

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

Feast Day

Today we celebrated the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi (Oct 4) with a Mass and lots of fun activities as well. In his homily Fr Simon shared the story of St Francis of Assisi - his life was about people and not about things. We learned about how important it is to appreciate life, animals, our environment, care for each other and most importantly to love God. Thanks Fr Simon for sharing this with us today.

After the Mass the whole school went out to the new playground. Fr Simon blessed the playground for us. The ceremony can be viewed on our facebook page. Photos of the playground can also be viewed on our facebook page.

Ka mihi nui ki te PTA.

Ka mihi nui ki a korua ko Katherine Eveleigh raua ko Sefton Early.

Ka mihi ki te Atua, nāna nei ngā mea katoa.

Thanks to the PTA,

Thanks to Katherine Eveleigh, and Sefton Early for driving the project forward.

We give thanks to God who created everything!

School Photos

School photos were taken on Thursday 28th September. Class photos followed by individual photos were taken. There will be information about how to order your photos early next term.

2018 Organisation

We are currently working on organisation for 2018 and would appreciate knowing about any upcoming enrolments for next year. If you could contact the office if you have a preschooler that is not yet enrolled we would be grateful.

If you know that your child won't be attending St Francis next year it would be helpful to have that information as well. I have sent a form home to the Year 6 parents which we would appreciate being completed as well - thanks so much.

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Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	What	Who's invited?
Wednesday 18 October	All day	School Athletics Day Venue TBC Postponement date 25/10	All parents and extended whanau
Thursday 19 October	6pm 7pm	1:1 Learning Environments Year 7/8 Open Night	Parents of those students who will be in Year 5 in 2018
Wednesday 25 October	7pm	Music Festival at Horncastle Arena Tickets available through Ticketek	All parents and extended whanau of choir students
Wednesday 1 November	9am 6pm	2 sessions Sexuality Education - Information about the programmes we will be running in Term 4	All parents
Wednesday 8 November	All day	North Zone Athletics	
Thursday 9/11 - Friday 10/11	Overnight	Year 3/4 camp	
Friday 17/November		Show Day - school closed	
Wednesday 6 December	All Day	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics Ashburton	
Thursday 7 December	All Day	Kākano and Paiaka Big Day Out	
Wednesday 13 December	6.30pm	End of Year Prizegiving	All parents All students
Thursday 14 December	10am	End of Year Mass St Gregorys	All students All parents

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St Francis of Assisi's Got Talent

Today the Young Vinnie's group organised a fantastic Talent Quest as part of our Feast Day celebrations. We certainly have talent in our school! We had breakdancing, singing, hip hop, musical instruments and ballet in this talent extravaganza. Congratulations to our winners: Anna McKey (First), Kayla Webb (2nd), Charlotte Lyons and Grace Wakefield (third). A huge thankyou to Mrs Shaw, and the young Vinnie's for your efforts to make this a great event, which drew a huge crowd. The donations of cans have been much appreciated!



Holiday Pledge - Read with Your Child

If reading with your children isn't a regular habit, try to make it one. On this link you can find a blog post with compelling reasons why we need to read with kids every day.

<https://goo.gl/F9DBW6>

WHY READ FOR 20 MINUTES A DAY?		
STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
20 MINUTES PER DAY	5 MINUTES PER DAY	1 MINUTE PER DAY
1,800,000 WORDS PER YEAR	282,000 WORDS PER YEAR	8,000 WORDS PER YEAR
SCORES IN THE 90 TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS	SCORES IN THE 50 TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS	SCORES IN THE 10 TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

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Lost Property

Pieta Kirby Paiaka Hub has lost her named school jersey, please return if found.

Accounts

Statements for Term 3 have been emailed/sent out . If you have not received a statement that means you have paid your account in full - thank you! The Yr 3/4 camp fee will be billed separately once costs have been finalised.

No payments have been received on some accounts. Swimming, Activity fee, Yr5/6 camp, Yr7/8 camp, and Yr7/8 technology charges are **now overdue**. If you have any of these charges outstanding please arrangement payment in full or set up weekly payments **as soon as possible**. Any queries please phone Pauline.

NB Please make sure you make online payments to the school account noted at the bottom of the statement not the Parish account.

New School Jackets

We are pleased to introduce our new school jackets. They are an optional part of our school uniform and will be available from the beginning of next term. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front and @stfranschch on the back. We will be placing our first order on the Friday of the first week back (20 October). Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. There will be a range of sizes to try on in the office from the beginning of next term. To order, click on the link below. Don't they look smart?

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



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PTA Notices

PTA Survey

The PTA are starting to look towards planning for 2018, and keen to gather feedback from the school community. We have a short 10 question survey that we would appreciate being completed by 30 Sep.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M68GMPY>

Parish Notices

From the Parish Office - Attendance Dues

The parish has a \$23,000 invoice to pay to the Catholic Diocese this month being the Term Three attendance dues for your children attending St Francis of Assisi School. I am still chasing \$10,000 in unpaid attendance dues. Term Three accounts were due for payment on the 20th of August. Please bring your account up to date as soon as possible or make contact with me at the parish office. Thanks – Kirsten on 385 3459.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are now – Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 5pm and Wednesday & Friday 8am - 2pm.

Community Notices



Before | After School | Holiday Programmes

- OSCAR on Innes After School Care (St Albans Play centre)
- Mairehau Primary Before & After School Care
- Holiday programmes run from both sites

We provide: B4S breakfast, AS afternoon tea,
Structured indoor outdoor activities.

Holiday Programme includes planned outings.

Roana Johnstone | 355-6522 | 027- 701-9382 | www.nht.org.nz

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Cricket Registrations East ChCh/ Shirley

A promotional poster for the East Chch Shirley Cricket Club. The background is a blurred green field. The poster features two circular inset photos: a large one on the left showing a group of young boys in blue cricket uniforms posing together, and a smaller one on the right showing two boys playing cricket on a field. Text is overlaid on the poster in various fonts and colors. A Facebook logo is in the top right. A speech bubble contains the text 'BOYS & GIRLS - COME & PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER!'. The club's name is prominently displayed in large green letters. Below it, registration details for 2017 are provided. At the bottom left, the club's address and contact numbers are listed. At the bottom right, there is a call to action for online registrations and a note about new players. A small club crest is at the bottom center.

LIKE US ON  facebook

BOYS & GIRLS
-
COME & PLAY
CRICKET THIS
SUMMER!

East Chch Shirley Cricket Club

Junior Registration & Open Day 2017
Online registrations from 1st September
or come along to registration day
Saturday 16th September 10am - 12pm

Open day Sunday 1st October
Come along for a sausage sizzle, meet your
team & if you register, pick up your free cap.
10am - 12pm

**-Online Registrations
-New players
welcome**

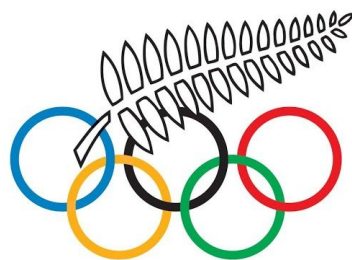
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Olympic Schools



Olympic Schools Program

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

ANZ and the 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

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Feast Day Celebrations

Wednesday 4 October

3pm

Join us in the school ground for afternoon tea, a DVD and a play on the playground.

Everyone welcome

A great school holiday activity.

Bring something to share for afternoon tea.

