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Sunday Gospel

Every Monday as part of our RE programme, all Hubs 'break open' the Sunday Gospel. The Gospel story is read and its message and relevance to our daily lives is discussed. By doing this, we are reinforcing the Gospel which was read at Mass on the Sunday and helping the students to strengthen their faith connection with the Church and Parish. We will put an outline of the Gospel message each week on our School Blog so that you as parents can also discuss this with your children and hear from them what they have been learning about.

What's Coming up? - He aha kei tua?

[Link to School Events Calendar](#)

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

Term 3	Week 2	Wed 1/8 NED Show (performance for whole school) Thurs 2/8 Young Vinnies Commissioning Mass 7pm Sports Awards 9:15 - 10:20.
	Week 3	
	Week 4	Last week of Winter Sport Tuesday 14 August School Mass Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption. (Instead of 15 August) Thursday 16/8 BOT Meeting in Staffroom. Thursday 16/8 Last day of weekly Winter Sport.
	Week 5	Wed 22/8 PTA Meeting in Staffroom Wed 22/8 Cantamath Team Competition Y7 4pm, Y8 5pm Thursday 23/8 Canterbury Primary Schools Winter Tournament Friday 24/8 SFOA Quiz Night
	Week 6	Wed 29/8 Strum Strike Blow Festival 7pm Thurs/ Fri 30/31 Last day for Year 5 - 8 basketball.
	Week 7	Swimming Lessons (Whole School) Cultural Festival Practice Tuesday Morning 4/9 Cultural Festival Wednesday Night performance 5/9
	Week 8	Swimming Lessons (Whole School)
	Week 9	Koru Games (Tues, Wed, Thurs) Year 7/8 Friday 21/9 Tumu Art Trips Fri 21/9 Year 7/8 water polo finishes for the term.
	Week 10	Tues 25/9 Kākano and Paiaka performance 11:00 - 1:00 and 6:00 - 8:00pm. Times may vary slightly. This will be

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		<p>confirmed later.</p> <p>Wed 26/9 Catholic Schools Lit Quiz @ St Francis</p> <p>Thurs 27/9 Tumu and Kaupeka performances 11:00 - 1:00 and 6:00 - 8:00pm. Times may vary slightly. This will be confirmed later.</p> <p>Thurs 27/9 Sports Awards.</p> <p>Friday 28/9 Tumu Art Trips</p>
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From the Principal - *Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki*

Principal Job Shadow

We have been hearing great things from Jo who has had her first week working alongside Wendy Moore at Golden Grove Primary School in Adelaide. Jo has already had great opportunities to work with our Australian counterparts and is being made to feel very welcome over there. Jo returns to St Francis on Monday 20 August. Wendy Moore will come to St Francis to work for the last four weeks of the term and will start here on the Monday 3 September.

Cycle Safety

Our Year 6 students had a very successful time this week working with the cycle safety team. They spent time on their bikes on the school grounds ensuring that they understood the road rules and how to cycle safely, before venturing onto our neighbouring streets. Well done to our Year 6 students!



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Mufti Mania

The school looked very colourful today and the students had a great afternoon of activities. Thanks to our PALs group for running this, we raised \$443.00 which will go towards assisting Apifo'ou College in Tonga to help bring back some sense of normality by repairing school classrooms and replacing lost teaching resources.



Proposed Strike Action Wednesday 15 August.

You may be aware that industrial action is planned for Wednesday 15 August as a result of principal and primary teacher union members response to the Ministry of Education industrial claim.

Members are currently voting on how long this action will take, with a possibility that this will be a full day strike, meaning that the Board of Trustees are likely to close the school on this day. Once the length of strike action is known you will be informed as soon as possible about what this means from a parent's perspective.

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Teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and while we are very aware that any action has an impact on you as parents, there are grave concerns for the future of quality public education in New Zealand and as such teachers have a belief that serious action is required.

There are three main parts to this discussion:

1. The first is about the need for more resources and staff to support children with additional learning and behavioural needs.
2. The second is about teacher shortage. There has been a 40% drop in teacher graduates in the past five years, while student numbers are growing rapidly. The quality of teaching is the single biggest in-school impact on children's progress and achievement, so it's important that we continue to attract high quality people into the teaching profession.
3. The third issue is pay. The profession has not had any significant pay rise in a decade. This translates as an under-valuing of our profession. With an increase in the number of teachers and principals leaving the profession, it is vital for the country's education sector that the best possible people are both attracted to, and stay in, the teaching profession.

During a strike it is the Board of Trustees decision whether to close the school. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā
Maire (acting principal)

The Ned Show

The Ned Show is visiting our school this Wednesday. The performance uses storytelling, humour, illusions and yo-yo tricks to inspire and motivate children to do their best every day and promotes positive attitudes. Along with the Show, the school is given resources to use with the students.



Our school gets the Show and the resources at no cost because we're hosting a Pay-It-Forward Sale. This means there will be Yo-yos and accessories available to purchase for the week after the show. Further information about this will be sent home early next week.

[The Ned Show](#)

Sports Awards.

The first of these will be held on Tuesday 31 July, 9:15 - 10:20 in the school library. At these awards athletes who placed in the school North Zone and Canterbury Sport Primary events of the following sports will be recognised: swimming, duathlon, gymnastics and cross country. These results will be posted on the sports blog for those who are unsure whether or not this applies to your child/children.

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Canterbury Primary School Metro Rugby

Congratulations to Jacob Burke who has been selected in the Canterbury Primary Schools Metro Under 48kg Rugby Team. Jacob is a very capable sportsman and we are very proud of his achievement and wish him all the best for his upcoming representative games.

Waterpolo

Congratulations to our A team who came second in their grade for the Term 2 competition, an outstanding effort for a novice team. The B team finished the round in style with a 4 all draw.

Good luck for the Term 3 competition.

Koru Games Sausage Sizzle

We will be holding a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 1 August. We are fundraising for our Year 7/8 students who will be attending Koru Games. This is a three day sporting event held in September. \$2.00 per sausage.

Scholastic Bookclub

Scholastic book club orders to be in by Friday 3 August. Thanks

Christchurch Schools Music Festival

Students in our School choir from **Years 5-8** will be participating in this year's Christchurch Schools Music Festival on **Wednesday 24th October**. Tickets are on sale from the beginning of this Term. You can buy tickets from Ticketek – either online or from Ticketek outlets.

Adult tickets cost \$22.00 and school age children are \$10.00 so the whole family should be able to support. [Full details are available here on the Festival website.](#)

School Notices - *Ngā pānui a te kura*

Accounts

School Jackets

The latest school jacket order is expected to be delivered in the next few weeks.

If you would like to order a school jacket, please fill out the following form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUy2>

PTA News

ST FRANCIS QUIZ NIGHT

We hope you have all saved the date for this fantastic event on "Friday 24th August"

Tickets are now on sale and available from the school office for \$20 per person (or a team of 6 for \$100)

This includes supper, we will also have a cash bar.

A reminder this is an R18 event!

Remember to start thinking about your team names as there are prizes for BEST TEAM NAME & BEST DRESSED TEAM

As well as Spot Prizes, Raffles and so much more.....

If you haven't already be sure to head to the PTA Event on Facebook SAVE the DATE- Quiz Night R18

As this will have lots about the upcoming event.

We are still looking for another Major Sponsor for the evening too- so if you think this might be you, please get in touch with us. For \$250 you will have your logo placed on all flyers, tickets and also be mentioned several times throughout the evening by our MC, as this is being opened up to the whole community and not just the school this is a great opportunity to get your brand out there.

Please contact Chantelle McCrostie if you are interested on chantelles@rocketmail.com

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QUIZ NIGHT R18 EVENT

CASH BAR

HEATON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL
125 HEATON ST, MERIVALE

TICKETS \$20 PER PERSON
INCLUDES SUPPER

MAX 6 PER TEAM - BOOK A TABLE FOR \$100

7:00PM
24TH
AUG

Prizes for Best Dressed Team, Best Team Name
 Raffles, Spot Prizes

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 NORTH CANTERBURY
 0800 641 146

YOUR LOGO HERE

Parish News

Celebrating Grandparents Mass

Grandparents Day
Bring your grandparents to
Mass this Sunday

9am and 10:30am Mass
 Blessing for Grandparents
 9am Mass school choir
 singing
 Morning tea following
 9am Mass



From the parish office: We have, this week, invoiced out Term 3 Attendance Dues/Special Character Contributions. These fees are payable under the conditions of enrolment for your

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child/children at St Francis of Assisi Catholic School. Term 3 invoices are due for payment to the parish office by 20th August 2018. If you have not received an invoice directly into your email account, please check it has not gone into spam/junk. As always – if you think you will have difficulty meeting your obligation to pay this account, please contact me at the office so I can arrange for you to meet with Father Simon to discuss whether the parish can assist you. Kirsten Tester, Parish Secretary – 385 3459.

Music Lessons

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



Belfast Netball Club SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING CAMP

Belfast Netball Courts
17th & 18th July 9 am – 4 pm

- Cost \$40/player per single day or \$70/player if enrolling for both days
- Morning & Afternoon Tea provided
- Please bring
 - Packed lunch
 - Water bottle
 - Change of clothes
- Open for the following groups
 - Years 4-6
 - Years 7-8
 - Years 9-10
 - Years 11-13
- Spaces are limited so get in quick, registrations close Wed 11th July

www.belfastnetball.co.nz

To register your interest please email:
belfastnetballchc@gmail.com



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