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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Our Lenten Journey for 2018

Lent is the Church's season of repentance; a time to reflect on our relationships with God and with each other. We recall Jesus' forty days in the desert and preparing for his ministry. We take time out during Lent to think about our own lives, and to face those things in our lives and in our world that are not as they should be.

The Lenten Caritas theme in 2018 is about journeying together. Over the next few weeks Students will learn about the people of Timor-Leste, about their turbulent past and their challenging present. We hope that students will develop a greater understanding of the difficulties facing people in developing countries such as Timor-Leste.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."
– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, #127

Principal Awards

Congratulations to these people for receiving awards this week at assembly:

Kakano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Andy Nguyen	Caoimhe Harrison	Ethan O'Donovan	Amber Gee
Olivia Donnellan	Jake Hernandez	Brent Bontuyan	Trent Andrew
Indie Stevens	Gus Fitzgerald	Neila Penrose	Jordan Fearon
Leo McTague	Jaidyn Cahill	Samantha Dolera	Ellen Scott
Ian Villarojo	Rodas Tadese	Noah Bennett	Monique Dry
Shakarna Ruaiti	Liam Humphries	Frankie Tino	
Millie Thoms	Sophie Bishop	Hannah Williamson	
Ollie McWhirter	Travis Mountford	Flynn Anderson	

Photos of the awards are on the blogs.

ERO - Education Review Office

Next week we are having a visit from the Education Review Office. They are here to complete a New Schools Assurance Review.

The purpose of a New School Assurance Review is to provide assurance:

- the school is operating in accordance with the vision articulated by the board of trustees

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- to the elected board and community that the school is well placed to provide for students.

We will welcome the team of reviewers at 10am outside the library and you are all more than welcome to join us for this. We will report the findings of the review back to you in due course.

Brainwave Trust Seminar

Don't miss this seminar "Unravelling the Adolescent Brain" - More information further down in the newsletter. 7pm start.



Touch

Touch has now started back and there have been a few changes to teams from Term 4 last year. Please take the time to check out the sports blog and ensure you know what team your child is in. If there are any questions about touch please email maree.scott@stfrancis.chch.school.nz

Draws are posted weekly and can be found on the Sports Blog:

<https://sportsstfrancis.chch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Duathlon

Save the date - The St Francis of Assisi School Duathlon will take place Thursday 8 March 9 am - 12 pm. More details will be sent out via a Google Form early next week.

Friday Sports.

The Year 5 - 8 children will be walking down to Walter Park for their Friday Sports this term, leaving at 1:00pm. Parents are very welcome to come down and watch. We are also looking for parents to help on a Friday afternoon, so that we can have smaller teams and more games.

Lit Club

We are excited to begin Lit Club again next week. It will be held on lunchtimes on Mondays in the Library and is open to all Year 5-8 students. Lit Club is a time where we share new books, talk about authors, participate in quizzes and generally just have a great time! Please encourage your children to come along and give it a go.

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'Energising Young Minds' competition

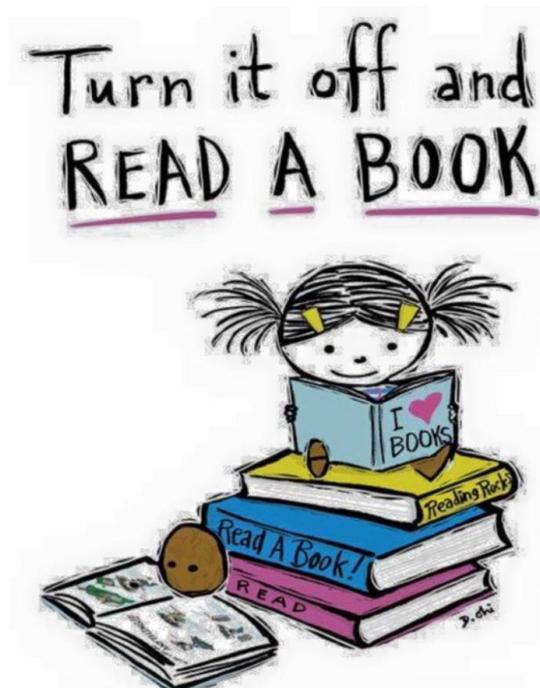
St Francis of Assisi has been nominated for School-gen's 'Energising Young Minds' competition by Key Price. This competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.



What happens now - We need our school community to vote on the School-gen voting page <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter St Francis and it will pop up with us so you can click on it to vote. You can vote **once daily on each device** - so vote on every computer, phone, Ipad etc that you have! Get the kids to do it on their chrome books!

What are your weekend plans, Readers?



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Music Lessons

Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during break times, call Ivan on 021 120 0080

Brainwave Trust

Tuesday 27 February 7pm

As advertised on facebook we are fortunate to be able to host an evening with the Brainwave Trust where they will deliver their seminar '**Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain**'.

Outstanding Forms

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Thanks to those who have filled the Blanket consent form - for those that haven't here is the link. This needs to be done so that your child can participate fully in school activities off site.

EOTC Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/ThaA4tt0f6oRwJFf2>

1:1 Digital Technology Guidelines and BYOC Agreement

As you know at St Francis of Assisi all of our Year 5-8 students learn in a 1:1 Chromebook environment. We value our internet facilities and digital technologies, and the benefits they bring us in learning outcomes and the effective operation of the school. We actively encourage our students to be competent and confident in the use of digital technologies; and are aware of and able to manage the challenges and issues that go with it. These issues include safety of themselves and others, privacy, copyright, and protection of digital devices and equipment. In short, we are growing our students to make responsible choices while using digital technologies; becoming digital citizens.

Because we know this is important for us all, we ask that everyone, the staff, the students and volunteers working at the school agree to use the internet and digital technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the St Francis of Assisi School Digital Guidelines.

As all Year 6-8 students, excluding new students, have already filled out this form there is no need to complete it again. However all new students and all Year 5 students will need to complete this before going a device at school. So if you are a parent of a Year 5 student or a student new to St Francis, please take the time to read through and fill out the Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form

Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/4bD13g10HijCaAZo2>

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Students who bring their own Chromebook to school, will also need to complete the Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) Agreement. This agreement is additional to the Digital Technologies Guidelines. It refers to Chromebooks, brought to school by students, and must be signed before the student may bring their Chromebook to school.

Like the Digital Technologies Guidelines, students who have already filled out this form will not need to complete it again. However all students in Year 5-8, who are bringing their own Chromebooks, for the first time this year will need to fill out the BYOC Google Form as well.

If you are a parent of a student who is bringing their own Chromebook to school for the first time this year, please take the time to read through and fill out the BYOC Agreement.

Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) - <https://goo.gl/forms/AJfbldolfjn5GvCo1>

If you have any questions about the Guidelines or BYOC Agreement, please feel free to email principal@stfrancis.chch.school.nz or whitney.hansen@stfrancis.chch.school.nz . We are more than happy to discuss any of this with you, please feel welcome to do this at any time.

Parish News

PTA News

Easter Raffle

This year the PTA have decided to run an Easter Raffle. We are raising funds to fit out our new hall. We are asking each child to bring in one item for the raffle. Items such as a grocery item or an easter chocolate treat. We will divide all the items into gift baskets and these will form the prizes for the raffle. These items can be brought in anytime from now until 21 March and will be collected in the Hubs. The raffle will be drawn on 28 March and winners will be notified by phone and our facebook page.



Each family will get one set of tickets to sell - these will come home closer to the time - we thank you for your support for this fundraiser. **What do you need to do now?** Send along one item for the raffle prize with each child between now and 21 March. More information next week.

Cheese Rolls Fundraiser.

Save the date - Sunday 20 May.

Come along and help make cheese rolls. This fundraiser was very popular and successful in 2017 and people enjoyed their cheese rolls through the winter months.

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Community News

St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

LATEST NEWS UPDATE FOR ST FRANCIS NETBALL CLUB!

We've just had our first meeting for the 2018 season and it looks like we're gearing up for another great year... if we can get enough parent support.

As you all know Tania has resigned from the club after many years of outstanding service and we also have other committee members who are moving on this year. We have a great but small team of people already lined up to help run the club this year but we need more help.

We need more parents to volunteer to help us out. If we don't get at least another couple of parents then we run the serious risk of not having a club for the year.

It's not a huge commitment - we just need numbers to get jobs done. It would be a real shame if we didn't get the numbers we need.

We are having another meeting at 7pm on Monday 26th February to reassess where the club is at. We will be asking for more volunteers at this meeting and if none come forward a decision may be made to close the club.

Thanks to Shelley, Sarah, Charlotte and Makaila for already offering your help this year. If you'd like to know more please get in touch with Anna, Chantelle or Emma.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Marist Albion Rugby

2018 Junior Player Registrations are now open!

We welcome ALL new and returning players to register for the 2018 season using our online forms available on our club website www.maristalbion.co.nz.

All new players **MUST** attend one of our registration nights and provide us with proof of ID (copies of passports or birth certificates are fine) and to get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 3-5PM

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 5-7PM

Venue: Marist Albion RFC Clubrooms, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: (includes a team photo for each registered player)

\$80 one player OR

\$130 for 2 or more children from the same family.

For returning players, you will receive an invitation to re-register via email, please keep an eye on your inbox!



FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

[Christchurch Football Club](http://www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz/junior-rugby/)

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2018 SEASON

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2018 Rugby season.

Registration Days

Sunday 18th February, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 21st February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday 26th February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

All registered players will receive a free ball and mouthguard from our new apparel supplier L & A Apparel.

Shirley Rugby Club - 100 years of Rugby

Junior Registration dates for 2018 -

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Monday 19 February 5.30 - 7pm

Monday 26 February 5.30 - 7pm

Sunday 4 March 10 - 12.30pm

Shirley Rugby Clubrooms - Burwood Park, New Brighton Road

Subscriptions for 2018 are \$55 per player, \$85 for 2 per family and \$100 for 3 or more per family All new players to the club are required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

More Information: www.shirleyrugby.co.nz / juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz / Facebook @shirleyrugby

Marist Hockey Club Boys Open Evening - School Years 1-6

Friday 2nd March 2018 4.00-6.00pm

Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session.

We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2018 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our Marist Hockey Junior Club facebook for trial dates and updated information on when registration will be open. Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Marist Hockey Junior Club - maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com

Swimming

459 Cashel St
Ph:381- 0299
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Sumner Pool

Bookings still open for Term 1

Leaders in Aquatic Education

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Netball

Marist Albion Netball Club junior trials will be held on Sunday 11th March (U13 9-11:30am, U12 and Year 6 1-3:30pm) on Hagley netball courts 11 and 12.



Brainwave Trust will deliver their seminar 'Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain'

Time and date: Tuesday 27 February 2018, 7- 9pm

Venue: St Francis of Assisi School, 370 Innes road

Tickets: Available from the office for a gold coin donation

In this informative, entertaining presentation the audience will gain an understanding of the latest information on brain changes and hence the behaviours we observe as a child transitions through adolescence to an adult.

These seminars and workshops are for parents and professionals who are working with adolescents – school teachers and board of governors, youth workers, foster and care providers and families; corrections, Oranga Tamariki, Police, health providers and anyone else who has contact with teenagers.

Our information is entirely based on up-to-date scientific medical research. Our work is scientific and evidence based, our message is positive and is important to our whole community.

Concern about young people is not new. Each generation is known to have concern about the generation following and we are the first generation to understand the changes that happen in the brain. Recent research shows that there is a burst of neuronal activity in late childhood and adolescence that is linked with risk taking and impulsive, emotional behaviours typical of teenagers.

Consistent, nurturing and positive early experiences grow resilient, empathetic and intelligent adults. Conversely adolescents in New Zealand relative to other developed countries have a high rate of social morbidity.

For any queries, please contact Angela Lewis at alewis@gaaluminium.co.nz or on 021474494.

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