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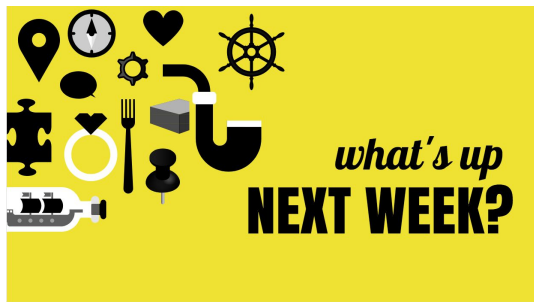
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Issue #9

6 April 2018



We have added this section in response to feedback and have tried to include everything that is happening at St Francis next week.

Monday 9 April

3pm - Code Club

Tuesday 10 April

9am - Netball Fundraiser Subway orders due (no late orders accepted)

12.30 Lit Club

1pm - 3pm Winter Sport Trials (Tumu and Kaupeka)

Wednesday 11 April

9am Welcome Wednesday Coffee Morning (all parents welcome)

Netball Fundraiser Subway Lunch Day

12.30pm Ukulele

1pm - 3pm Winter Sport Trials (Tumu and Kaupeka)

6.30 - 8pm PBL Showcase (Kaupeka)

Thursday 12 April

Friday 13 April

Last day of Term - school closes at 3pm

11am - Assembly (run by Kākano Team)

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Easter Liturgy

Last week we finished Holy Week by coming together as a school to pray. A group of children performed a liturgical dance for us which was very respectful, prayerful and reflective. What a fabulous job they did. Thank you to the group of students and thanks also to Mrs Methven for organising this for us. It was a great way to move into the Easter Weekend.

Kaupeka Diana Isaac Retirement Village Visits

Over the past three weeks some of our Year 7/8 students have been visiting the Diana Isaac Retirement Village. This was an outcome from our 2017 Term 4 Community PBL project. Last year our students enjoyed making connections with the residents so much that they requested we continue visiting in 2018.



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This term, half of the Kaupeka Team chose to opt into these visits, with a group of eight students visiting the Retirement Village each time. Each group carefully planned their session with the focus of teaching a variety of different digital tools.

In Week 8, our first group (Monique D, Charlotte L, Anna, Trent, Alexis and Phoebe I) spent time getting to know the residents by asking them to share their childhood experiences. Our Term 1 PBL focus is based around New Zealand history. It was really interesting for our students to hear firsthand what it was like living through World War Two. This group of students then shared their own personal learning stories through their student blogs with their residents. Check out [Charlotte's blog](#) to read about her experience at Diana Isaac!



In Week 9, our second group (Lilla, Petra, Harriette, Micaela, Penny, Gaby, Ellen and Evelyn) designed a QR code scavenger hunt for the residents. They linked their QR codes up with quiz questions based around historical New Zealand events. The students had a great time supporting the residents to find and scan the codes using their Chromebooks. Read [Petra's blog](#) to hear more about how the QR code scavenger hunt!



This afternoon, our third group (Samantha, Monique R, Tamera, Roza, Amber G, Joanna, Olivia T and Oliver E) brought Ipads to Diana Isaac. They showed the residents how to create a story using 'Book Creator' and how to design a puppet show using 'Puppet Pals.' The residents had a wonderful time exploring these apps!

We have a couple more visits to go on in Term 2. Our fourth group (Malia, Claudia S, Grace, Tiana, Liana, Jorja, Mieke and Joe) will be demonstrating how to create lava lamps and then showing the residents how to create a slideshow using Google Slides with the photos from the science experiment. Our fifth group (Jelena, Amber G, Methuli, Aleisha, Katie, Kayla, Hannah and Hamish) plan to teach the residents how to code a 'Ghostbusters' video game - we can't wait to see how these turn out!

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We have been thoroughly enjoying our visits to Diana Isaac and the time we have spent with the residents! It has been a truly valuable leadership opportunity for the students to share their digital expertise within our St Francis community.

Young Vinnies

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our 40 bags for 40 days appeal. We are very pleased to say that because of your generosity we easily managed to fill our 40 bags and the St Vincent De Paul Society were thrilled with our offerings. We really do appreciate your support and we are looking forward to the year ahead- a year of offering service and helping others.



Have you got a question that you just don't feel you can ask?

We are holding Coffee Mornings every Wednesday at 9am to answer your questions. We have endeavoured to answer a few of the questions in the newsletter today. Feel free to add more questions on this link. <https://goo.gl/9owJ9T>

Some of the questions are a little tricky to answer without a bit more context so we have added a space for name and email address (still optional though) in case you would like us to email a response to you. Rest assured you can still be anonymous should you wish to be.

We are doing our very best to answer all your questions and sometimes we may misinterpret your question - however we are always happy to accept polite, constructive criticism anytime.

We will answer these questions at next week's Welcome Wednesday - feel free to come and join us at 9am in the staffroom.

1. *Hand Typing. If our children are using chromebooks why aren't they being taught how to use the keyboard properly?*
2. *How can we see what they are doing on their chromebooks?*
3. *Why are our children using chromebooks and not proper word laptops, these are what are being used in the real world?*
4. *Year 1 and 2, do they still practise printing/ handwriting / stories? Or due to current research is this now being left until they're older?*

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Quick Fire Questions:

Can parents pop into class and observe if they want to?

Parents are welcome at anytime to pop into class and see what teaching and learning is taking place. We are proud of the programmes that are providing and we want you to be confident that your children's' needs are being met. Let the teacher know via email or pop into see them if you would like to call in - you will be made welcome.

When will the term 1 activity be arranged? What is it? & if not in term 1 will they have 2 in another term? Has this cost been paid in latest invoice?

The activity fee for the year was invoiced in Term 1. Some of the Hubs did not have a trip planned in Term 1 but they will have activities planned later in the year. The activities are based the planned learning activities and the teacher need to budget to make the best possible use of the money. You will be informed when your activity fee is being used.

No feedback on my children - I never know what they are doing, how they are going with their work. ? I don't know what they are learning, although you say approach staff to talk, sometimes it's not easy.

Thanks for the feedback. If you are feeling that it is too hard to approach your child's teacher, maybe send an email or pop in to see Jo or one of the senior leadership team. We want you to feel like you can approach staff and ask about your children's learning - and if we are not approachable then we need that feedback and we are committed to working on improving in all areas.

This week's coffee morning focused on answering this question:

At what stages of the year do we get reports/feedback on how well our children are doing (or not)?

This weeks coffee morning was focused on this question and we have recorded the session for those who were unable to make it. The link to the video session has been put on Facebook and is linked here also.

In summary:

- We are now no longer required to report against the National standards nor do anniversary reporting
- We have invested in new reporting software which will allow us to report more often and also offers you a parent portal that you can access at anytime to see the progress your child is making in different areas of the curriculum.
- You will receive the logins to the portal early next term and by the end of next term you will have received information about our child's achievement in RE, Reading, Maths, Writing and areas that have been covered during Project Based Learning.
- Click here to see what the reporting will look like.

We hope this has answered the question however we intend to run more information sessions when we roll out the parent portals next term. Watch this space.

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Audition for a place in one of the Representative Groups in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

Are you a singer or an instrumentalist? Are you reasonably good at it...or even better?

If you are then we would love for you to audition for us and be part of this amazing experience. The Music Festival is a huge extravaganza featuring over 4000 students that takes place over 3 nights at the Horncastle Arena in late October. Students in the Representative Groups perform every night.

In our Music Festival we have four Representative Groups which are the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra. These groups play a very important role in the Festival and the experience of being on stage with thousands of people watching you and a thousand massed choir students singing along with you is truly amazing.

As with Canterbury representative sports teams, you are chosen because you are good and have real potential. For the choir, you need to be able to sing in tune and being able to read music is an advantage. If you play an instrument, you probably need to have been playing for several years and, if exams apply to your instrument, a rough guide would be around Grade 5 for strings and Grade 4 for woodwind, brass and percussion. Obviously, many of you will be above this standard but this allows for people who may not have taken exams but are actually good players. If in doubt, ask your teachers - they know the standard that we are looking for.

We only select between 80 to 100 students per group. This is done through an Audition process.

If you do get in you need to be aware that you must attend rehearsals in August and September and then attend a three-day Holiday Course in the first week of the Term 3 holidays. You will learn so much and make lots of new friends. Details are on our website.

Even if your school does not have a choir in the festival this year you can still apply for an audition for any of the Representative Groups. This is the pinnacle of musical achievement in Christchurch Primary and Intermediate school music. For more details see the Festival website www.musicfestival.school.nz.

You can only apply for an audition through the website, and applications close on the last day of Term 1.



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School Jackets

There are an order of school jackets due to arrive in the next couple of weeks - We apologise for the delay in this order, and will be in contact with you as soon as they arrive.

We will also be doing another order at the end of this term, this order will close on the last day of Term 1. The jackets are an optional part of our school uniform. The cost is \$60.00. As you can see from the pictures below, they come with our new school logo on the front. Payment can be made via internet banking or cash in an envelope at the office. The range of sizes is available to try on in the office. To order, click on the link below.

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

Touch

The cost of touch this season is \$16 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Touch and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Touch. Draws are posted weekly and can be found on the Sports Blog: <https://sportsstfranschch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Road Patrol

We still need two parents to supervise road patrol on Thursday mornings (one fortnight each) and one for Friday mornings (once fortnight). Please contact Phil Bell 021 02914855 phil.clare.bell@gmail

Miniball

The cost of Miniball this season is \$30 per child, and can be paid by internet banking into the school account St Francis of Assisi Catholic School 03-1700-0262188-00, with a reference of Miniball and the student's name. If you are unable to do internet banking this money can be paid to the school office in a named envelope and labelled Miniball.

If you are a parent of a child who is wanting to play Miniball and your child is not listed in any of the teams on the sports blog please email maree.scott@stfranschch.school.nz

Music Lessons

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

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>

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Parish Notices

PTA News

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.

All Shapes and Sizes - Ladies Night

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ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

CELEBRATING WOMEN

Our Ladies Night Fundraiser is under way
Save the Date Friday 25th May
Fundraising to help with the out fit of the new school hall.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. Major sponsor so we can make this event 100% profit. Major Sponsor has naming rights. Your logo will be on all advertising. \$300
2. Goodie Bag Sponsor - Do you have a company that can supply us with bags to use as goodie bags? Or would you pay for the bags and we will place your company name on the bag.
3. Raffle Sponsor - Will your company, business or family contribute a gift basket or gift voucher for our mega raffle.
4. Would you like to be a stall holder? Do you have a service you would like to promote through a discount voucher in our goodie bags.
If you can help or would like to discuss contact Clare Bell
clare.bell@stfrancischch.school.nz



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St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

SUBWAY ORDER FORMS

All Students have been sent home with a Subway Order Form this week.

This is a St Francis Netball Club fundraiser and for every order the club will receive a \$1 back. This will be used to help the club provide our teams with new balls and gear they need for the upcoming season.

We ask that all forms are returned by Tuesday 10th April 9am. There will be no late orders. Subs will be delivered for lunch on Wednesday 11th April.

The club would like to thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

New Players

We are a parent run club and welcome new players from Year 3 to Year 8 if you know anyone that is interested in playing this season please either head to our website to register www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa or contact Chantelle McCrostie on chantelles@rocketmail.com for more information.

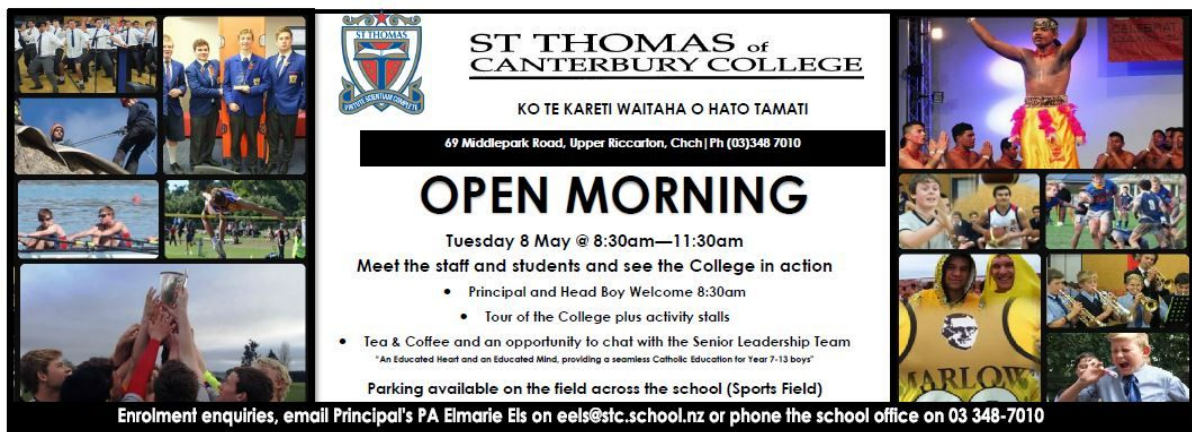
Keeping up to date:

If your child is not playing this season but you would like to keep up to date with the club and see what is happening please head to our Facebook page where you will see weekly results and what is happening with the club.

<https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisofassisinnetballclub>

Club Contacts

- Chantelle McCrostie – chantelles@rocketmail.com
- Liona Stanicich- liona@xtra.co.nz
- Emma Van den heever- showerdomesouth@gmail.com



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OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 8 May @ 8:30am—11:30am
 Meet the staff and students and see the College in action

- Principal and Head Boy Welcome 8:30am
- Tour of the College plus activity stalls
- Tea & Coffee and an opportunity to chat with the Senior Leadership Team

"An Educated Heart and an Educated Mind, providing a seamless Catholic Education for Year 7-13 boys"

Parking available on the field across the school (Sports Field)

Enrolment enquiries, email Principal's PA Elmarie Els on eels@stc.school.nz or phone the school office on 03 348-7010

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Shirley Boys High School

Parent Information Evenings (Meet Headmaster John Laurenson for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee)

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th May 2018 6.00pm - 7.30pm SBHS Spartans Room (PE block, entrance off North Parade)

Community Open Night Thursday 24th May 2018 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 Commencing in the Assembly Hall (entrance off North Parade)

C V Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam Thursday 7th June 2018 1.00pm -

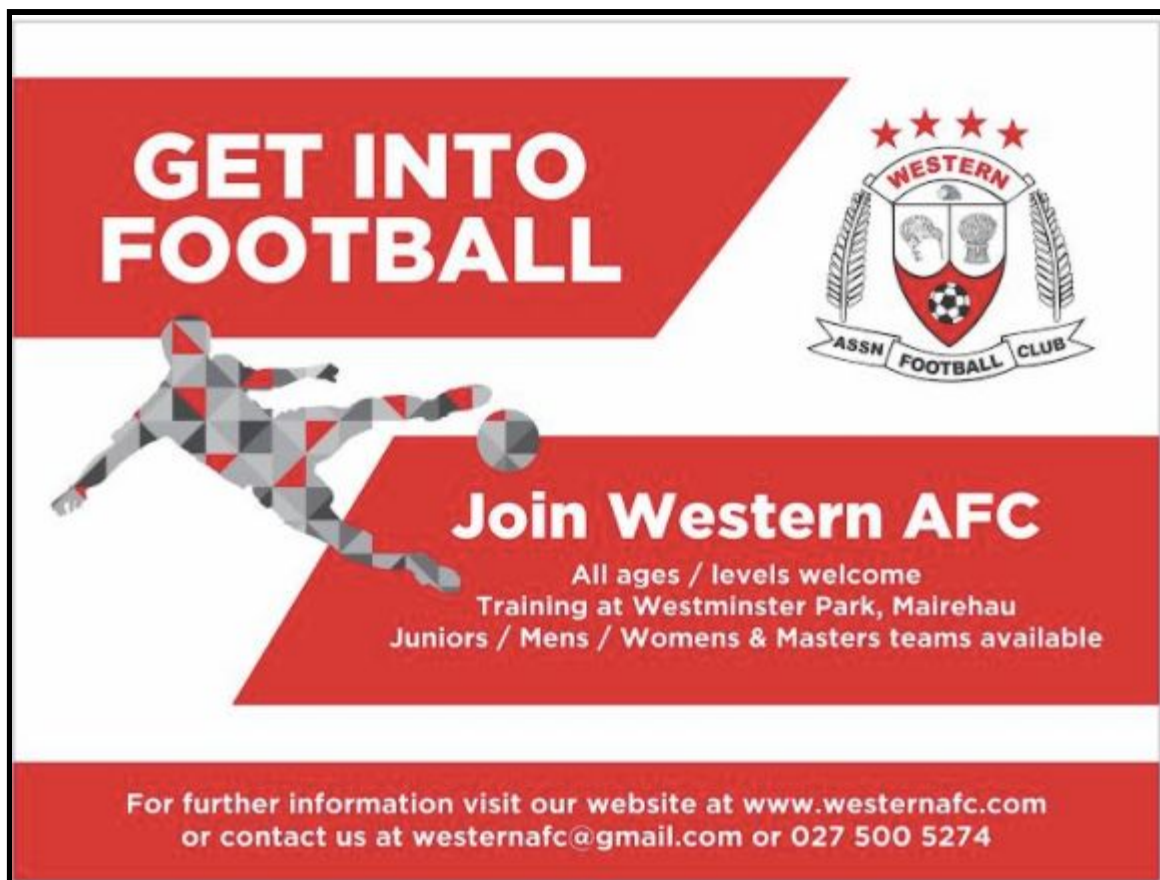
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3.00pm Assembly Hall (North Parade) Please register on the school website or
at the school office

Car parking is available at Shirley Boys' High School and Shirley Intermediate School

North Parade, Christchurch Phone: 375 7057 office@shirley.school.nz
www.shirley.school.nz

Western AFC



St Albans School Monster Fair – Sunday 11 November

We're excited to announce the return of the St Albans School Monster Fair in 2018. It's been four years since we last hosted this great event and with our renovations complete we're once again able to open our gates to the St Albans community and beyond.

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The Monster Fair is run by the St Albans School PTA, and volunteers from across the school, whose hard work helps to raise much-needed funds for the school. In previous years we've helped to fix the school pool; supported the rebuild of the library and contributed towards the teachers' wish list – providing great resources for our tamariki and their families.

In 2018 we're raising funds to build a new playground. As you can imagine this comes at a significant cost and the Monster Fair is our flagship event for 2018.

We've reviewed our school calendar to find a date that doesn't conflict with school holidays; public holidays and school camps. This leaves us with one possible date which we have locked in and we'd appreciate it if you could please mark this on your calendar:

St Albans Monster Fair
Sunday 11 November 2018
12pm – 4pm

The St Albans Monster Fair is a community event and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Over the coming months you'll see our advertising popping up. And we hope you'll be able to support us by sharing our posters too.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Sharon O'Conner on stalbansmonsterfair@gmail.com

Thanks for your support

Highland Dancing Classes

Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing on Saturday, the 7th April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.15am for a starting time of 9.30am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards will be very welcome. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest. All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing caleyhighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com or visiting our facebook page – Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing or the Canterbury Caledonian Society website – Highland Dancing. For



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telephone enquiries please contact Colleen Cole on 3288694 or Rosemary Armstrong on 033122579. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed.

HIGHLAND DANCING IS FUN

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