

St Francis of Assisi School

St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter

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Social Justice Week

During Social Justice Week all of our Catholic school communities throughout Aotearoa are encouraged to take up Pope Francis' challenge to 'weave bonds of belonging' within our schools, our whānau, and within the wider communities to which our schools belong.

In [Laudato Si'](#), Pope Francis reminds us that:

"the growth of the past two centuries [has] not always led to an integral development and an improvement in the quality of life." (#46)

What we witness in the form of poverty, crime, addictions, and hostility, are all signs of "real social decline, the silent rupture of the bonds of integration and social cohesion." (#46)

Social cohesion is said to exist where people feel part of society, where family and community relationships are strong, where differences between people are respected and people feel safe and supported by others around them to fulfil their potential. In a cohesive society, people have confidence in public institutions and authorities and experience equal opportunities.

This Social Justice Week we are challenged to take **ACTION** in order to rebuild a sense of belonging and connection in our communities.

'How wonderful would it be, while we discover far away planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters orbiting around us.' -Pope Francis TED Talk, April 25th 2017

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Upcoming Dates

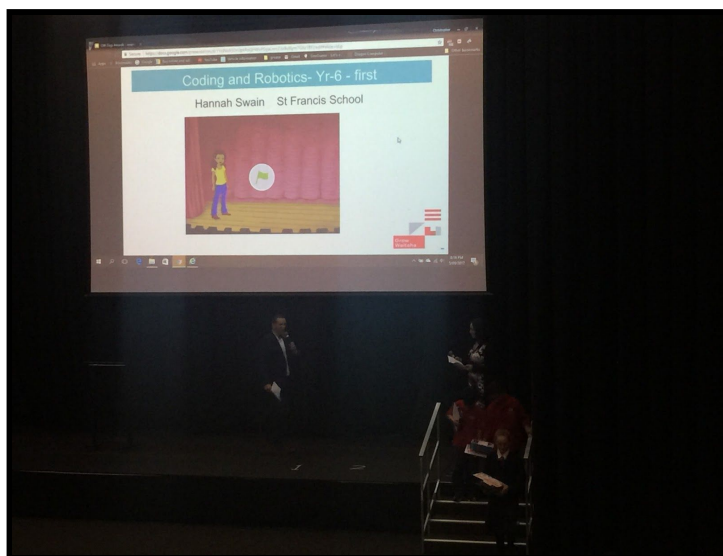
Date	Time	What	Who's invited?
Wednesday 13 Sept	9am	New Parent Information Session	Parents of students starting in term 4 2017 and Term 1 2018
Monday 25 September	7pm	Year 7/8 Intermediate Open Night	Parents of Year 5-8 students
Thursday 28 and Friday 29 September	All day	School Photos	All students
Wednesday 18 October	All day	School Athletics Day Venue TBC Postponement date 25/10	All parents and extended whanau
Thursday 19 October	7pm	1:1 Learning Environments	Parents of those students who will be in Year 5 in 2018
Wednesday 25 October	7pm	Music Festival at Horncastle Arena Tickets available through Ticketek	All parents and extended whanau of choir students
Wednesday 1 November	9am 6pm	2 sessions Sexuality Education - Information about the programmes we will be running in Term 4	All parents
Wednesday 8 November	All day	North Zone Athletics	
Thursday 9/11 - Friday 10/11	Overnight	Year 3/4 camp	
Friday 17/November		Show Day - school closed	
Wednesday 6 December	All Day	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics Ashburton	
Wednesday 13 December	6.30pm	End of Year Prizegiving	All parents All students

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DigiAwards Winner - Hannah Swain

Congratulations to Hannah Swain, Year 6, who won the Year 3-6 Coding and Robotics section of the Canterbury DigiAwards. Hannah's award winning coding was a short clip on Manaakitanga, in which guests come on to the stage to discuss what Manaakitanga means. If you would like to see it first hand you can check it out here:

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/170873544/>



2018 Organisation

We are currently working on organisation for 2018 and would appreciate knowing about any upcoming enrolments for next year. If you could contact the office if you have a preschooler that is not yet enrolled we would be grateful. If you know that your child won't be attending St Francis next year it would be helpful to have that information as well.

Young Vinnies - Clothing Drive / Mufti Day

Next Week is Social Justice Week. As an action to care for others we are having a Clothing Drive / Mufti Day on Friday 15th of September.



We would like you to bring a washed item of used clothing which is still in good condition for St Vincent De Paul. Clothing can be for infants, toddlers, children, men and women.

Thank you, Young Vinnies and St Vincent De Paul.

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Young Vinnies - St Francis' Got Talent

The Young Vinnies team are running a St Francis' Got Talent (SFGT) for the whole school. There will be auditions in Week 9. Entrance fee to watch the heats and finals is an item of nonperishable food. The performances will be held in the library at lunchtimes. The finals will be on Friday 29th September. We welcome parents with open arms. Posters and Sign-up Sheets will be put in the hubs. Good Luck! :)

Year 0-8 Touch

The Term 4 touch season is not far away. We are looking to enter teams to represent St Francis of Assisi in the McFarlane Park Touch Module across all year levels. Teams will be made dependent on the number of responses we receive. The competition will be held on Wednesday evenings from 4.00 pm and game times may vary depending on the number of teams entered. The exact cost will be calculated when we have confirmed how many players we have, however it is usually no more than \$15.00 per student. The season will commence on Wednesday 25th October 2017 with the last game before the xmas break on 13th December. To confirm your child's interest and availability please complete this Google Form by Wednesday 13 September.

<https://goo.gl/forms/jcXkZyCvjkK8ZyHC2>

Year 5/6 Superstar Cricket

In Term 4 the Christchurch Metro Cricket and Christchurch Junior Cricket will run the Superstar Cricket Trophy Cricket Competition for Year 5 and 6 students. Games will be played on a Friday afternoon between 1.30 pm - 2.45 pm in October and November, with a finals day to be played at the Polo Grounds at Hagley Park. Matches will be played at St Francis of Assisi and other schools around Christchurch involved in the competition. If your child is interested in playing please complete the Google Form by Tuesday 12 September.

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Year 7/8 Cricket

This year we will be entering a Cricket Team into the Primary Schools Cricket Summer Tournament. This is a one day event for Year 7/8 Students, which will be held Wednesday 8 November 2017 from 9am - 3pm, with a Postponement date of Thursday 9 November. All games will be played at South Hagley Park. If your child is interested please fill in this Google Form by Wednesday 13 September

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Headlice

Headlice may be present amongst children in your child's class. These insects are a nuisance and can be controlled or eradicated by families. Headlice crawl from head to head and may be passed on through shared objects such as hairbrushes and hats.

Cleanliness is not a factor in whether headlice are present or not.

What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts
- Unusual itching on the head or neck
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (headlice bites)

What to do

- Treat anyone who has headlice. Effective treatment need not be chemical or expensive
- Please advise the school if you find headlice and confirm that treatment has begun
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about three weeks depending on the method chosen. Three weeks is the length of the headlice breeding cycle; you need to break the cycle or infestation will continue.
- After each treatment, comb the hair with a fine toothed comb.
- Repeat treatment 7 to 10 days after initial treatment.
- Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking is daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others.

Scholastic Book Club - *orders in by Wednesday 13 September*

Lost Property

We displayed all the unnamed lost property for 2 full days this week. We are now washing all the uniform items and they will be given to the PTA to put in the 2nd hand uniform sale. It would help us greatly if you could please name your childrens' clothing.

Accounts

Statements for Term 3 have been emailed/sent out . If you have not received a statement that means you 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.

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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

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Including new School Socks and Ties

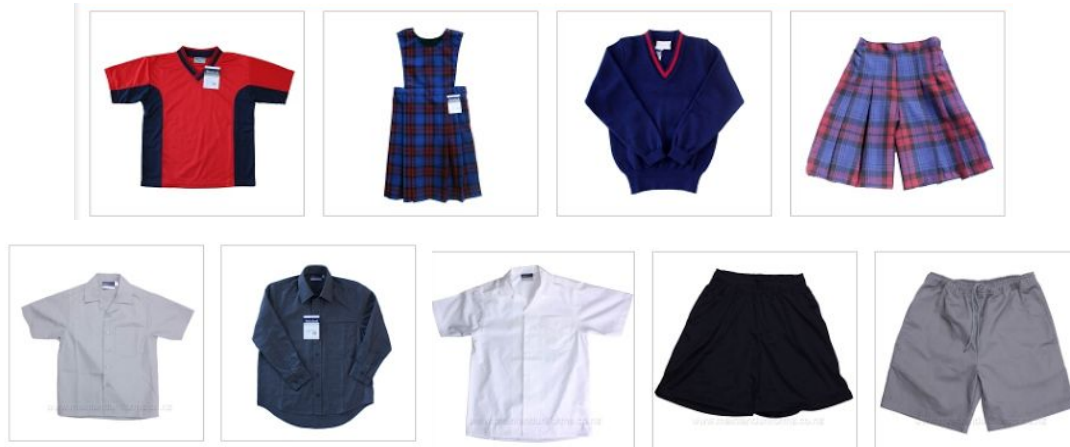
Wednesday 27th September

Located in the Staff Room

Gold Coin Donation



We gladly accept old uniforms to include in the sale.



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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. Thank you for your support.



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

Free Dental Care for Children

Including special information regarding Year 8 students

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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 18th 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

Matt O'Connell

Evangelisation Coordinator

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“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

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

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.

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Cricket Registrations East ChCh/ Shirley

See advertisement below

Tween and Tweens Parenting Group

See advertisement below

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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.

Roana Johnstone | 355-6522 | 027- 701-9382 | www.nht.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
PHONE 021-744-114
or 027-874-8622

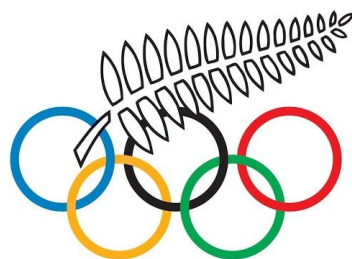
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Olympic Schools



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.

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How can I find out more?

Please contact Rebecca Snelgar at ANZ Merivale branch on 368 2489 for more information

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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 th August	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 2 nd September	9:00am to 10:30am
Saturday 16 th September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 23 rd September	11:30am to 1:00pm
Saturday 30 th September	11:30am to 1:00pm

