

St Francis of Assisi School

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

The Global Kindness Project



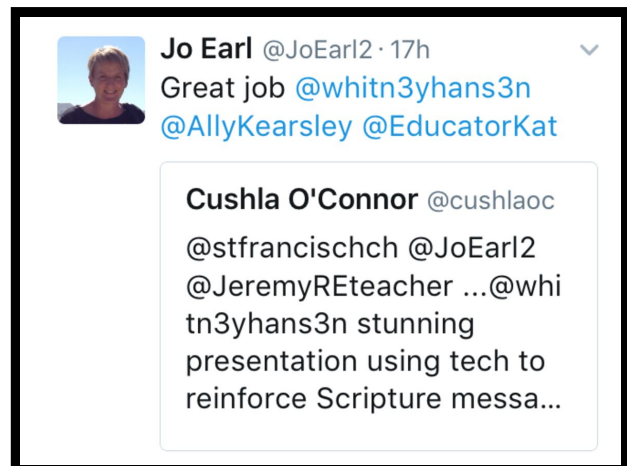
Empathy does not stop at feeling sad or happy for someone else. It is working hard to try and walk in their shoes, imagine their feelings and needs, learn more about their experience. Empathy often involved listening, more than talking; learning, more than telling; and thinking a lot about how *your* experiences are not always the same as others.

[Empathy Sesame Street](#)

Presentation at the Catholic Education Office

This week three of our staff and two of our senior students presented a session on Using Digital Resources to Dig Deeper into Scripture. We have had amazing feedback from the Catholic Education Office and we want to congratulate them, we are very fortunate to have teachers and students of this calibre, it was a honour for them to be asked to present on the programmes they are running in our school and we are very proud!! Congratulations Whitney Hansen, Ally Kearsley and Katherine Wilson and also Corban Fisher and Sam McAfee.

For anyone interested in looking at the presentation check out the link below:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qyNPRfZWkPRC9t5DOg_7rjFf5C4vEJUy291YtJj1gxU/edit?usp=sharing



Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Thank you to all who managed to get their cheese roll orders in.

We are raising money to install the playground that is currently in the container beside Rm 11. We know the children will really enjoy this playground and we are looking forward to being able to finally get it installed. There will be several stages to this project as we will first have to remove the old confidence course that is sited down the right hand side (if you are looking from the carpark) of the field. We know that the playground will be an exciting addition to our playground and really appreciate the support we get from our school community.

CHOOSING TO BE AN INNOVATIVE CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT
INSPIRES AND EMPOWERS LEARNERS TO SUCCEED.

The cheese rolls are being made on site this Sunday - we still need as many helpers as possible on the day. If you are able to help please come along even if you haven't filled out the helpers form. We particularly need helpers in the later time slot of 4:00 pm onwards.. Work starts at 8:00am.

Thank you to our senior students who put all the stickers on the cheese roll containers this afternoon in record time! 1400 stickers in 20 mins!

We urgently need banana boxes, 2 litre ice cream containers and plastic supermarket bags. Thanks.

Choir to sing at Mass on the 28th May 10.30am

As part of our school and parish liaison, the choir will be singing at Mass in a few weeks time. It would be wonderful to have as many choir children as possible to attend. Correct winter uniform is to be worn. Please fill out the following form if your child is in the choir and can attend. Please fill out the following [Permission slip](#). This can also be found on the Arts blog.

Wheelie Wednesdays

Next week we will be introducing Wheelie Wednesdays at lunchtime. Year 5 - 8 children who have their own wheels will begin next week and years 1-4 the week after. Wheelie Wednesdays will be on the netball court.

Lost Property

Saffron Parsonson has lost her named school jersey. Please return to room 8 if found.
Seb Kelly has lost his named school jersey. Please return to room 8 if found.

Drop Off Zone

Please note the drop off zone on Innes Rd is for exactly that - dropping off and picking up children - you must not leave your car there while you walk in and get your children - you can't leave your car unattended. There are some parents parking and leaving their cars there and this is extremely inconvenient for those who wish to use it properly. Also a reminder that you must not park on the yellow lines, nor come into the Parish carpark. There are also yellow lines either side of the Kensington Street exit. These rules are for your children's safety - please abide by them.

Norah Street Parking

Please note there is **no parking** on the short right of way off Norah Street that leads to the back field entrance. This area is for residents only. It is also very dangerous for the children who walk into school this way to have cars trying to drive into this area. Please park out on Nancy Ave.

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Winter Sport Coaches

As you all know Winter Sport started this week, we are very lucky to have lots of keen teachers who will travel with, and coach some of our teams. However we don't have enough teachers to coach/manage all of these teams.

We have had some offers of parent help already and are very appreciative of this. If you are one of those people, or you are keen and haven't indicated this to us yet, please fill out this form - <https://goo.gl/forms/HoD2OhzZFTMxVshz1>

Cross Country

This week on Wednesday 42 of our students competed in the Zone Cross Country this week. We had some great results with over 20 students qualifying to represent the North Zone and St Francis of Assisi School at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country Event on Wednesday 21 June. We were so proud of how all students competed on the day and would like to congratulate all students on their results, especially Emily Davis - 1st Year 8 Girls, Ashley Dewar - 4th Year 8 Girls, Josh Cusin - 1st Year 7 Boys and Will Combes - 3rd Year 7 Boys.



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Winter Sport Uniforms

Most students have been issued their winter sport uniforms and the rest will be issued with their uniforms over the next two weeks. If students are playing football, hockey or rugby they will need to purchase St Francis of Assisi socks. These can be purchased from the school office at \$16.50 (cash) or put on to school accounts.

Football and hockey players also need shin pads, and hockey and rugby players need mouthguards.

Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email phil.clarebell@gmail.com.
Thanks

Second Hand Jersey

Second hand jersey for sale - as new only worn for 3 weeks. Size 97cm. Price Negotiable.
Please phone Liz - 385 2660

PTA**Cheese Roll Fundraiser**

See information earlier in newsletter

Discos

We are really thankful to our PTA who are continually thinking about what they can do for our school community. It's not all about raising money - this term the PTA is running two Disco events - fun events for your children to enjoy getting together socially. A huge thank you to the PTA for running these events.

Ladies Night Out

St Francis of Assisi School
presents
All Shape and Sizes
LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tickets
\$20

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Help Needed

We still need several models. Looking for body shape hour glass,
apple or pear

Would anyone like to have a stall on the night?
Can you help sell tickets after school?
Are you able to help set up on the night?
Are you able to help on the night?

Contact Clare 0212135620 or Tracey
tracey.bryce@stfrancischch.school.nz

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

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Parish Notices

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

Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues – DUE BY DATES. Some of you have expressed confusion as to why the parish has a due by date on our invoices.

As you are aware, the parish invoice you on behalf of the Diocese, for the Attendance Dues/Special Character Contributions for each child attending a Catholic School.

What you may not be aware of is that the parish then receives an invoice from the Diocese for approximately \$22,000 which we are required to pay by a certain date.

We put a due by date on our invoices to ensure the parish has the funds to meet the Diocesan Invoice for your children at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School.

The 2017 due by dates are 20th February, 20th May, 20th August & 20th November.

As always, if you have any queries or are having difficulty paying your account, please get in touch with the parish office. Phone 385 3459.

Our Parish St Vincent de Paul needs you.

The parish St Vincent de Paul Conference covers the largest parish geographical area and receives on average 200 calls a month for assistance. Due to illness and age we now have very few people in our team who are able to deliver food parcels to those in need. Are you available during the day and have your own transport? Please consider joining our busy team in this very important work. Full training will be given. Please contact Kirsten in the parish office if you are interested in finding out more.

Community Notices

Kelly Sports at St Francis Assisi School

Kelly Sports once again returns to St Francis Assisi Primary School in term 2. Our Fundamental Skills - Winter Warmers - programme offers the opportunity for your School Year 1-4 child to develop and enhance their key fundamental skills through a variety of different sports this term.

The programme will operate on a Thursday After School, 3.10pm-4.10pm, based at St Francis of Assisi Primary School.

Further information will be with you at the school shortly, but for more information or to book, please visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Sam Holland on 027 724 8834 or chchnorth@kellysports.co.nz

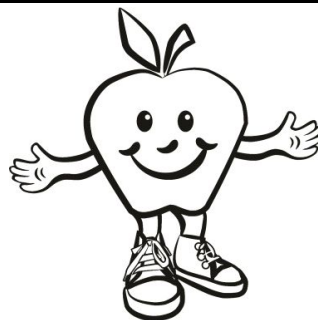
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Pippins

Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our Rawhiti Pippin Unit – Thursdays 4.45-5.45pm at All Saints Church, 305 New Brighton Rd.

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!



Our programmes are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact

Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

Junior Disco

St Francis of Assisi Junior Disco



Under the Sea

Come along to the Junior Disco

Grab your tickets from the Office

\$3 Entry Fee

Date: Friday 19th May

Time: Year 0-4, 5:30-7pm

Year 5-6, 7:30-9pm

Place: Heaton Intermediate School

Come along and join in the fun, dress up if you wish and show us your dancing moves.

Sausages \$1
Hot Chips \$2
Bags of Lollies \$2
Glow Sticks 2 for \$1



Senior Disco



St Francis of Assisi Senior Disco

Purchase your tickets from your
School Office (entry by ticket only)

Date: Friday 26th May

Time: 7:30- 9:15pm

Place: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

\$5 Entry Fee

Hot Chips \$2

Bags of Lollies \$2

Chocolate Bars \$2

Soft Drinks \$2



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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**