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Faith Facts

This year, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is celebrated Sunday, June 3. Historically known by its Latin name, "Corpus Christi," this feast day highlights the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The word



"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." It comes from the Greek "eucharistein" and "eulogein," which "recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim — especially during a meal — God's works: creation, redemption and sanctification."
 (CCC. no 1328)

What's on next week?

Monday 4th June

Queens Birthday

Tuesday 5th June

Lit Club @ 12.30pm

Wednesday 6th June

Choir @ 1pm

Ukulele @ 12.30pm

Thursday 7th June

Kapahaka @ 8.00am

Friday 8th June

Values Assembly

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates! (we will add to this as other events are planned)

Term 2		
	Week 5	Life Ed Van onsite (costs covered by activity fee)
	Week 6	Sunday 10/6 First Communion Mass
	Week 7	
	Week 8	Reports go live Reporting - Parent Information Sessions held throughout the week. Each day at 9am and 2.30pm and Monday evening at 7pm
	Week 9	Please note: Date changes Monday 25/6 Parent teacher Interviews Early Finish (2pm) Tuesday 26/6 Paid union Meeting (Teachers) <i>Information below.</i> Wednesday 27/6 Parent teacher Interviews Early Finish (2pm) Friday 29/6 School Mass
	Week 10	Friday 6/7 - Mid Winter Breakfast

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Principal Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the Principal Awards this week.

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Jayden Elzen-Foo Chong Eli Stewart Chyeanne Lamong Mikayla Sinclair Zoe Kelso Harry Mackay Oscar Schulte Lucy Fitzgerald	Lewys Jack Zoe Newdick Molly Mackay Lara Sherry Natalie Tobeza Ariella Caldwell Stella Pinn Bronson Brown	George Lingard Josh Snelgar Lexus Russell Caterina Domigan Sophie Chambers Lucas McCrostie Molly McMenamin Lewis Cleghorn	Tyrell Morgan Amber Garrick Benson Geary Lilla Harnett

Staffing Update

Kākano

This week we are farewelling Cat Gill who works in the Kākano Hub in the mornings alongside our other teachers in the Hub. We want to thank Cat for all her efforts in the Hub this year - we have appreciated her dedication to the job and we are very sad to be farewelling her. We wish her well.

We have appointed a new staff member to take over from Cat. Katie Clark will be working in the Hub starting from the 25th of June. Katie is a trained primary school teacher who has been working in a Early Childhood centre for the last couple of years. She brings a wealth of experience in working with children from 4 years to 6 years old. We are excited to have her join our team. In the three weeks leading up to Katie's start Maire Bowler and Gerardine Baxter will share the role.

Kaupeka

We will be farewelling Katherine Wilson at the end of this term. Katherine has resigned to travel overseas. Katherine is one of the foundation staff members of St Francis and we are really sad to be seeing her off overseas however we wish her well. We know she will have a fabulous time and we hope that eventually she will make her way back to us. We are yet to appoint a teacher to take over from Katherine but we are working on it and as soon as we do we will let you know.

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BOT Update

Following on from last weeks note about the excellent Review from the Education Office, see the link below, we again get to celebrate an outstanding achievement.

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-school-26-04-2018/>

The New Zealand Ministry of Education in partnership with the South Australia Department for Education offers two Job Shadow placements to Principal's across New Zealand where each Principal shadows the other for four weeks in their school. They spend this time seeing how the other Principal works and gaining an insight into their school, and the Education system in a different country. The New Zealand and South Australia Principal's selected are to have a record of success as a school leader and an enthusiasm for furthering their own professional development.

Our Principal Jo applied and has won one of the opportunities, so will be spending 4 weeks in South Australia at the start of term 3, after which her corresponding Principal will spend 4 weeks in our school. This is a great opportunity for Jo and our school. During this time the Senior Leadership Team will cover Jo's absence, though she will only be a phone call away.

On a different note, one of the issues most frequently raised at Board meeting is related to parking, including parking on yellow lines, overstaying on the 3 minute parking designed for stop and drop, and ignoring of road cones placed by staff to ensure the safety of our School community. So a reminder, please respect the road rules and signage, be considerate to other road users, and if you are needing to get out of your car to go into school the 3 minute stop and drop parking is not suitable.

God bless.

Jonathan McKenzie
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Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews for all students in Week 9 of this term. The interviews will be held on Monday 25/6 and Wednesday 27/6. In order to have enough time to see each parent we need to have an early finish on both of these days. School will finish at 2pm. We would appreciate it if you could pick your children up early on these two days however if you are unable to do this please complete the form on this [link](#) and we will organise supervision for them. [Supervision for Parent Teacher Interviews](#)

Book Your Interview

You are able to book your time for an interview by going online at the following link.
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=tyapm>

If this link does not work for you you can go to **www.schoolinterviews.com.au** and enter the event code **tyapm**

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If you have any problems booking your interview time - please contact Bev in the office and she can book these for you.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Tuesday 26 June the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on Tuesday 26th June at 1.30pm to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

We strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 1.30pm on at Tuesday 26 June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm. Please submit the [form on this link](#) to let us know whether your child/children need to be supervised.

We appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, we encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Reporting to Parents

As we have communicated earlier this year reporting to parents this year will be in a different format. We have already run a session on this for parents but we intend to run a couple more this term as well.

The reports will be digital and once we open the parent portals, you will be able to access the information at any time you wish. The long term vision is that teachers will add the assessment information not just two times a year but ongoing throughout the year. Every

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time new information is added you will receive an email to tell you that a new post has been made.

Our teachers are busy learning the system and loading information for you at the moment - Reports will go live in Week 8 this term and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9. You will receive more information about this closer to the time.

[Have you got a question that you just don't feel you can ask?](https://goo.gl/9owJ9T)

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Just a reminder that you can post any questions that you have on the link above. Next week's coffee morning we will be available to answer any questions you may have. Come along and join us for a coffee at 9am.

Accounts

Your Term 2 statements were emailed or sent home this week. When making payments please make sure you deposit to the school account (noted under the list of fees on your statement) and not to the Parish account. For those year 5-8 children who are playing basketball the charge is \$13.80 and does not appear on the statement sent out as the YMCA bill came in late. If you could make payment as soon as possible for basketball it would be appreciated and also for Waterpolo if you haven't paid already.

Please remember you can arrange weekly or fortnightly payments if this is easier for you to pay the fees. If you wish to discuss your account please contact Jo or Pauline (Monday, Wednesday or Friday).

Sports News

Canterbury Primary Schools Netball

St Francis of Assisi nominated 7 students who attended out North Zone Netball Trials. Congratulations to Liana Borkus and Tiana Purdon who have been selected to attend the next round of trials.

North Zone Cross Country

St Francis of Assisi had 47 students race at our North Zone Cross Country. The event was held in true cross country conditions. Congratulations to all our students who raced and made St Francis of Assisi proud. 16 students from St Francis of Assisi will now race at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross event. Congratulations to these students:

Year 7 Girls Casey Harrison Kayla Webb Joanna Flanagan Claudia Wilson	Year 7 Boys Ethan Beetar Reuben Ngariki Sam Tippen
Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys

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Mieke Kriek Malia Dungey Claudia Snelgar Liana Borkus Tiana Purdon	Josh Cusin Adam Walker Taylor Fahey Olly Meates
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School Jackets

We will also be doing another order at the end of this term, this order will close on the last day of Term 2. 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>

Parish News

From the Parish Office:

Dear Parents and Caregivers. Attendance Dues for your child/children for Term 2 were due for payment on the 20th of May (unless you have a regular automatic payment in place). We have an invoice from the Catholic Diocese for \$24,975 for Term 2 for your children attending St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School and I am still chasing \$16,174 in unpaid Attendance Dues. Your immediate attention to this would be very much appreciated. If you are having difficulty paying please make contact with me in the parish office. Kirsten Tester, Parish Secretary.

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th June 7pm

Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Thank you to all the cheese roll orders.

This year we made more than ever 1750 dozen.

We have been able to raise approx. \$7,500 to go towards our school hall fit-out.

Thank you all for your support with this fundraiser and a very special thank you to all the helpers on Sunday 20th



Entertainment Books

These are now all due back into the school office. If you have purchased your book please return the money in the envelope. If you have purchased the digital version please return the book or if you do not wish to purchase then please return the book back to the office asap.



The PTA has a new Facebook Page and this is where you can keep up to-date with everything that is happening.

Please head over and like our page
<https://www.facebook.com/ptastfrancisofassisischool>

PJ Winter Wonderland

Friday 8th June sees us hold our annual Junior Disco.



This year the theme is a PJ Winter Wonderland, once again this does not mean you have to dress up but we know that some of you love to do this.

So come along in either your favourite Winter Wonderland theme or your PJ's prizes for best dressed.

Date: Friday 8th June

Time: NE- Year 4 - 5:30pm-7pm

Year 5 & Year 6 - 7:30pm- 9pm

Venue: Heaton Intermediate Hall

Tickets on sale from Monday 28th May from the school office.

\$3 per person

Save the Dates:

- 8th June- Junior Discos
NE - Year 6
- 15th June- Senior Disco
Year 7/8
- 6th July - Mid Winter Breakfast
- 24th Aug- Quiz Night R18

Ladies Night

Last Friday Night we had a fabulous Ladies Night. Thanks so much to those who supported by attending and purchasing raffle tickets. We raised a total of just over \$4000!!!

Thanks to the Ladies Night sponsors. It was so amazing so many parents at school offered support from their businesses. What a blessed community we are. Please support these businesses. Check out all these businesses on Facebook and the internet.

Major Sponsors

Rylock – Windows, Doors and Conservatories

The drivingskool.co.nz – Need someone to teach your teenagers to drive?

Raffle Sponsor

Lifetime – Julian Lindard for your insurance and investment needs

Goodie bag sponsor – Mother Earth

IvyBlu	Etc clothing
Dear No One	Savoire Cafe Merivale
All about You	Tiki Wine
Shineon	Coco gifts
Addison Clothing	Cocopelli
Kingsford and Co	Fabuleux Vous
Augustine	Flip Out
TAD	Little India
Over the Ditch	Life Pharmacy – Northlands
Urban Surf	Life Pharmacy – The Palms
Shoe connection	Nadia Lim
Akaysha Bay	Oki Doki
Made by Cath	J by Jen
Silver Sparrow	Shelley
Sama & Kiki	Strongheld equipment
My Tassel	Alicia Sinclair
Harcourts Papanui	Melissa Caldwell
Peterson Jewellers	Lisa Kelly
Stanton Builders	Chantelle – Walk in Robe
The Palms	Bekhuis Family
Northlands	Hidden in Hair- Kirsty Stanton
Rowdy Kitchen	Doterra – Anna Dot
Redcurrent	Clare Bell Nutrimetics
Casamassima	Alpine Ice Skating

The PTA want to send a huge thanks to Clare Bell and Tracey Bryce for their efforts - amazing - great job!

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Lost Property

Lily Keenan lost her named school jersey on the last day of Term 1.

Sophie Chambers is still trying to locate her White Adidas Superstar Sneakers US Size 3.

Alex Lyons has lost his named school jersey.

Zach Harnett has lost his Bulldogs rugby league ball.

Karter Poole Nicolas has lost his named sports top.

If any of these items are found please return them to the office.

Community Notices	
Can you Assist? A group of women in Aranui make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. They are running out of plastic shopping/supermarket bags. If you have any at home to spare, please drop them into the parish office during office hours.	Looksmart Alterations Repair and alterations of school uniforms. There are discount vouchers available from the school office.
St Albans School Monster Fair Sunday 11 November 12pm – 4pm Contact: Sharon O’Conner on stalbansmonsterfair@gmail.com	Soul2Sole Fitness If you are interested in yoga/Pilates courses, Yoga and Dance Workshops. Please contact Robyn Anderson 0274592553
Music Lessons Music lessons: for lessons in bass, guitar, recorder, ukulele and flute during break times, call Ivan on 021 120 0080	