

St Francis of Assisi School

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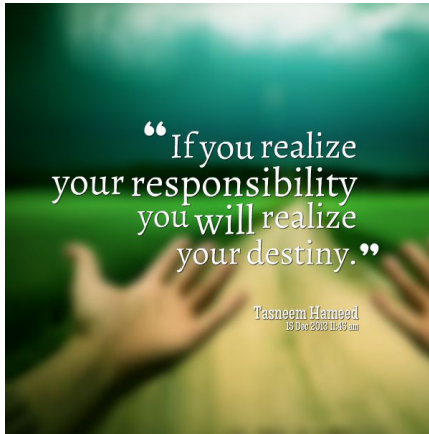
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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

During this term we will be encouraging students to focus on the virtue of responsibility.



Responsibility

“Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make mistakes you offer to make amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.”

The Virtues

Project

Parish Life and Food Festival

The Parish Life and Food Festival was a huge success. What a fantastic concept, all of the different cultures that make up our parish sharing food, performing and just enjoying each others company.

We were very proud of our Choir and Kapa Haka groups - they hadn't had much time to practise but we thought they did very well on the day!

Thank you so much to the Parish committee that organised this great event. Thanks to Louise Mackay for being the school liaison person on this committee.

Meet the Teaching Team Meetings

Thanks to those who attended these meetings. We hope you found them informative and that you went away feeling comfortable that your children are in safe hands!

For those of you that were not able to make it the presentations have been posted on the blogs. Remember if you have any questions please approach any of the teachers in your child's learning hub and they will be able to help you.

Optional Extras @ St Francis

We are working hard to provide your children with as many opportunities as possible here at St Francis.

Kapa Haka (Senior Yr 4-8) Thursday 8am

Kapa Haka (Junior Yr 1-3) Thursday 1pm

Choir - (Year 3-8) Wednesday 12.55pm

Lit Club - (Year 5-8) Tuesday 12.40pm (bring your lunch)

Code Club - See below

Code Club

This year we will be running Code Clubs for all ages. There will be an after school Club for Paiaka, Tumu and Kaupeka students that will run on Tuesdays after school starting in Week 5, and two lunchtime clubs that will run across all year levels of the school on a Friday lunchtime. There will be a Google Form sent home over the weekend to all parents regarding this, please take the time to have a look at it if you or your child/children are interested. Students will need to be signed up, using the form by the end of next week.

Lit Club

Lit Club started this week. This is a fun lunch time club for Year 5-8 students. Encourage your child to come along to the library on Tuesday at lunchtime to find out what it is all about.

Reminders

Scooters and Bikes - Please help us by reminding your children that they are not allowed to use the scooters and bikes during the school day. They must park them up in the areas provided and then they are not permitted back into those areas until 3pm. All scooter and bike park areas are out of bounds during the school day. We have had some issues with scooters and bikes being interfered with and we will be enforcing this rule.

Hats

All students are required to wear a hat during the break times in Term 1 and Term 4. This is part of the sun protection policy as below:

During terms 1 and 4, between 10 am and 4 pm, the school models “sun-safe” practices and ensures that staff and students take the following steps to protect themselves. The staff:

- encourage children to protect themselves with broad spectrum sunscreen (which the school provides) of at least SPF30 (Sun Protection Factor) and by sitting/playing in the shade where possible.
- require students to wear hats which protect the face, neck, and ears, whenever they are outside and involved in school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain in an allocated shaded area or inside at break times. Hats must be broad-brimmed (min. 7.5 cm), or legionnaire/bucket hats (min. 6 cm brim, deep crown). These hats provide significant protection to the eyes.
- model appropriate sun-safe behaviour when they are outside and involved in school activities, by wearing hats and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.

- recommend the use of t-shirts and rash vests or suits when students are at risk of extended exposure, such as during swimming or picnics.
- encourage children to wear clothing that protects the skin from the sun (for example, shirts with sleeves and collars).
- try to schedule outdoor activities to minimise exposure to the sun during the summer.
- include sun protection in the risk management plan developed for EOTC activities.

We will be enforcing this policy - students will be required to remain in an allocated shaded area if they do not have their hat. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school and that it is well named.

Woodend Camp - Year 5/6 - Monday 20 February

The Tumu Hub are all geared up to head to camp next week. We hope they have a wonderful time. We will place as many photos on facebook as we can and also the Tumu Blog when and if we have wifi!

If your child requires medication as noted on the Health forms - please give this to Maire Bowler on Monday morning before they leave for camp.

Don't forget pick up time is 3pm Wednesday. Your children will be very tired and eager to see you.

Pie Fundraiser

We have had a fabulous response to the Pie Fundraiser. Thanks so much to Shelley, Lou, Michelle and Tania for collating this mammoth order. We will let you know the profits in next week's newsletter.

E-Learning Parent Education Evening

On Monday 27 February we will be running a Parent Education Evening. This is an opportunity for you to come and find out about Google Apps For Education (GAPE), Chromebooks and how learning looks for your children in a 1:1 environment, and for those of you unable to make our 'Welcome Wednesday' sessions we will be discussing briefly school wide communication tools.

School Swimming Sports

On Friday 24 February St Francis of Assisi School will be holding our school Swimming Sports. This event will be held at Jellie Park from 9.45am to 2pm, and will involve all Tumu and Kaupeka students (Years 5-8).

We have sent you a Google Form, <https://goo.gl/forms/uJDftWP7RMhbsf8i1>, which students will use to sign up for their events. It would great if you could talk to your children about this information and help them to choose events that accurately reflect their ability. This form

needs to be completed by Monday at the latest. If you have any issues with the Google Form, please feel free to call in to the school office, as we are happy to help with this.

Children will be expected to enter a minimum of two events. Races will be 50m and 25m for those confident to swim those distances, however we will also run other events for swimmers who are not confident to swim 25m or 50m.

We are going to need lots of parents support for this event, so if you are able to assist us with this, please indicate that on the Google Form.

You are welcome to come and support your child/children on the day of the event. We will have a spectators area especially for you and would love to see you there.

Student Accounts

As we are trying to be paper free this year invoices have been emailed home today. There are a few that will be sent home on Monday in paper form. There may be some teething problems with this, so please bear with us. If you have not received your account by the end of next week please phone the office and we will check.

Please make sure that you are paying into the right bank account. The account number can be found at the bottom of your statement. The Term 1-4 donations of \$25.00 per term are voluntary payments and are tax deductible.

Camp fees will be invoiced separately once fundraising has been completed. If you have any issues with your account please phone Pauline to discuss them.

Ocean Swim for Kids

This is being held at Corsair Bay 4 March at 12.50pm. Here is the link for further information and entry. <https://oceanswim.co.nz/ocean-kids/>

LUNCH ONLINE - Please remember to change your child's room/hub from last year when you do your next order. At present there is great confusion with lunches going to the wrong rooms.

Lost Property

Jersey 82cm named - Alex Lyons Lost at the end of 2016 Please check your child's jersey.

For Sale

School jersey size 38 (97) as new condition \$60. Ph Liz 385 2660

Ngā mihi

Jo Earl

Parish News

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme

Children who have been baptised and are in Year 4 and up are invited to prepare to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please sign up on the clipboard board in the church foyer.

Community Notices

Marist Albion

Marist Albion would like to welcome those wanting to play junior rugby this season. Registrations are open and can be completed online at www.maristalbion.co.nz or on February 27 and March 13 (5-7pm) at our clubrooms located in the Papanui Bowls Club, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui. Our family-friendly club caters for players aged U6-U13. Membership enquiries can be directed to: Brendon Feary 021 226 4003 and Steve Kinder 027 271 6671

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club



Fun – Fitness - Friendship

Want to play netball? Come and join St Francis of Netball Club

If your daughter or son would like to play this season, please contact Chantelle McCrostie chantelles@rocketmail.com for registration details or visit the club website <http://sporty.co.nz/sfoa?em=0>

Netball is for children from Years 3-8 and is played at Hagley Netball Courts.
Uniforms are provided and all abilities catered for.



Like us on Facebook to be kept up to date - search for 'St Francis of Assisi Netball Club' or type in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Netball-Club-683113305163334/?fref=nf>



Southern Cross Irish Dance



Beginner Classes

Tuesdays

4pm-5pm
(from 28th Feb 2017 onwards)

Christchurch Irish Society Hall
29 Domain Tce, Spreydon

Saturdays

10am-11am
(from 4th March 2017 onwards)

St Mary's Church Hall
329 Halswell Rd, Halswell

Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact
Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109,
southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com

SouthernCrossIrishDance.com



**Southern
Cross
Irish Dance**

CHRISTCHURCH FOOTBALL CLUB

This is an invitation to ALL U6 and U7 Children who wish to play RIPPA RUGBY in 2017 to come down and Register to play for the mighty Red and Blacks.



Where : Christchurch Park is at 250 Westminster St

When : Sunday 19 February 2- 5 pm

Tuesday 21 February 6 - 8 pm

Monday 27 February 5.30 - 7.30pm

(some Crusaders in attendance 27 February)

Cost: \$85 for the season, coaching, mouth guard, rippa set and playing jersey provided.

Contact: Scott 0274 333650