

# St Francis of Assisi School

*St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter*

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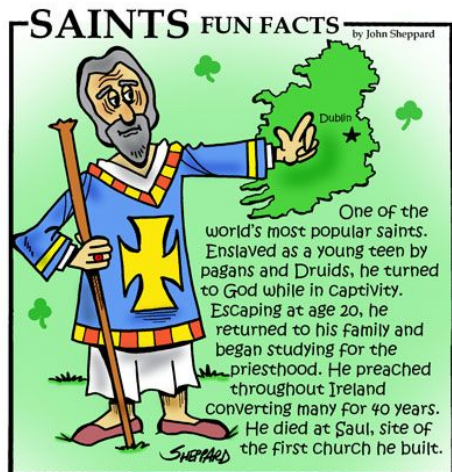
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## Kia ora koutou e te whānau

### St Patrick's Day.



St. Patrick

Green was the colour of the day as we celebrated St Patrick's feast day here at school. Our Student Leaders were impressed with the array of green accessories. Spot prizes were given out, a colouring in competition was held and at lunchtime games and activities were run.

Thanks to the Student Rep team for their organisation.

Father John O'Connor in his Food for Faith Lenten discussions provides a thought provoking look at celebrating saints feast days. [St Patrick's Day](#)



### Lenten Promise

#### **I will be responsible for my actions and my words.**

Thank you for your support - there has been a significant improvement in our two focus areas - clamping down on bad and inappropriate language and looking after our environment. Let's keep working together on this!!

### Hub Walkthroughs

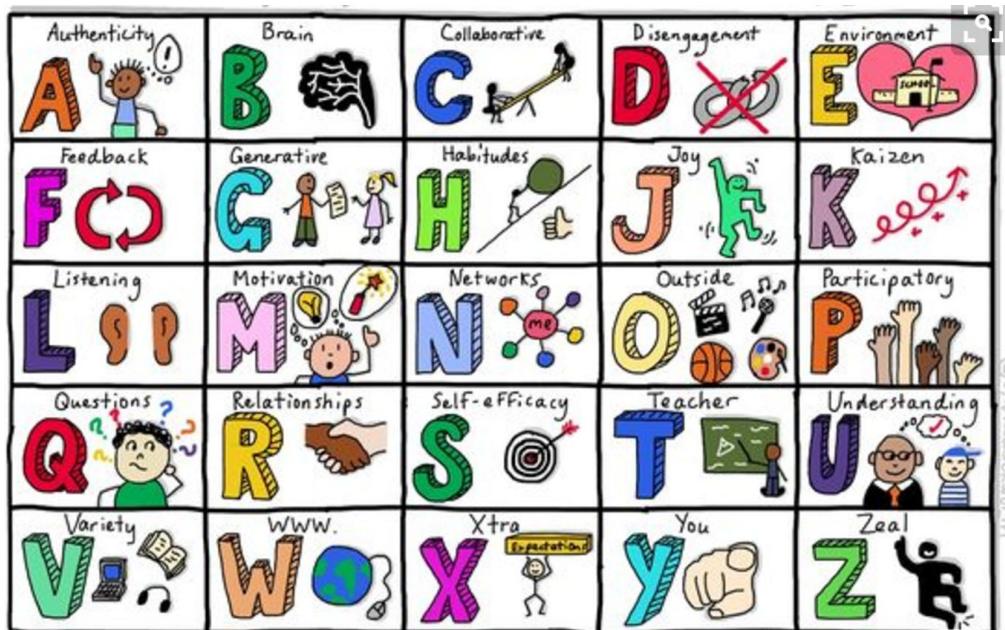
The Senior leadership Team has been completing a lot of walkthroughs through the Hubs over the last few weeks. We have been impressed with the level of engagement of our students in all areas. When we measure engagement we are not looking for compliant students who appear to be doing what they are meant to be doing - we are looking for students who are fully involved in their learning, we are looking for students who can talk about their learning and talk about what their next steps are. This is something that we are

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working on in all areas of the school and we are really pleased with what we have seen this month!

*In education, student engagement refers to the degree of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught, which extends to the level of motivation they have to learn and progress in their education.*

## 25 Keys to Engagement



### Duathlon

What a fabulous event today! Thank you so much to Whitney Hansen and Maree Scott for organising and running this event. It was fantastic to see the level of participation as this was an optional event - I am sure the numbers will be much bigger next year. Congratulations to all the participants. Results will be posted on the sports blog and photos have been placed on our facebook page.



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### **North Zone Swimming Sports**

Congratulations to our swimming team that competed in this event. Everyone participated well and we had some good results. From this event we will have a team going to the Centrals. More information will be available early next week when results have been confirmed.

### **Congratulations to:**

**Reuben Ngariki**, who has made the South Island Champs Athletics Team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row representing Canterbury coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in points overall.



**Scholastic Book Club Orders New catalogue out. Orders in by Tuesday 28 March thanks.**

### **Second Hand Jersey - as new only worn for 3 weeks**

For sale Size 97cm School Jersey. Price Negotiable. Please phone Liz -385 2660

### **Blogs**

I am repeating this information as there is a lot going on around the school and we want to ensure that you have access to all information. Thank you so much to all of our teachers who are making these activities happen - it is exciting to have all these opportunities available for our students.

All school wide blogs can now be found on the website under the heading Our Learning. Get on check them out, and don't forget to follow by email on those that you would like to receive updates on. Below is a list of addresses for these blogs:

Code Club <http://codeclubstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

The Arts <http://theartsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Lit Club <http://stfrancischchlitclub.blogspot.co.nz/>

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Kapa Haka <http://kapahakastfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Sport <http://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.com/>

### **Safety of our Children**

Please make sure when bringing your children into school in the mornings to close the gates behind you. Thank you.

### **Road Safety**

Please reiterate to your child road safety practices as they travel to and from school. The Road Crossing is not supervised until 8.30am in the mornings and many children are being dropped off before this. Please ensure your children get into school safely.

Please also ensure that you do not drive into the church carpark - you also need to encourage your children to walk up the painted lines through the carpark and not up the driveways. We are organising to have this strip repainted but in the meantime we need you to ensure your children are safe. The area behind the church is not a drop off and pick up area.

### **Road Patrol**

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email [phil.clarebell@gmail.com](mailto:phil.clarebell@gmail.com).  
Thanks

### **PTA Newsletter**

## **PTA Newsletter Term One, 2017.**

Firstly the PTA would like to Thank You all for your support during 2016 and your continuing support with fundraising during the coming year.

The PTA has hit the ground running this year and have been busy putting together a number of interesting and fun events for the children and families to enjoy over the coming year.

Anyone wishing to join the PTA are more than welcome to attend one of our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the staffroom. Even if you don't think you have time to join for the year but would like to offer help at one off events, please get in touch with any PTA member to express your interest on what event you would like to assist us with.

**PTA AGM will be held 5th April in the staffroom followed by monthly meeting.**

### **The Fundraising Events to be held during 2017.**

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## **TERM ONE**

### **Entertainment Books:**

Will again be on sale later in Term One. Orders will be able to be placed by clicking on the link on the school website or completing the envelope your child will bring home. Both book and electronic phone app will be available. If you do not want to order please return the envelope to reception with NO ORDER written on it.

PTA coordinator for book orders will be: Gillian Kent-McConigley with support from Phil Bell and Leanne Flanagan.

### **Brand New Boys Winter School Socks:**

Order forms will be available shortly.

\$10.50 per pair.

### **Good Old Fashioned Cheese Rolls:**

Order forms will be available on 1st May and ready for collection on Sunday 21 May. Further details closer to the time.

## **TERM 2**

**Junior and Senior Disco's.** Details closer to the time.

## **TERM 3**

### **Mid Winter Barn Dance (R18 event)**

Date for your calendar: 5th August at Heaton School Hall

Get your posse together !

**New Tea-Towel fundraiser.** Details available early in term 3.

**Childrens fun run:** Details available early in term 3.

## **TERM 4**

### **Annual Fish n Chip Evening:**

Date: TBC

Time: 5pm onwards

Ongoing throughout the year:

### **Road Patrol:**

If you are able to spare 30 minutes for one morning per fortnight. (8.30am -9am)

Contact Phil Bell 021-02914855

### **2nd Hand Uniform:**

Please donate any good used items, these can be left at reception.

We will be holding our gold coin sales at the beginning of each term.

Next Sale: 12 April 2.45pm -3.15pm

If you require an item in between sales please contact:

Kelly Van Wieran 021-352244

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All events will be noted on the school calendar.

Kind Regards  
Kim Goggin  
PTA Chairperson

### Winter Socks

The PTA will be pre-ordering the boys winter socks again this year, the orders will need to be complete by the 15 March . Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

The PTA currently have a stock of the smaller sizes Boys Winter socks (\$10.50 per pair) and Girls navy blue socks (\$8.50 per pair) available for purchase now Jr10-12 13-2 and 3-5 please contact Kelly at [kellyvw@gmail.com](mailto:kellyvw@gmail.com)

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL SOCK ORDER FORM

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email/Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver to \_\_\_\_\_

(Child's Name)

In hub **1/2** **3/4** **5/6** **7/8**

### Boys Winter Sock \$10.50 per pair

Sizes	Quantity	Total
10-12		\$
Junior		
13-2		\$
3-5		\$
6-8		\$
9-11		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

### Payment Type

Internet	
Cash	

### Payment Terms

#### Internet Banking:

Account Name: PTA account

Account Number 03-1700-0288855-000

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Reference Code: Please use your Surname and Socks

### **Cash**

There will be a box at the Office to receive orders please include your Name and Child's name and correct amount owing in an Envelope.

FOR ANY INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT KELLY ON [KELLYVW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KELLYVW@GMAIL.COM)

### **Parish Notices**

#### **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 in the church foyer.

#### **Date for the Diary**

#### ***Mums Retreat***

Come and have some time out

Join us on Saturday 18th March 9:15-1pm

We will begin with Parish Mass in the Church at 9:15 then head over to the staff room for morning tea. During the morning there will be a time of input, some discussion and some quiet time of prayer. Concluding with lunch. All are welcome. Cost \$10 to cover lunch.

To RSVP or for more information contact Clare [clare.bell@mairehauparish.co.nz](mailto:clare.bell@mairehauparish.co.nz)

### **The Arts Opportunities**

#### **Out of School Music Lessons**

##### **Shirley District Music School**

There are some available slots at the Shirley District Music School for instrument lessons out of school time. The lessons are discounted at \$160 for the school year and tutors can help with organising instrument hire. The lessons begin next week and are held at Shirley Intermediate. The following instruments have available slots:

Guitar

Drums

Clarinet

Saxophone

Brass

Keyboard (limited availability depending on tutors timetable)

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Please contact Delwyn as soon as possible at [delwynm@sis.school.nz](mailto:delwynm@sis.school.nz) or phone her on 0211019063 and quote St Francis of Assisi.

### **Violin Lessons**

Lucienne Shelley is available to teach violin between 4pm - 7pm Monday to Thursday. She is located in St Albans. Lessons cost \$30 for a 30 minute individual lesson. Please contact her at [lucienneshelley@gmail.com](mailto:lucienneshelley@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Christchurch Music School (CSM)**

CSM provides some fantastic opportunities for instrument lessons outside of school. For further information, please refer to their website: [www.csm.org.nz](http://www.csm.org.nz)

### **Community Notices**



## **Holiday Programmes**

- **St Francis of Assisi – Big Kids 10-14 years Week 2 10-14 years**

**Register online - limited place**

For more info go to: <http://www.nht.org.nz/youth-programmes/holiday-programme>  
or ring 03 3556522 ext 11



### **Olympic Schools Program**

St Francis of Assisi School has registered on the Olympic Schools Program. ANZ and the

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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.

#### **How can I find out more?**

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information or [rebecca.snelgar@anz.com](mailto:rebecca.snelgar@anz.com)

## St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

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### 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](mailto: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>

## DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

The April school holidays are fast approaching! Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure, with plenty of sport, onsite activities, and outings.

To check out the programme details for each venue or **register online, go to** [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

## April 2017 school holiday highlights for full day participants:

**Week One: 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** (Easter Monday is the 17<sup>th</sup>)

- **Papanui:** enjoy a trip to the Margaret Mahy playground, a rugby skills session with the boys from the Belfast Rugby Club, plus the usual awesome swimming at Graham Condon and trip to Hoyts.
- **Lincoln:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury and Canterbury Country Cricket and bounce the afternoon away at Mega Air!
- **Pioneer:** Juniors get crafty and make and fly your own kite, swim at Pioneer and join the Seniors for a trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Seniors get inventive with a session with Science Alive and hit the pool for swimming fun.
- **Westburn:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury, swim at Jellie Park and take trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Juniors - scoot, skate or bike around the Westburn Bike Park, using road safety skills, Seniors - have a go at Frisbee Golf.
- **Swannanoa:** learn new skills with a session from Canterbury Country Cricket, swim at Dudley Park and get crafty with kite making and flying.
- **Ashburton:** sharpen your cricket skills with a session from Mid Canterbury Cricket, swim at the EA Centre, including fun on the inflatables and see 'Baby Boss' at the movies.

**Week Two: 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** (Anzac Day is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>)

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- **Christchurch Boys High:** learn new skills with a session from High School Old Boys Rugby Club, go crazy at the Phat SK8 roller disco, take in a movie at Hoyts. Juniors get crafty and make and fly a kite, Seniors swim at Wharenuui.
- **Rolleston:** take on an orienteering challenge at the Halswell Quarry, Juniors enjoy a picnic and games afternoon at Parekura Reserve, Seniors swim at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

**Register online now** [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

**Week One** registrations close on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

**Week Two** registrations close on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

An 8am start option is available at Westburn and CHCH Boys High



# Southern Cross Irish Dance

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1ST  
LESSON  
FREE

## Beginner Classes

<b>Tuesdays</b> 4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards) Christchurch Irish Society Hall 29 Domain Tce, Spreydon	<b>Saturdays</b> 10am-11am (from 4th March 2017 onwards) St Mary's Church Hall 329 Halswell Rd, Halswell
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Great for kids to gain confidence, co-ordination and rhythm

To book, contact  
Shannon & Argène on 022 040 3109,  
[southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:southerncrossirishdance@gmail.com)

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