – Mon 10th – Fri 14th July *LINCOLN *WESTBURN *PAPANUI

Week 2 – Mon 17th – Fri 21st July *CHCH BOYS HIGH * ROLLESTON

- Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure,
- Delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff. Junior and Senior Team Leaders.
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply.

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