

# St Francis of Assisi School

*St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter*

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## Kia Ora Koutou

### Prayer Bags

Prayer is central to growing in faith, our students learn that praying is an important time of talking and listening to God. God loves us all, and spending time with Him through prayer, helps us to come to know and love our God.



We have made up a set of Family Prayer Bags to help you and your child to continue to grow in faith together through prayer. Yr 1 - 4 students will take turns each week to take one of the Family Prayer Bags home. These will come home on a Monday and be returned to school on Friday morning. Please support your child by making time to share this experience. Thanks to Louise Mackay and Cath Shaw for organising this wonderful resource.

We wish Val Cowan many blessings as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.

### Tumu trip

We had a great day on Monday out and about visiting a variety of places to help in our exploration of our Project-Based learning focus, "How can a building be the heart of the community?" For the trip our project-based learning groups split up and went to different places each, researching design, purpose, usage and sustainability of buildings. Back at school they are collating and comparing their findings as a team.



At Hillview Christian School we were impressed by the multi-purpose use of their gymnasium, including facilities for numerous ball sports, a stage that converts to a dance studio and a number of extra spaces for class activities and music.

A short walk down the road to St.Martins Community Centre, we saw clever use of space and how a building incorporates sustainable features including solar panels and rainwater tanks.



At Biz Dojo we were amazed by the creative use of office space and had an insight into how prepared our students will

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be in the future, considering how much these work spaces resemble our current hub set up.



At Imagination Station we were assigned various different roles and worked cooperatively in groups to create a city out of Lego. We had lots of fun using imaginative ideas and created some wonderful cities.

At Core Education we could see that work spaces are all very flexible and people like to work in different ways and in different places.

We all met up at the Margaret Mahy playground for lunch and a scavenger hunt in teams.

A huge thanks to the parents who came along. Without you this great day couldn't have happened.



### **Primary Sports Canterbury Winter Tournament**

On Thursday of this week four of our Year 7/8 Winter Sport teams represented St Francis of Assisi at the Primary Sports Canterbury Winter Tournament. It was an awesome day, with all teams displaying great sportsmanship. Coaches and supports were impressed with the performances of the teams. We would like to thank the parent coaches who



### **Kaupeka get a visit from some Politicians**

This term, Kaupeka has a PBL focus of Community and how it is influenced by Politics. Our big driving question for this project is "Why is Government/Leadership necessary/unnecessary in a Community?" Our sub-questions are "What influences do Governments have over their Communities?" and "Why is it important to critically examine different points of views?" Jo Hayes and Duncan Webb, Christchurch politician, visited us this week and

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shared their views on different topics. The students loved hearing about their ideas and first hand experiences as politicians.



### **Cantamaths**

What a fabulous afternoon we had at the Cantamath competition on Wednesday. Congratulations to our students for a superb effort in very noisy conditions! Special congratulations to the Year 7 team who finished 4th equal out of 88 teams.



Year 7 - Adam, Taylor, Tiana, Jorja, Charlotte

Year 8 - Anna, Ben, Corban, Kiera

Here is a couple of questions our teams had to solve on the day. See if you can work them out, answers will be in next week's newsletter.

### **Year 7**

1. How many degrees difference is there between the reflex angles of the hands of a clock at 9:20 and 5:40 ?
2. Senaya takes 50 minutes to wash her dad's car.  
Sunil takes 45 minutes to wash the same car.  
How long will it take them to wash the car if they work together at the same rate?  
Give your answer in minutes and seconds, rounding to the nearest second?

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## Year 8

1. A triangle's height is one third of its base length.  
If the base of the triangle is 12cm, what is the area of the triangle?
2. Dora reads 45 pages per hour. Jamie reads 55 pages per hour.  
If Dora begins to read at 2pm and Jamie starts to read at 2.40pm, at what  
Time will they be reading the exact same page? Write your answer in 12 hour time.

## Cultural Festival

Our Kapa Haka rōpū performed at the Cultural Festival on Friday night. They were amazing and we were very proud of them all. We have placed a link on facebook so that you can view the youtube clip of the performance. We appreciate the work that Maaka Tau (Kawahaka Tutor) and want to thank him for all the support we receive. Next week our Kawahaka rōpū will be walking down to Mairehau High School on Thursday to participate in a Kapa haka showcase. An email with more information will be sent to parents early next week.

Video Link - <https://youtu.be/eQ5jlu-ooLw>

## Reading for life

Encouraging your child to read is one of the most important ways you can support his or her learning. Reading confidently will help your child enjoy school and open up to him or her a world of knowledge and entertainment.

Tips to help your child enjoy reading:

- . Routine: Make a regular time for reading every day.
- . Setting: Create a comfortable environment for reading, somewhere that is quiet and Away from distractions.
- . Fun: Communicate to your child that you enjoy the time together with lots of praise.
- . Role model: Let your child see you reading for enjoyment.
- . Extension: Read aloud stories to your child that are beyond his/her reading level.

Be patient if your child is struggling to read and give him or her time to work out new words.

You can help by:

- Reading the book to your child first so that he or she has a sense of the story.
- Choosing texts at an appropriate reading level- they should extend your child without overwhelming him or her.
- Reading the more difficult words as your child reads aloud so that the story flows and your child feels successful.
- Helping to sound out unknown words.

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- Engaging your child's imagination and comprehension by talking about the story before and after you read together, e.g. "What do you think will happen next?", "What's happening in the picture?"
- Having a variety of reading material that relates to their interests such as books, comics and magazines.
- Making spontaneous use of opportunities such as instructions manuals, road signs, maps and brochures.

## Helping Hands

You will remember that last year we put a database of parents together who were willing to help out in our school community. This has meant providing a meal every now and then to families who are going through difficult times or baking or maybe providing a school drop off or pick up.

There are various ways in which you can help and we are keen to refresh our database and make sure everyone has had the opportunity to put their name down on the list. The more people we have on the list the less times you will be called on. We would really appreciate your help with this.



[Submit this form](https://goo.gl/forms/jiUni8GzIme82zev2)

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If you know of any families that could do with a helping hand please come into the office and let us know in confidence, or speak to Charlotte Robb or Clare Bell, and we will ensure that they receive support.

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## Infection Control

Just a reminder that if your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea you must keep them away from school for 48 hours after the last symptoms. This is really important to help us keep any bugs and germs from spreading as best we can. Please also remind your children about the importance of handwashing. Teachers have reminded the students again this week and it would be great to have this supported at home. Hand sanitiser is available in all areas of the school - please encourage your children to use it.

## Future Focused Education

We have decided to share an article each week that discusses future focused education.

This weeks article is written by Liz Hawes - the editor of NZ Principal and it is a positive article about Flexible Learning Environments. It is really worth a read.

To read "When Teachers And Their Students Abandon Their Desks" by Liz Hawes click on the following link -



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwGfUsWA3Ms2RVBJMFZFb2I1OG9NN2RtTmptQ1VDOUhOchJF/view?usp=sharing>

## School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September. The children will need to be in full winter school uniform including correct shoes.

Cohort Entry - **Yes this was in last week but it is really important!! We want to hear what you have to say on this matter - even if your children have already started at our school.**

Traditionally, New Zealand children have started school on their fifth birthday, meaning children start throughout the school year. This is called Continuous Entry.

The Government has recently made changes to allow schools to consider Cohort Entry. This is when new entrants can start school as part of a cohort (group) at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday. St Francis of Assisi Catholic School is consulting with our wider community to see whether Cohort Entry is more appropriate for our students and their families.

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## Why are we consulting?

Research shows us that moving from early childhood settings to primary school is a very important transition and can affect children's later transitions. We want to make this transition a positive and happy experience for all children and families.

We want our children to have success at school.

The Ministry of Education requires any school considering Cohort Entry to consult with their community. Research shows that a good indicator of children's success at school is friendships. Starting in a cohort should support children's friendships and relationships.

Staff think parents will also find it easier to make friends and support other families through the school transitions.

We think cohort entry may benefit our students. If you would like to give us your feedback on this topic please complete the survey on the this link. [Cohort Entry Parent Survey](https://goo.gl/forms/NPN2kmVNN6oAko563)  
<https://goo.gl/forms/NPN2kmVNN6oAko563>

## Canterbury Junior Gymnastic Champions

Congratulations to Archie and Lewis Cleghorn who competed in the Canterbury Junior Gymnastic Championship last weekend. Lewis placed first winning the Canterbury Cup and Archie placed second. They have both been selected to compete in the South Island Champs in Timaru on the 3rd of September. Good luck to them both.  
**GO CANTERBURY!!!**



## Politician Visits

Over the next few weeks we have some candidates coming in for some question and answer sessions with the year 7/8s. We have candidates from the Christchurch Central and Christchurch East electorates coming and we would like to invite any parents that wanted to come in and listen.

Poto Williams (Labour, Incumbent Christchurch East) Wednesday 30th August at 1pm  
Nicky Wagner (National, Incumbent Christchurch Central) Thursday 7th September at 10.30am.

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### **Christchurch Schools Music Festival Tickets**

Exciting news! The tickets to the festival can now be purchased through ticketek. The Year 5-8 choir students will be performing at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm. More information on how to purchase tickets can be found on the [festival website](#). This link [here](#) will show you what side of the stage we will be on. This will help you choose where you would like to sit. The ticketek booking page also has a plan showing where the choir will be sitting. Any questions about this, please see Mackenzie Kane in Room 8 or email me at [mackenzie.kane@stfrancis.chch.school.nz](mailto:mackenzie.kane@stfrancis.chch.school.nz)

### **Lost Property**

Christopher Chamoun from Tumu Hub has lost his named school jersey and tie. Please return if found.

Sovarne Peck from Kakano Hub has lost her size 12 black girls velcro strap school shoes with star imprints on the front and side of the shoes. Please return if found.

Glen Cranshaw, Tumu Hub has lost his named PE top. 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! Online payments have been receipted up until those received yesterday. The Yr 3/4 camp fee will be billed separately once costs have been finalised. If you have Yr 5/6 or 7/8 camp fees and swimming fees outstanding please arrangement payment as soon as possible. Any queries or to make payment arrangements 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.

### **Enrolments for 2018**

A reminder to parents who have a child due to start at St Francis to please contact the office for an enrolment form.

### **PTA News**

#### **PTA Teatowel Fundraiser**

This term we are organising a teatowel fundraiser which will have pictures of your children's drawings on them. We are looking for a sponsor who in return will have their name/logo on the teatowels. If you are interested can you please contact Leanne on 021 025 06238 or [dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz](mailto:dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz). Thank you for your support.

# TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER



Our students are designing the artwork and the Tea Towels will feature their hubs artwork and the drawings will be screen printed onto high quality cotton tea towels over 500mm wide by 700mm high!

Tea Towels are a great way to feature the Children's own artwork and have them involved in the design of the Fundraiser.

They make great gifts and are easily mailed to relatives, even overseas. The Tea Towels look great and are long lasting mementos of your Children's younger days. Not to mention that they are great for drying dishes!

By purchasing a Tea Towel(s) you are not only receiving a great keepsake or gift, you are also helping achieve our fundraising goal, which would not be possible without your support!

The price per towel is only (\$12.50).

The Tea Towel print run is limited so make sure you, your family and your friends don't miss out!

Final Order Cut Off: 22 September, Keep an eye out for the Order form that will be sent home in September If you have any questions you can contact Leanne at [dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz](mailto:dale-flanagan@clear.net.nz)

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### **Free Dental Care for Children**

including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- Year 8 students: all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.
- To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

### **Parish Notices**

#### **Office Hours**

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

### **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

Catholics Returning Home is a four week programme for non-practicing Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church. The programme is welcoming, confidential and gives participants a chance to tell their story if they wish. The programme updates participants on recent changes in the Church. It starts soon in the following location in Christchurch.

Tuesdays at Papanui Parish (August 29th –September 26th) starting at 7pm until 9pm, St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui.

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Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support by inviting them to this programme. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366) or visit [www.catholicshomenow.co.nz](http://www.catholicshomenow.co.nz)

Matt O'Connell

Evangelisation Coordinator

Mobile: 027 536940

**Euthanasia Information Night.** Be informed on this growing election issue. Brendan Malone (Focus on the Family) and a speaker from Nurse Maude presenting. Thursday 31st of August. 7-8.30pm. Hosted by St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish but held at the St Albans Uniting Church, cnr Knowles St and Nancy Ave.

### **“Current of Grace” Conference**

In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a “Current of Grace” Conference 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North.

“Current of Grace’ Conference

“Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand”

When: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017-06-23

Where: Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis’s exciting new plans for us all!

For further information and to register on-line visit [www.ccrnz.org/register2017](http://www.ccrnz.org/register2017)

For further information please contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537

### **Will You Help Care for Children & Young People in Canterbury?**

Are you a single person, grandparent, couple or family; we have many children and young people who need various levels of care ranging from one weekend a month to a permanent home they can call their own.

God calls us to many things, is God calling you to make a difference in the lives of children and young people?

To find out about one of the many ways you can help please join us for our Foster Care Information Evening:

Monday 21 August 2017 at 7pm

Level 1, 370 Colombo Street, Sydenham

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RSVP: [Rebecca.Young@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Young@ohf.org.nz)

Our vision

**Every child and young person growing up in a secure, loving family and receiving a depth of care which will bless them throughout their life.**

### **Community Notices**

#### **Cricket Registrations East ChCh/ Shirley**

See advertisement below

#### **Tween and Tweens Parenting Group**

See advertisement below

### **MSport - Football NZ Skills Clinics**

Information about football NZ skills clinics can be found at the school office. On thursday of this week M Sport came in to run a free football clinic with all students. This will be on offer after school for those that want to carry on. If your child is interested please see Bev in the office for more information.

## **Active Kids Holiday Programmes**

Registrations now open for **October School Holidays– book online!**

Week 1 – Mon 2nd – Fri 6th October \*LINCOLN \*WESTBURN \*PAPANUI

Week 2 – Mon 9th– Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October \*CHCH BOYS HIGH \* ROLLESTON

- Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure
- Delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply

P 03 373 50 60

E [activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz)

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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

BURWOOD PARK  
75 BURWOOD ROAD  
SHIRLEY  
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or 027-874-8622

Post on  wall.com



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## **TRACK & FIELD 2017/2018**

JUNIORS 4 YRS – 14 YRS  
&  
SENIORS 15+ YRS

### **2017/2018 REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

TUESDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	5.30-7pm
WEDNESDAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	5.30-7pm
THURSDAY	7 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	5.30-7pm

At the New Brighton Olympic Club Rooms, Keyes Road, New Brighton  
New Athletes ID is required (Birth Cert or Passport)

**NEW & EXISTING FAMILIES ALL WELCOME**

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## Tennis in 2017 starts with **Hot Shots**.

Come to any of Burwood Park's Community Play days and you'll be in the draw to win one of a dozen **GIANT** tennis balls.

### **Community Play days:**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	11:30am to 1:00pm

