

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

Confirmation

The Sacraments of the Church are visible signs that God's presence is real and is among us. They are signs that God loves us. Each of the seven sacraments of the Church emphasises a different dimension of our relationship with our loving God. In Confirmation, we recommit to our baptismal vows (made on our behalf by our parents and godparents) and we receive the permanent gift ("seal") of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered as adult members of the Church to live the Christian life with conviction.

On Wednesday night the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate the following students and one of our staff members on taking this next step in their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers this week.

Samantha Cochrane	Eva Mitcalfe
Val Cowan	Ben O'Donovan
Tracey Bryce	Andrei Pagsanjan
Emily Davis	Mitchel Penn
Ashley Dewar	Taylor Poole-Nicholas
Millie Green	Jordan Saunders
Bella Houghton- Smith	Ella Smith
Josh Luxford	Hannah Stanton
Sam McAfee	Henri Webster
Anna McKey	Kiera Worthington

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year the Young Vinnies group are running a Reverse Advent Calendar for our school. This is an appeal that reaches out to those in our community less fortunate than ourselves by giving gifts or luxury food items for Christmas. We are running this during Monday 27th November and Wednesday 13th December. Each home base will be given a roster that has each child's name on it and on their given day, they are asked to bring a small gift (wrapped and labelled with either "girl", "boy" or "unisex" and a suitable age), or a luxury food item (non perishable) please. These gifts will be placed in the hamper in your child's homebase and collected and distributed to families less fortunate than ourselves in our local community. We see this as a lovely way to bring some joy to the Christmas season while providing an act of service within our community. We thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, please see Louise MacKay or Cath Shaw.

End of Year

The end of the year is coming upon us very fast - please take a look at the upcoming dates and make sure you mark your diary!

Prizegiving Wednesday 13 December 6pm - The Celebration Centre, Bickerton St.

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This prizegiving is for all students and parents. It is a celebration of the year and we look forward to a performance from our amazing Kapa haka group and our choir. Certificates are awarded to a small number of students in all year levels for academic excellence, diligence and special character.

It is also a celebration for our year 8 students and their second to last formal function. There are special awards given at the end of the event for those who have achieved in many different areas.

The prize giving will last for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is a fabulous way to finish the year and we would love for you all to be there.

Reporting to Parents Year 4-8

Year 4-8 Reports will be sent home on Friday 8 December. Parents with students in Year 1-3 receive reports at 20 week intervals based on the child's starting school date. These reports alternate between a short progress report and a longer anniversary (at the end of each year for that child, 40, 80 120 weeks at school). Children who received their 120 week anniversary report in the middle of the year, will receive their first end of year report for years 4- 8 on Dec 8. If you have any queries about this please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

Focus Group Opportunity - Reporting to Parents

We are changing our reporting system next year and we are keen to get some feedback from our parents. We are running a focus group next Thursday afternoon for any interested parents. Come along to the staffroom at 2pm to discuss what it is that you would like to see on your child's report and we will give you a preview of the new system at the same time.

Chromebook Purchasing

Thanks again to those of you who made it to our parent information evening on the 1:1 Chromebook Environment, in week one of this term.

For those of you who were unable to make it please take some time to read through the information found on the following Google Slide -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ee5Hq8p8ClxZpSzt-UaU6cciqK8GPhjjNyEroM1lark/edit?usp=sharing> and let us know if you have any questions.

As we shared at the 1:1 evening, students owning their own Chromebooks is our preference as this means they are able to learn anytime/anywhere. We have worked with Cyclone computers to present a purchasing option to you (at a very competitive rate). We are now able to share the link with you, in order for you to be able to purchase this package:

<https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/stfrancis> with the password **stfbyod**

Please note that there is a with and a without insurance package, and that Chromebooks do not have to be purchased through Cyclone Computers.

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If your child already has a device and you don't want to purchase a Chromebook, we will have a limited pool of devices available at school, however these will only be allowed to be used in class time and cannot be taken home.

Again if you have any questions around purchasing or anything else regarding the 1:1 Environment please don't hesitate to contact Whitney
whitney.hansen@stfrancis.ch.school.nz or Jo principal@stfrancis.ch.school.nz.

School Jackets

Our new school jackets are here and they look A-MAZ-ING. They are an optional part of our school uniform and have been available from the beginning of this term. The cost of the jackets is \$60.00. We will be placing our second order for jackets on Monday 4 December. Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. There are a range of sizes to try on in the office. To order fill out this Google Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/udCcADSFkwql88fz1>



Altar Servers

Wanting to Serve at Sunday Mass? Altar Server Training – calling all new and existing Altar Servers – we will be having a training workshop on Friday 8th December at 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the parish church. Altar Servers need to be in Year 6 or above in 2018. A consent form can be picked up from the school or parish office or the church foyer. Please bring the signed consent form to the training with you.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	What	Who's invited?
Tuesday 28 /11		EOTC Year 7/8 Make Up Day	Year 7/8
Tuesday 28/11		Reconciliation Year 4-6	Year 4-6 students
Wednesday 29/11	7pm	Confirmation Mass St Francis of Assisi Church	All welcome

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Friday 1/12	5pm onwards	PTA Fish n Chip Night	All welcome
Tuesday 5/12		Kākano visit to Diana Isaac Singing	Kākano Students
Tuesday 5/12		Tumu and Kaupeka Big Day Out	Tumu Kaupeka
Wednesday 6/12	All Day	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics Ashburton	
Wednesday 6/12	6.30pm	Year 8 Dinner More info soon	Year 8 students and parents
Thursday 7/12	All Day	Kākano and Paiaka Big Day Out	Kākano Paiaka
Wednesday 13/12	6.30pm	End of Year Prizegiving	All parents All students
Thursday 14/12	10am	End of Year Mass St Gregorys	All students All parents

Lost Property

Ollie McWhirter, and Eli Walker, Kākano Hub have lost their named school jerseys, so has Jacob Burke, Kaupeka, whose jersey is also named. Please check your child/children's jersey and return if found. Thanks

Accounts

Statements for Term 4 will be emailed/sent out soon. No payments have been received on some accounts. **Swimming, Activity fee, Yr 5/6 camp, Yr 7/8 camp, and Yr 7/8 technology charges are now overdue.** If you have any of these charges outstanding please arrange 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.

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.

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Parish Office Hours

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

PTA Notices

Attention Year 7/8 . If you missed out on purchasing a tea towel we now have 20 available at the school office for \$12.50 each. It may be a great way to remember your time at St Francis. You can pay cash or internet bank with your child's name and tea towel as reference. PTA Account, 03 1700 0288855 000.

Any questions contact Leanne at leanneflanagan412@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support.

Sunscreen

Support our PTA by purchasing a sunscreen set. Share the offer with friends and family Each set is \$40. An order form has gone home with each family today or you can order through this Google Doc:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhg--Z5NypB9ECcx8p1AgvS0aFNgRduv-0sK0Sy3brC5U74A/viewform>

You are able to Internet Bank Internet banking Westpac 03-1700-0288855-00 with the reference: Surname and "Sunscreen" or pay cash at the school office. When the Sunscreen has arrived you will be contacted and you will be able to collect from the office.

First round of orders close 13th November. If you miss this date you can order until the end of November. Orders after 13th November need to go to the office directly.

PTA Fundraiser

Support the fit out of our new hall.

Sun Days Duo \$40.

Duo Set contains 1 x 400ml Sunscreen Lotion RRP \$39.00
1 x 150ml After Sun Moisturiser RRP \$29.00
Plus a Sunrise cooler bag



Order at the office or fill in the Google form
All families that sell 2 or more packs go in the draw to win a Summer Fun Pack.

Nutrimetics Sun Days Sunscreen
SPF 50+, UVA/UVB Protection
Four-hour water resistant, Dermatologically tested
Aloe Vera, Vitamin E, Fast absorbing, dry touch, non-stick formula

Nutrimetics Sun Days After Sun Moisturiser
Infused with Aloe Vera

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Community Notices

Shirley Music Scheme

Information about the Shirley District Music School is available at the office. An online enrolment form is available from www.sis.school.nz/Web/66

Marian College Uniform for Sale

- * Blazer, size 16, dry cleaned, no rips or stains, \$50
- * Blue Cardigan, size 97, one button missing \$20
- * Winter Scarf, \$5
- * School Blouse, size 12, \$10
- * Kilt, dry cleaned, small rip from pin, unsure of size but waistband is 135cm, \$50

Ph 021 1117001 to view or to try on, Uta

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Calling all Future Cricketers

At Canterbury Cricket we are excited to announce that on the 12th November from 11-1pm we will be holding a Canterbury Kings Fan Day at Hagley Oval. This day will go forward regardless the weather. If it is wet we will use the horticultural hall.

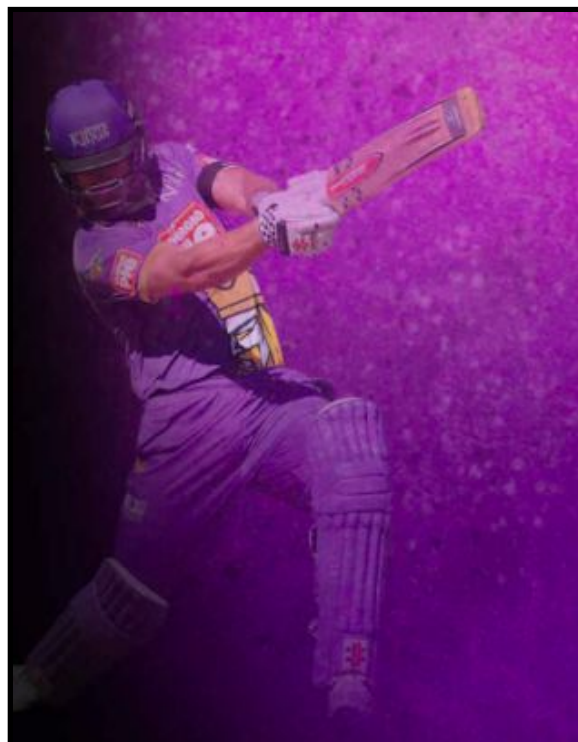
All our Canterbury Kings + Canterbury Magician players will be there getting involved with you, our fans in cricket. There will be various games, as well as a signing and photo session. There will be a free BBQ and drinks available for the kids, with a coffee cart and food vendors to satisfy the parents. This day will also provide the unique chance to go behind the scenes and have a look in the changing rooms and Hagley Oval Pavilion.

All you have to do to get involved in this cricket frenzy is fill out the brief registration form on the link below:

<http://www.canterburykings.co.nz/harcourts-vision-canterbury-kings-fan-day/>

If you fill out this form you will automatically win a free family pass (2 adult and 3 children) to one of the first three Canterbury Kings games of your choice at our Castle Hagley Oval.

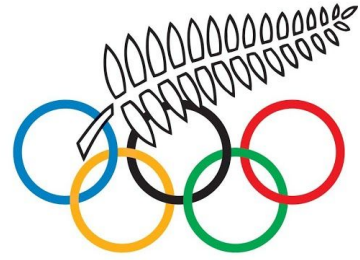
So what are you waiting for, sign up to be part of this cricket spectacle and help the Kings defend the castle.



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Olympic Schools



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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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.

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