

# St Francis of Assisi School

*St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter*

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## Kia ora koutou e te whānau

### Gratitude

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Gratitude is generally defined as the quality of being thankful; a readiness to show appreciation and to return kindness. It is having the ability to maintain a worldview that appreciates the positive.*

*(Gratitude and Mental Health Blog written by Brad Norris)*

### Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Last weekend was a hive of activity here at school as our wonderful PTA changed our staff room, meeting room and library into a commercial kitchen and dispatch area. We had a large number of helpers and what a slick operation! We made 1400 dozen cheese rolls in what we believe would be record time!

Thank you to Fran Tohill for organising this fundraiser and thanks to all who were involved. Thanks to all who gathered orders, donated evaporated milk, and supported this fundraiser in anyway to ensure its success. The saying **many hands make light work** was certainly proven on Sunday and we are really grateful to all involved.

### Safety at Our School Gate - Your Children - Our Concern

*Due to the ongoing issues of road users illegally parking on the yellow lines outside our school, the Christchurch City Council will be placing parking officials at our gate. Their presence will be random/unscheduled and they will issue instant fines via post to the vehicle owner. This will include over-use of the 5min parking zone.*

*Please remember that you MUST NOT drive your vehicle onto the school grounds or the Parish driveways to drop off or collect your children unless you have exceptional circumstances or permission from our Principal to do so. Please pass this message onto your family and friends who may also sometimes collect your children.*

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## Foyer Display

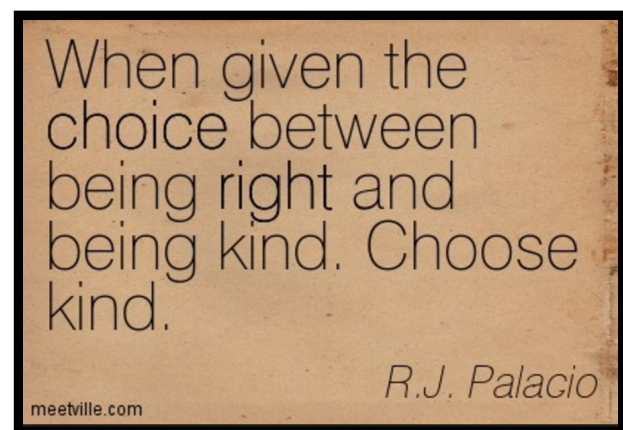


Thanks so much to the students in the Tumu Hub who have their work displayed in the Foyer.

## Kindness Wall in Paiaka



After reading the book *Wonder* the students wrote how they could be kind and then the other students wrote about how they have seen them being kind. Pop up to the Paiaka Hub to see this wonderful display.



## Lunch times @stfranschch

Lunchtimes are really busy here at St Francis - there are many opportunities for the students to get involved. This week we have had Code Club, Choir, Junior Kapa haka, Wheelie Wednesday, Makerspace, Jump Jam, Library time, and of course all of the outside games as

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well. Encourage your children to get involved. Thanks so much to the teachers that are making all these things happen.

Check out these links to see some of the learning that is happening around the place.

### Code Club Blog

<http://codeclubstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

### Reading Work from Paiaka

Lottie -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zEW3zLH\\_ssx8Q3T5wUhJBBWuEIXtmDz-L0LUgUDiJzg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zEW3zLH_ssx8Q3T5wUhJBBWuEIXtmDz-L0LUgUDiJzg/edit?usp=sharing)

Ethan

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1url\\_12f0cwsatvYHUhm0UK\\_GHLN6zZ2rwq8-pxb793M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1url_12f0cwsatvYHUhm0UK_GHLN6zZ2rwq8-pxb793M/edit?usp=sharing)

Jasper

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AYB1U5VsLH3fhXLyhOa4saJGjAYYXVtYWUjAlhtUUQU/edit?usp=sharing>

### Rad Rhythm

You might have heard your children talking about the music lessons that are happening at the moment. We have introduced a fantastic programme called Rad Rhythm.

- *Students will work together as a class through a number of challenging musical sections which involves all sorts of funky rhythms, actions and stick tricks.*
- *In addition, students will learn all about basic musical concepts like dynamics and counting, how to play basic drum beats along with the Rad Rhythm band and how to work together as a class to perform a number of challenging but fun exercises.*

We are looking forward to sharing our performance pieces with you later in the term.

### Principal Awards

Congratulations to these students who received awards this week

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Neve O'Connell Isaac McTague Franco Panuntan Archie Meates Lucy Rynearson	Zoe Nelson Charlie Gavigan Lewis Cleghorn Caoimhe Harrison Ethan O'Donovan Lily McLaughlin	Grace Armstrong Noah Bennett Mereana Morgan Beth O'Donovan Jayden Sequeira Seamus Gallagher Jahna Mete	Andrei Pagsanjan Jelena Middlemiss Grace van der Heever

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### 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 this weekend at the 10.30am Mass. We look forward to hearing their wonderful voices. Thanks to Mackenzie Kane and Jane Brittenden for preparing them for this Mass.

### Wheelie Wednesdays



We had a great wheels session on Wednesday lunchtime for the Year 5-8 students.

Next week on Wednesday it is time for the Year 1-4 students to break out their wheels at lunchtime.

### Lost Property

Saffron Parsonson has lost her named school jersey. Please return to Room 8 if found.

Claudia Snelgar in the Kaupeka Hub has lost her named school jersey two weeks ago please check your child/childrens jersey and return if found. Thanks.

Angus Fowler Rm 10 has lost his named school jersey. Please return if found.

Emily Chambers Tumu Hub has lost her named school jersey and blue and green sports shoes also named, please return if found.

**Scholastic Book Club orders** in by Wednesday 31st May please.

### After School Programme



The Oscar After school program is currently full with permanent bookings therefore we are not able to guarantee casual bookings at present it will be only on a one off basis.

If you are needing casual bookings you can contact the supervisor: 0274691873.

### 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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### Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email [phil.clarebell@gmail.com](mailto: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

#### Ladies Night Out

The poster is for a 'Ladies Night Out' event titled 'All Shape and Sizes'. It is presented by St Francis of Assisi School and sponsored by Westende WJ Jewellers. The poster features silhouettes of women in various poses. A circular badge indicates that tickets are \$20. The text states that tickets are on sale as of Monday 29th May, with sales taking place outside the staff room from 2:45 PM next week. It also mentions that if you cannot come after school, you can drop a named envelope into the office with your ticket order and money. The total number of tickets is limited to 120, and it encourages people to get their tickets early. For questions, it provides contact information for Clare (0212135620) or Tracey (tracey.bryce@stfrancischch.school.nz).

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*presents*  
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WESTENDE WJ JEWELLERS

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### Wood Raffle

The winner of the trailer load of wood is Ticket No. Red Spade D95, congratulations to the winner.

### 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,

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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](http://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

### **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**

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## **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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or contact Sam Holland on 027 724 8834 or [chchnorth@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:chchnorth@kellysports.co.nz)

## ***Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau*** **23 Fergusson Ave** **Mairehau Ph 385 2716**

[mairehau@kidsfirst.org.nz](mailto:mairehau@kidsfirst.org.nz)

We have a number of spaces coming up in Term 2, 2017

- Pay no fees - 20 Free Hours
- 100% trained and registered teachers
- Attend from 8.30am until 12.30pm or 8.30 am to 2.30pm

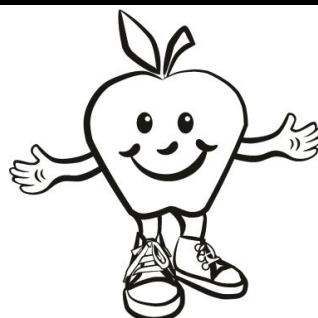
Please feel free to come for a visit and have a look around. Enrolments taken.

You can obtain up to 30 Free hours for 3 - 5yr olds if your child only attends Kindergarten.

## ***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.



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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.	
 <b>GirlGuidingNZ</b>	<p>If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact  Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit  <a href="http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz">www.girlguidingnz.org.nz</a></p>

## Southern Cross Irish Dance



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### 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**



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