

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday as Jesus is welcomed to Jerusalem amid palm fronds and praises. The excitement quickly gives way to solemnness, and we enter deeply into Christ's suffering. By the evening of Holy Thursday, Lent

technically ends and the Triduum begins. Our 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving have led us here. In fact, the whole Church year builds to the Triduum (which means three sacred days).

We invite parents to join us on Thursday for our Holy Week service. This will begin at 11.30 in the Tumu Hub. We will have an early lunch at 12pm followed by House group activities in the afternoon.

Gold Coin for Caritas

As part of

almsgiving for Lent we ask each child to bring a gold coin donation for Caritas. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops’ agency for justice, peace and development. We are working on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference for a world free of poverty and injustice through community development, advocacy, education and emergency relief. Children can bring their gold coin in from Monday through to Thursday and hand to their homebase teacher. The gold coin will be used in an Easter Egg coin toss on Thursday afternoon.

Parish service times throughout the Triduum are as follows:

Wednesday 12th April

Childrens Station of the Cross 3.20pm

Thursday 13th April

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm - finishing with Night Prayer at 8:30pm

Good Friday 14th April

- Stations of the Cross at 10am.
- Passion of the Lord – Midday & again at 3pm



Easter Sunday 17 April

- Vigil Mass (Saturday) 8pm
- 7:30am – 9am – 10:30am & 5pm

Principal Awards

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

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu
Eliza Kelsen	Claudia Garrett	Piper Wilson

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Quinn Brocherie Selah Nelson Kiriana Adair Ella Lingard	Ariella Caldwell Amelia Wright Frankie Tino Tomasz Panfilow Elsha Brocherie	Oliver Eveleigh Grace Wakefield Hannah Kent - McConigley
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Most Likely to Succeed

On Monday 10 April, at 7pm we will be hosting a screening of the film Most Likely To Succeed.

“The topic of this film is school — both its past and its future. The film inspires its audiences with a sense of purpose and possibility, and is bringing school communities together in re-imagining what our students and teachers are capable of doing. After seeing this film, you’ll never look at school the same way again.” - <http://www.mltsfilm.org/>

This event will be free however we will be issuing tickets for this event and they will issued on a first in first served basis.

Book your free tickets on this link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/nJY1tsdLbrNmZrVp1>

New Parent Information Session

Today we held our first New Entrant Parent Information Session - thanks so much to all who came to join us. We enjoyed meeting our new families that will be joining our school community and reconnecting with those who have already started.

We have just created a digital A-Z of Information for Parents resource and we shared this at the meeting this morning. This is a place where you should find answers to all your questions. We have linked it on our website and it can be found under the the Our School tab. [You can access the link here.](#)

The presentation with the information from this morning can be found under the Our School tab as well.

Raincoats

The rainy weather this week has pointed out to us the high number of children coming to school without raincoats. Even though many of the children arrive by car, they still need raincoats at school for all of the moving around the school that they do. Please ensure that your child has a named coat at school on rainy days.

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Sam Tippen and James Goggin won 3 boys doubles championships, and James also won boys short tennis championship for the Shirley Tennis Club this season. Well done boys.

Lit Club

There has been renewed interest in our Lit club - children are welcome to join at any point so encourage your children (Yr 5-8) to come along and see what it is all about. Next term we are running a Lit Quiz and inviting teams from other schools. More information about this early in the term.

Subway Lunch – Thursday 13th April (last day of term)

The St Francis of Assisi Netball Club is running a Subway lunch fundraiser. Order forms will be distributed to the children closer to the day however please put this in your diary. The netball club has over 65 children from our school and we would love your support by purchasing lunch on this day. Pricing and more information will be available soon.

Drainage Works on Tay Street

Tay Street Drain improvement works to start soon

March 2016

Contractor Seipp Construction will next month start works to upgrade the Tay Street Drain network. These works are part of the Council's Land Drainage Recovery Programme (LDRP) project, aiming to reduce flood risk in the Dudley Creek catchment through increasing the effectiveness of the land drainage network during significant rainfall events. The works will also maximise the operation of the Tay Street Drain Pump Station in Kensington Avenue in a 1-in-50-year rainfall event.

This work will include:

- **New pipe work through St Francis of Assisi School**
- A new pipe network along Thames Street and Norah Street
- Tay Street Drain open channel improvements

***Please note** - more information on this can be found on the school website, on the newsletter and has also been emailed to you.*

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School Accounts

It would be appreciated if your Term 1 accounts could be paid before the end of term or part payments started. This includes Annual activity fee, Religious Instruction fee (\$6.70), Yr 7/8 Technology fee(\$45.00) and Yr 5/6 Camp (\$125.00). The Year 7/8 Camp (\$225.00) has been billed this week and payment as soon as possible would be appreciated .

Lost Property

Maxwell Francis Paiaka Hub has lost his named school jersey, please return if found.
Thanks

Second Hand Jersey -

as new only worn for 3 weeks

For sale Size 97cm School Jersey. Price Negotiable. Please phone Liz -385 2660

Safety of our Children

Please make sure when bringing your children into school in the mornings to close the gates behind you. We need the gates to be closed to ensure that no students wander out into the carpark - Please do not push the gate so that it stays open.

Road Patrol

More helpers are needed urgently, please contact Phil Bell, email phil.clarebell@gmail.com.
Thanks

Drop Off Zone

Please note the drop off zone on Innes Rd is for exactly that - dropping off and picking up children - you must not leave you car there while you walk in and get your children - you can't leave your car unattended. There are some parents parking and leaving their cars there and this is extremely inconvenient for those who wish to use it properly. Also a reminder that you must not park on the yellow lines, nor come into the Parish carpark. These rules are for your children's safety - please abide by them.

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.

PTA Cheese Roll Fundraiser



Does anyone have contacts for discounted or donated - bread, tinned onion soup mix, evaporated milk or grated cheese. We will be making bulk orders of each early next term.

Please let the school office know if you can help.

Thanks St Francis of Assisi PTA

Entertainment Books:

Will again be on sale in Term Two. Orders will be able to be placed by clicking on the link on the school website or completing the envelope your child will bring home. Both book and electronic phone app will be available. If you do not want to order please return the envelope to reception with NO ORDER written on it. PTA coordinator for book orders will be: Gillian Kent-McConigley with support from Phil Bell and Leanne Flanagan.

Winter Socks

The PTA currently have a stock of the smaller sizes Boys Winter socks (\$10.50 per pair) and Girls navy blue socks (\$8.50 per pair) available for purchase now Jr10-12 13-2 and 3-5 please contact Kelly at kellyvw@gmail.com

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross

As Lent comes to an end and we enter into the Triduum the parish is having a special Stations of the Cross for children.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday 12th April

3:20pm

In the Church

All children & parents or grandparents are welcome.



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

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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

Olympic Schools Program

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 or rebecca.snelgar@anz.com

Holiday Programme

The April school holidays are fast approaching! Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure, with plenty of sport, onsite activities, and outings.

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To check out the programme details for each venue or **register online**, go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

April 2017 school holiday highlights for full day participants:

Week One: 18th - 21st (Easter Monday is the 17th)

- **Papanui:** enjoy a trip to the Margaret Mahy playground, a rugby skills session with the boys from the Belfast Rugby Club, plus the usual awesome swimming at Graham Condon and trip to Hoyts.
- **Lincoln:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury and Canterbury Country Cricket and bounce the afternoon away at Mega Air!
- **Pioneer:** Juniors get crafty and make and fly your own kite, swim at Pioneer and join the Seniors for a trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Seniors get inventive with a session with Science Alive and hit the pool for swimming fun.
- **Westburn:** learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury, swim at Jellie Park and take trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Juniors - scoot, skate or bike around the Westburn Bike Park, using road safety skills, Seniors - have a go at Frisbee Golf.
- **Swannanoa:** learn new skills with a session from Canterbury Country Cricket, swim at Dudley Park and get crafty with kite making and flying.
- **Ashburton:** sharpen your cricket skills with a session from Mid Canterbury Cricket, swim at the EA Centre, including fun on the inflatables and see 'Baby Boss' at the movies.

Week Two: 24th, 26th – 28th (Anzac Day is Tuesday 25th)

- **Christchurch Boys High:** learn new skills with a session from High School Old Boys Rugby Club, go crazy at the Phat SK8 roller disco, take in a movie at Hoyts. Juniors get crafty and make and fly a kite, Seniors swim at Wharenui.
- **Rolleston:** take on an orienteering challenge at the Halswell Quarry, Juniors enjoy a picnic and games afternoon at Parekura Reserve, Seniors swim at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Register online now www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Week One registrations close on Monday 10th April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

Week Two registrations close on Monday 17th April at 5pm (or earlier if fully booked)

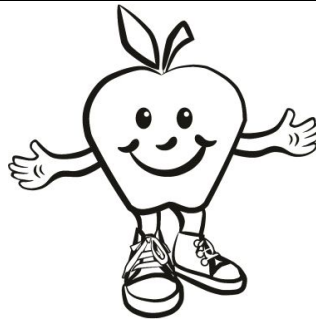
An 8am start option is available at Westburn and CHCH Boys High

Join the fun...

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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.

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.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit www.girlguidingnz.org.nz



Southern Cross Irish Dance



**1ST
LESSON
FREE**

Beginner Classes

<p>Tuesdays 4pm-5pm (from 28th Feb 2017 onwards) Christchurch Irish Society Hall 29 Domain Tce, Spreydon</p>	<p>Saturdays 10am-11am (from 4th March 2017 onwards) St Mary's Church Hall 329 Halswell Rd, Halswell</p>
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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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