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## **Kia ora koutou e te whānau**

Next Wednesday 14th February we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday celebrations. You will notice that the *Alleluia* and *the Gloria* are always omitted during the Mass in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and conversion. The season lasts for 40 days and the liturgical colour used is predominantly violet, reminding us of the blood shed by Jesus during His Passion and Death.



*“Ashes, distributed on Ash Wednesday are a symbol of our will to be converted and to do penance when faced with the forgiveness offered by Jesus. Ashes are made from olive branches, or branches of other trees that were blessed the previous year. The ashes are placed on the forehead with the words, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”*  
**(p.71 Aotearoa New Zealand Ordo 2017-2018, NZCBC)**

### **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14 February**

We are celebrating Ash Wednesday with the Parish in an outdoor Mass at school on Wednesday morning at 9.15am. We would love for as many of you who are able to join us for this.

#### *From the Parish...*

Join us for Mass this Sunday. This Sunday the Parish will welcome the new school families to our Parish at 9am Mass. We would like to invite all school families to join us for Mass and morning tea afterwards in the staff room.

### **Meet the Teaching Team Meetings**

Monday 12 February 3.30pm and 6pm

On Monday we are providing you with the opportunity to meet the team of teachers working with your children. Each Hub will present twice, once at 3.30pm and then again at 6pm. Come along to meet the team and hear about the teaching programmes

### **Kapahaka - starts next week!**

#### **Thursday 8am**

We are excited to welcome Jolene Ngariki as our new Kapahaka Kaiako (tutor) this year. Jolene will be tutoring our Kapahaka group every Thursday morning at 8am. This year we are welcoming all students who wish to participate (Yr 1 - 8) to join in. Students will be taught Tikanga and Te Reo as well as waiata and haka. Please encourage your children to join. It is a big commitment - they are expected to turn up each week and be on time, but the rewards are amazing! Any queries please feel free to contact Whitney Hansen or Jo Earl.

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## **Policies**

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://stfrancischch.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"! ). Our username is stfrancischch and password assisi .

## **Complaints and Concerns**

Parents and teachers have the same goal - the best possible education for the children. Parents are most welcome to discuss any concern they have about their child's progress with the class teacher firstly, then the team leader by appointment. If a parent or caregiver feels that they have not been listened to or that their concern has not been addressed then they are most welcome to make a time to meet with the principal or one of the Senior Leadership team (SLT). The SLT is made up of the Principal, Jo Earl and our two Deputy Principals Maire Bowler and Rebecca Methven.

You can make contact with them by making an appointment at the office.

Click here to read the [complaints and formal complaints policies](#).

## **Music Lessons**

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

## **Library Books**

The Library is not open for issuing books however we hope to have it open by week 4. At present there are 161 books that have been issued that have not been returned - can you please check at home for any library books and send them back to us asap. Thanks so much!

## Brainwave Trust

Tuesday 27 February 7pm

As advertised on facebook we are fortunate to be able to host an evening with the Brainwave Trust where they will deliver their seminar 'Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain'.



### **Brainwave Trust will deliver their seminar 'Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain'**

**Time and date:** Tuesday 27 February 2018, 7- 9pm

**Venue:** St Francis of Assisi School, 370 Innes road

**Tickets:** Available from the office for a gold coin donation

In this informative, entertaining presentation the audience will gain an understanding of the latest information on brain changes and hence the behaviours we observe as a child transitions through adolescence to an adult.

These seminars and workshops are for parents and professionals who are working with adolescents – school teachers and board of governors, youth workers, foster and care providers and families; corrections, Oranga Tamariki, Police, health providers and anyone else who has contact with teenagers.

Our information is entirely based on up-to-date scientific medical research. Our work is scientific and evidence based, our message is positive and is important to our whole community.

Concern about young people is not new. Each generation is known to have concern about the generation following and we are the first generation to understand the changes that happen in the brain. Recent research shows that there is a burst of neuronal activity in late childhood and adolescence that is linked with risk taking and impulsive, emotional behaviours typical of teenagers.

Consistent, nurturing and positive early experiences grow resilient, empathetic and intelligent adults. Conversely adolescents in New Zealand relative to other developed countries have a high rate of social morbidity.

For any queries, please contact Angela Lewis at [alewis@gaaluminium.co.nz](mailto:alewis@gaaluminium.co.nz) or on 021474494.

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## **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**

*Note this is the same information as last week - thank you to those who have completed this consent form. If you have not yet completed this we would appreciate it being completed as soon as possible.*

At our school, parents complete a blanket permission form at enrolment or at the start of each year, which covers almost all lower risk activities and some higher risk activities as outlined on the form.

The level of information provided to parents and requested from parents about EOTC activities is proportionate to the level of risk associated with the activity.

Separate parental consent is required for most higher risk activities and we ask for this on a case-by-case basis. Parents must submit a consent form before their child/children can participate. For certain activities, we will also notify parents about any risks we have identified.

Please complete this consent form at your earliest convenience. You will need to complete the form for each of your children attending the school.

### [Blanket Consent Form](#)

If this link doesn't work - cut and paste this URL into your address bar.

<https://goo.gl/forms/2w7jnSPOzYT22lcs2>

More information about EOTC and many other areas of policy can be found on our schooldocs site. We invite you to visit the site at <http://stfranschch.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"! ). Our username is stfranschch and password assisi .

## **1:1 Digital Technology Guidelines and BYOC Agreement**

As you know at St Francis of Assisi all of our Year 5-8 students learn in a 1:1 Chromebook environment. We value our internet facilities and digital technologies, and the benefits they bring us in learning outcomes and the effective operation of the school. We actively encourage our students to be competent and confident in the use of digital technologies; and are aware of and able to manage the challenges and issues that go with it. These issues include safety of themselves and others, privacy, copyright, and protection of digital devices and equipment. In short, we are growing our students to make responsible choices while using digital technologies; becoming digital citizens.

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Because we know this is important for us all, we ask that everyone, the staff, the students and volunteers working at the school agree to use the internet and digital technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the St Francis of Assisi School Digital Guidelines.

As all Year 6-8 students, excluding new students, have already filled out this form there is no need to complete it again. However all new students and all Year 5 students will need to complete this before going a device at school. So if you are a parent of a Year 5 student or a student new to St Francis, please take the time to read through and fill out the Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form

Digital Technologies Guidelines Google Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/4bD13g10HijCaAZo2>

Students who bring their own Chromebook to school, will also need to complete the Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) Agreement. This agreement is additional to the Digital Technologies Guidelines. It refers to Chromebooks, brought to school by students, and must be signed before the student may bring their Chromebook to school.

Like the Digital Technologies Guidelines, students who have already filled out this form will not need to complete it again. However all students in Year 5-8, who are bringing their own Chromebooks, for the first time this year will need to fill out the BYOC Google Form as well.

If you are a parent of a student who is bringing their own Chromebook to school for the first time this year, please take the time to read through and fill out the BYOC Agreement.

Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) - <https://goo.gl/forms/AJfbldolfjn5GvCo1>

If you have any questions about the Guidelines or BYOC Agreement, please feel free to email [principal@stfrancis.chch.school.nz](mailto:principal@stfrancis.chch.school.nz) or [whitney.hansen@stfrancis.chch.school.nz](mailto:whitney.hansen@stfrancis.chch.school.nz) . We are more than happy to discuss any of this with you, please feel welcome to do this at any time.

## **Parish News**

### **Join us for Mass this Sunday.**

This Sunday the Parish will welcome the new school families to our Parish at 9am Mass. We would like to invite all school families to join us for Mass and morning tea afterwards in the staff room.

## **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.

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## Community News

### St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

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If your child is interested in playing netball for the 2018 winter sports season, please check out our website to see what we have been up to and our registration information will be coming soon.

[St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home](#) or [www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa](http://www.sporty.co.nz/sfoa)

As we are a 'Club', we can accept players who are not students at our school, so please feel free to ask friends and family who may like to join our club also.

This registration is for club netball which is played on Thurs/Fri evenings and Saturday mornings. Please be aware that games/practices **are not** played during school hours. As per all Christchurch Sports Clubs a registration fee will be payable before the first game and this is likely to be around \$50-\$120 depending on age of child and team numbers. Payment plans will be available.

The fees payable to the club assist with the general running costs of a club including; Chch Netball Association fees for entering the teams into the local competitions at Hagley Park, upkeep & purchase of club owned uniforms, balls, bibs, prize giving's and trophies for example.

The club will also need to fundraise to supplement the player fees. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a team or our club it would be great to hear from you.

### ***URGENT REQUEST FOR ADULT/PARENT SUPPORT***

As notified at our prize giving in 2017, many important committee roles will need to be filled this year. Our existing committee members are happy to support new committee members through a changeover period, but we are desperate for more helpers. Please come to our AGM.

### ***NOTIFICATION OF AGM***

Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our AGM on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00pm in a meeting space at St Francis of Assisi School (room to be confirmed). All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Tania Ellenbroek [tania@aae.net.nz](mailto:tania@aae.net.nz)

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## Marist Albion Rugby

# 2018 Junior Player Registrations are now open!

We welcome ALL new and returning players to register for the 2018 season using our online forms available on our club website [www.maristalbion.co.nz](http://www.maristalbion.co.nz).

**All new players MUST** attend one of our registration nights and provide us with proof of ID (copies of passports or birth certificates are fine) and to get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

**SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 3-5PM**  
**MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 5-7PM**

Venue: Marist Albion RFC Clubrooms, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** (includes a team photo for each registered player)  
\$80 one player OR  
\$130 for 2 or more children from the same family.

For returning players, you will receive an invitation to re-register via email, please keep an eye on your inbox!



FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT [ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ](mailto:ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ) OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

## [Christchurch Football Club](http://www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz/junior-rugby/)

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## 2018 SEASON

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2018 Rugby season.

### Registration Days

Sunday 18th February, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 21st February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday 26th February, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

All registered players will receive a free ball and mouthguard from our new apparel supplier L & A Apparel.

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## **Shirley Rugby Club - 100 years of Rugby**

Junior Registration dates for 2018 -

Monday 19 February 5.30 - 7pm

Monday 26 February 5.30 - 7pm

Sunday 4 March 10 - 12.30pm

Shirley Rugby Clubrooms - Burwood Park, New Brighton Road

Subscriptions for 2018 are \$55 per player, \$85 for 2 per family and \$100 for 3 or more per family All new players to the club are required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

More Information: [www.shirleyrugby.co.nz](http://www.shirleyrugby.co.nz) / [juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz) / Facebook

@shirleyrugby

## **Marist Hockey Club Boys Open Evening - School Years 1-6**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 4.00-6.00pm**

Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session.

We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2018 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our Marist Hockey Junior Club facebook for trial dates and updated information on when registration will be open. Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Marist Hockey Junior Club -

[maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com](mailto:maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com)

## **Swimming**

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**Ph:381- 0299**  
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