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You are invited to Welcome Mass

St Francis of Assisi Parish warmly invites you
This Sunday 27th May
9am Mass

We will welcome the new students and their families into
our Parish community. The school choir will be singing
and we will have morning tea after Mass.

ALL WELCOME

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What's on next week?

Monday 28th May

Life Ed van on site all week.
Code Club 3pm

Tuesday 29th May

Lit Club @ 12.30pm
Science ICAS

Wednesday 30th May

Choir @ 1pm
Ukulele @ 12.30pm
NYLD - Yr 8 students

Thursday 31st May

Kapahaka @ 8.00am

Friday 1st June

Assembly @ 11am

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

Term 2	Week 4	Monday 21/5 E-Learning Parent Evening - Cybersafety Wednesday 23/5 11am National Simultaneous Storytime 2018 Thursday 24/5 EPro8 Challenge Yr 7/8 @ Chisnallwood Friday 25/5 EPro8 Challenge Yr 5/6 @ Chisnallwood Friday 25/5 Ladies Night Fundraiser
	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
	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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Welcome to Our New Families

This morning we welcomed our new students and their families to our school at a lovely Welcome Assembly planned and run by Special Character leaders. Each family was presented with a bible to accompany them on their Faith Journey.

EPro8 Challenge - Engineer, Problem Solve, Innovate

This week we had two teams from St Francis take part in the EPro8 Challenge for the first time.

Our Year 7 & 8 team worked well together throughout their heat on Thursday night. They were in 2nd for much of the two and a half hours of competition. They survived a late surge from opposing teams and managed to finish in 4th equal. This means that they have qualified for the semi-finals which will be held towards the end of Term 2.



Kaupeka's Mini Golf Project

This term Mrs Cummings's maths group are planning and designing mini-golf holes. Through this project the group will be developing their skills in geometry and measurement. They are currently working through the design process. As part of this process half of the group visited Mitre 10 Mega Papanui last week in order to discuss materials, building plans and designs, and pricing. The group will be developing nine separate plans. These will be judged and three selected to be built. We are hoping to build them on the last day of Term 2.



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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**

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.

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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.

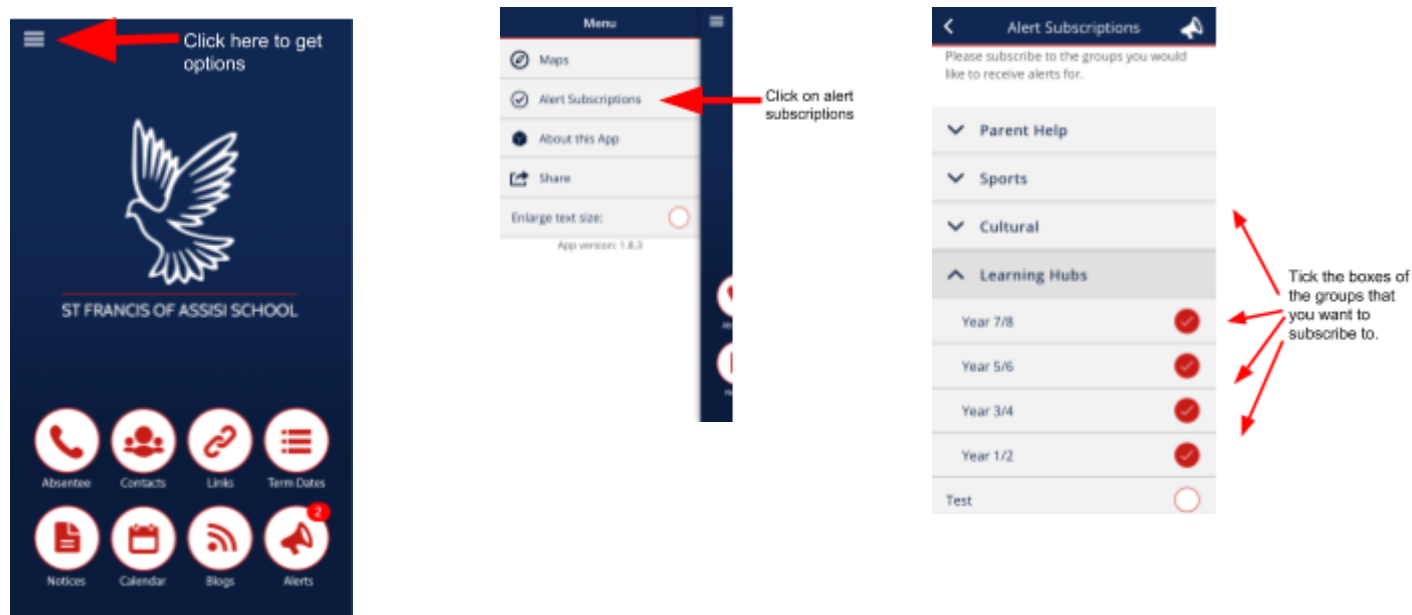
Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

School App

We have a personalised app for our school. This is a great way to get information pushed to you. All you need to do is download the app and subscribe to the groups your child belongs to and then you will receive text notifications. This is how we will contact the school community in the event of an emergency so we encourage you to download this app.

How do I subscribe to groups?

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BOT Update

The Education Review Office, ERO visited our school for several days earlier this year in February to do a New School Assurance Review. They spent time with the Senior Leadership Team, Staff, Students and Board. Following this they prepared a report on what they saw, experienced, questioned and reviewed. The final report has now been published on their website. It highlights the strong position our school is in, while reinforcing the strong culture of reviewing and reflecting in the school to endeavour to continue to improve. The following quote from the review highlights this.

"The school has established, and continues to refine high-quality systems to support students' learning. Teachers' practices support students to understand their learning. They

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have processes that develop students' skills in self-management and independence. Strong pastoral care systems focus on and enhance students' wellbeing."

Please follow the link below to see the rest for yourself.

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

New Board Member. Last night the Board welcomed their new proprietor's representative; Victoria Henstock. Victoria brings a wealth of experience from being on previous school boards and the Board looks forward to working with her.

Cheese Roll Fundraiser. At the weekend the PTA ran a very successful PTA Cheese Roll fundraiser. The wide range of participants, from students, past students, staff, parents and especially those from the PTA all working together towards a common goal showed the fabulous community spirit that made this successful. The main reason for this fundraiser is to equip our School Hall which continues to go up and is making good progress. We will soon be able to see the roof on this. To all involved in this fundraiser, from organising, to spreading cheese to ordering and eating; a big Thank You.

Jonathan McKenzie
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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 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>

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.

School Jackets

The jackets arrived this week and have been distributed to the children.

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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>

Lost Property

Lily Keenan lost her named school jersey on the last day of Term 1, please return to the office if found. Thanks

Sam McGuire's named school jacket is still missing. Sam only wore his jacket once. Please check your child's jacket to make sure they have the correct one. Thanks

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

Alex Lyons, Paiaka 1, has lost his named school jersey. Please return if found.

Zach Harnett has lost his Bulldogs rugby league ball, please return if found.

Music Lessons

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

Parish Notices

PTA News

St Francis of Assisi Catholic School PTA is fundraising with the Entertainment fundraiser this year, and we'd appreciate your continued support.

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership is expiring on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our fundraising by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our fundraising!

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valued over
\$2,300

Purchase your Membership by May 31, 2018
for your chance to WIN:

- \$1,000 Jetstar gift card for flights to Bali!
- 5 Nights at Amadea Resort & Villas
- World Assist Travel Insurance underwritten by QBE

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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

Entertainment Books

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Your children will be bringing home an Entertainment Book (unless you opted out). They have 1 week to sell these, if you do not wish to sell or unable to sell please return the envelope and book back to the office.

If you purchase a digital version you will still need to return your book to the office.

So here is your payment page link: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341q64>

Community News

Marian College

Our open night was held last week and we now have an open afternoon on: Monday 28 May 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. with principal's address at 1.00 p.m.

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 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.

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If you have any questions about this event, please contact Sharon O'Conner on stalbansmonsterfair@gmail.com

Thanks for your support

Looksmart Alterations

Repair and alterations of school uniforms. There are discount vouchers available from the school office.

Soul2Sole Fitness

If you are interested in yoga/Pilates courses, Yoga and Dance Workshops. Please contact Robyn Anderson 0274592553