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Laetare Sunday

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates *Laetare Sunday*, the fourth Sunday of Lent, during which we express hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. *Laetare* means *rejoice*. You may notice a change in the colour of the vestments worn by the priest too, from violet to pink, or more fittingly, rose. This colour change is optional. The change in colour indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide, the two weeks between Palm Sunday and Easter. [Laetare Sunday](#)

Principal Awards

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

Kakano	Paiaka	Tumu
Avah Lock	Selah Nelson	Daniel Collins
Adam Ellery	Jacob Pyle	Mostyn Brown
Archie Meates	Lily Keenan	Lucas Coe
Monica Bell	Chydale Chukwuemeka	Lexi Parkyn
Chloe Bloxham	Sophie McGuire	Ella Wall
Jackson McCrostie	Millie Berhault	William Inwood
Millie Thoms	Ellenor Hall	Samantha Morandarte
	Helena Stack	

Assembly

The Tumu Hub ran a great assembly today that was well attended by parents. They shared some of the tasks they have been working on - we were delighted to hear stories from Sam Bishop and Natalie Stack. You can read them on these links.

[Sam's Moment in Time](#) <https://goo.gl/zAem5q>

[Natalie's Moment in Time](#) <https://goo.gl/NHPbZi>

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Portraits from Tumu



Accounts

We have just started using a new school management system. This week, by email, you will receive your term one account which has been generated using this new system. On your account you will see the donation and the activity as explained below.

School Donation:

The school donation is set at \$25 per student for up to two students per family.

Activity Fee: <https://goo.gl/xPVejm>

Last year we introduced an activity fee. This was to cover whole team trips and experiences each term and to avoid asking for little bits of money all the time. The feedback from parents last year was positive so we have continued with this this year. You can read about the activity fee on the link below and we will send it home with the newsletter today. Please note

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that if you are experiencing difficulties with payment at any time please contact me and we can discuss options. I can assure of you of confidentiality in regard to this.

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://sportsstfrancischch.blogspot.co.nz/>

Duathlon

The St Francis Duathlon at Walter Park was a fantastic event yesterday morning. A big thank you to Maree Scott for her organisation of the event and to our non-competing Kaupeka students for their help on the day as well. The St. Francis of Assisi Duathlon Team that will be going to the Canterbury Primary Schools Duathlon, on Monday 26 March, will be selected and named early next week. Keep an eye out for this information on the sports blog. A big congratulations to everyone who participated in this event yesterday. Teams and individuals; all competitors displayed true grit.

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First Place - Open Team Event



Second Place - Open Team Event

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Third Place - Open Team Event



Fourth Place - Open Team Event



First - Year 5 Boys



Second - Year 5 Boys

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First and Second Year 5 Girls



Year 6 Girls



Year 6 Boys

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Year 7 Girls



Year 7 Boys



Year 8 Girls



Year 8 Boys

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@stfrancischch.school.nz

Friday Sports

We are still looking for parents to help out with Friday sport. This involves running a game down at Walter Park on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00. Parents are also warmly welcome to come and watch - If you are available to help us with this please email whitney.hansen@stfrancischch.school.nz

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Lit Club

Please note that Lit Club is on a Tuesday not Monday as was previously stated in the last newsletter. We were excited to start Lit Club this week. After next week you will be able to read about our sessions on the Lit Club Blog.

Board of Trustees Update:

Following a break for summer, the Board is back at work. We welcomed Julian Meates onto the Board filling the vacant elected member space. The vacant Proprietor's member space is currently being recruited for and should be filled soon.

Toward the end of last year the Board spent a lot of time and effort working on reviewing the Strategic Plan that was put in place prior to the opening of the school. The work on this has continued into this year alongside the Annual Plan that flows out of the Strategic Plan and the Vision that was put in place last year.

Also, continuing from last year is the work on refurbishing the old Block that is arranged by the Catholic Education Office. The aim is to move the Kakano hub into this new Learning Environment ready to start the new term. It is also pleasing to see the work on the School Hall start. We are hoping that this will be completed by the end of the year.

Finally, the school welcomed 2 reviewers from the Education Review Office, ERO, for a New Schools Assurance Review last week. This involved many long hours preparation by the Senior Leadership Team. The reviewers spent time with the the SLT, Teachers and in the hubs getting an impression of our school. The Board meet with the reviewers on Wednesday afternoon to receive the initial feedback. It was reassuring to receive the positive feedback, a testimony that as a school we are on the right track. The final review is due in Term 2 and more detail will be provided when it is released. The Board wish to thank the Senior Leadership Team and the Staff for the excellent Learning Environment they provide for our Children.

'Energising Young Minds' competition

St Francis of Assisi has been nominated for School-gen's 'Energising Young Minds' competition by Key Price. This competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.



What happens now - We need our school community to vote on the School-gen voting page <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter St Francis and it will pop up with us so you can click on it to vote. You can vote once daily on each device - so vote on every computer, phone, Ipad etc that you have! Get the kids to do it on their Chromebooks

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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>

PTA News

Easter Raffle

Contributions to this raffle are going well. We are asking each child to bring in one item for the raffle. We have collected in and counted and we have approximately 50% - If you have not sent in your contribution yet we would be grateful if you could send this in by next Wednesday.

We will divide all the items into gift baskets and these will form the prizes for the raffle.

Next week each family will receive one set of tickets to sell. (see right) - these will be sent home in a plastic ziplock bag and can be returned to the office in the bag with the money as soon as they are sold. Families are welcome to sell more than just one card and we have prizes; a camera and a fitbit for those who sell the most. More information will come home with the tickets next week.

PTA Easter Raffle 2018	
Number: <input type="text"/>	
Name: <input type="text"/> Room: <input type="text"/>	
Tickets \$2 each - Name and Contact Phone Number	
Drawn: Tuesday 27th March Winners notified by phone, and our facebook page.	
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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.

Service and Skills Audit - Can you help? <https://goo.gl/forms/CvcqUhiUUXYu4zQ82>

Please have a look at this form and see if you can help? The PTA are trying to look at many different ways of raising funds to fit out the new kitchen in our hall that is currently being built.

Community News

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St Francis of Assisi Netball Club

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 is now open to all players form Year 3- 8.

[St Francis of Assisi Netball Club - Home](#) or 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 afternoons at 4pm at Hagley Park 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 \$90-\$150 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.

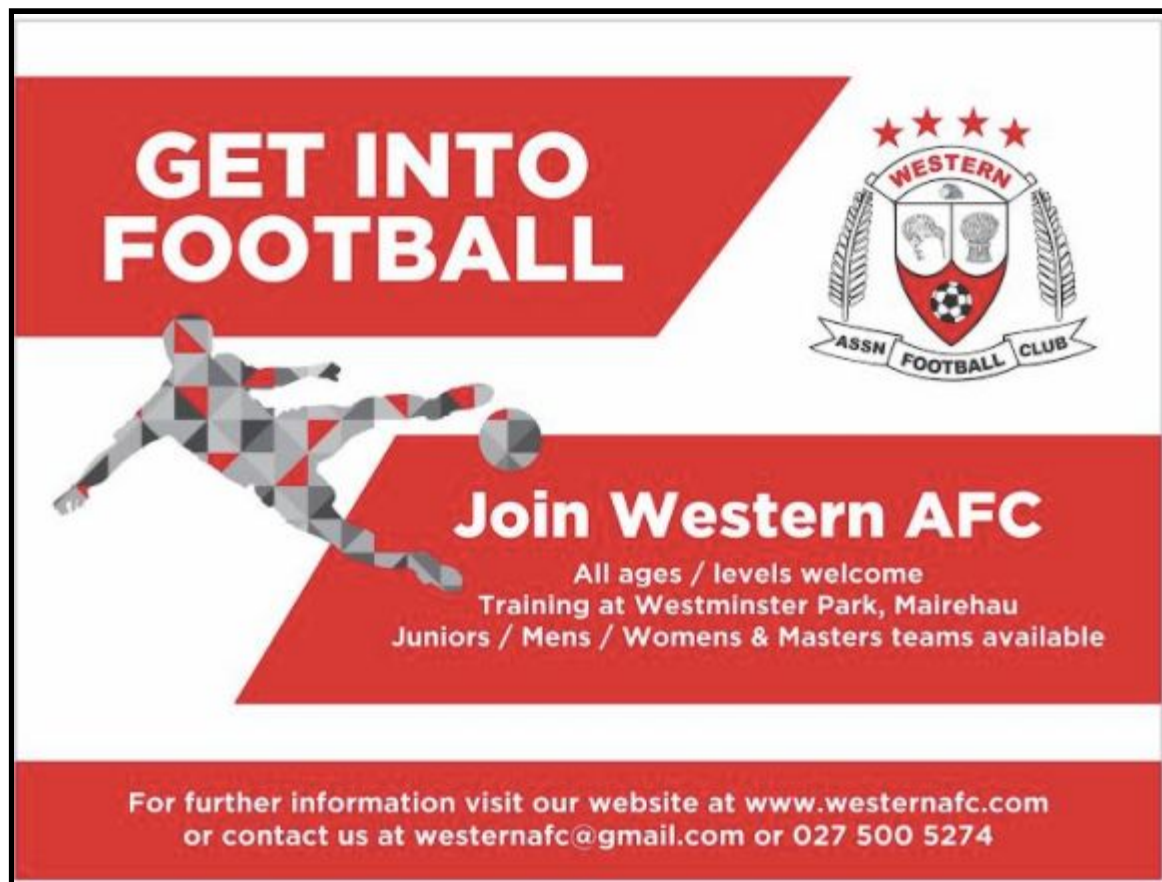
NOTIFICATION OF NEXT CLUB MEETING

Please note that the SFOA Netball Club will be holding our next meeting on Wednesday 21st March from 7.00pm at Coffee Culture (The Palms).

All past and future parents/supporters are welcome to attend this meeting.

For any questions or comments, please contact Chantelle McCrostie – chantelles@rocketmail.com or 027 5 515 777.

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.

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

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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

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 / juniors@shirleyrugby.co.nz / Facebook @shirleyrugby

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

Friday 2nd 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

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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 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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