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From the Board of Trustees:

The NZEI has advised the St Francis of Assisi Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15 August 2018 for the full day. The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike as the school will need to close during this strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

God bless

Jonathan MacKenzie (Board Chairperson)

Mass Timetable

Each Friday a Hub attends the Parish Mass at 9.15am. Parents are warmly invited to join us. Below is the timetable for this term, please check Hub blogs as teams either go as a whole or in homebases.

3 Aug	10 Aug	14 Aug	24 Aug	31 Aug	7 Sept	14 Sept	21 Sept	28 Sept
Kākano	Tumu	Whole School	Paiaka	Kaupeka	Tumu	Paiaka	Kākano	Kaupeka

Young Vinnies

Last night members of our Young Vinnies Group attended the Commissioning Mass, celebrated by Bishop Paul and Fr. Chris Orr. During this Mass, our Young Vinnies took the commissioning pledge, received their badge and were welcomed as SVDP members. We are very proud of the way our Young Vinnies group live out our value of Service.



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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 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 confirmed later. Wed 26/9 Catholic Schools Lit Quiz @ St Francis 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. Thurs 27/9 Sports Awards. Friday 28/9 Tumu Art Trips

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From The Principal:

Principal Awards

Kākano	Paiaka	Tumu	Kaupeka
Willow Hart Sophia Foley Sam McGuire Ari Burroughs Lola Sowman Jaxson Russell Kevin Nguyen Olivia Holden	Jiwoo Ahn Max Bell Sid Lapojapo Nikita Smith Louis Burke Charlie Lingard Taine Wallace Jasmine Widdowson	Sam Bishop Katrina coronel Eilish Dew Maxwell Francis Megan Swain Cory Adams Zoe Nelson Brynn Keown	Oscar Bekhuis Charlotte Lyons Taylor Fahey Tiana Purdon Ethan de Vries Phoebe Stanton

Supporting our local team!



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From The NZEI:

IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future**

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The Ned Show

The children were treated to an entertaining show on Wednesday. Kristy the presenter expertly incorporated some amazing yoyo tricks into her story. The message that she was putting across in her storytelling was: Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best.

Our children were enthralled - some Paiaka children going as far as saying that it was the best show they had ever seen! The show was free for our students. As part of the 'paying it forward' process, yoyo's are for sale (until the end of next week). The proceeds of these sales enable the show to be taken to other schools and offered for free.



Sports Awards.

Congratulations to all those students who received awards on Tuesday. Athletes who placed in the school North Zone and Canterbury Sport Primary events of the following sports were recognised: swimming, duathlon, gymnastics and cross country.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā

Maire (acting principal)

Koru Games Sausage Sizzle

We will be holding a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 8th 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.

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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*

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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Parish News

Welcome Mass for new school families

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.

Music Lessons

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

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