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

Term 3	Week 1	Cycle Safety begins for Year 6 Wednesday 25/7 PTA Meeting in Staffroom Friday 27/7 Mufti Mania (more info soon)
	Week 2	NED Show (performance for whole school)
	Week 3	
	Week 4	Last week of Winter Sport Thursday 16/7 BOT Meeting in Staffroom
	Week 5	Wed 22/7 PTA Meeting in Staffroom Thursday 23/8 Canterbury Primary Schools Winter Tournament
	Week 6	Wed 29/7 Strum Strike Blow Festival
	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
	Week 10	Wed 26/9 Catholic Schools Lit Quiz @ St Francis Friday 28/9 Tumu Art Trips

Faith Facts

Pope Francis said, *"The church is like a bicycle -- it stays upright as long as it keeps moving."* On the 24th April, during his address at the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, Pope Francis said, *"The church is like a bicycle -- it stays upright as long as it keeps moving."* He prayed: "May we know how to open ourselves to new things, but only those that come from God. May he grant us, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, the grace to discern the signs of the times in order to make the decisions that we need to make in that moment."



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Young Vinnies

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From the Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaiki

Mid Winter Breakfast

This has been an action packed term and what a fabulous way to finish it off with the Mid Winter Breakfast organised by our wonderful PTA. This is always such an amazing community event and today was no different. Thanks so much to our PTA for organising this.

I hope you were able to stay long enough to see our amazing Jump Jam team - they have been working hard all term under the direction of Miss Smith-Palmer. What an amazing display - thanks so much for sharing your talents! This team will submit their video application for the Jump Jam competition sometime next term and we wish them well!

The Band was another wonderful addition to the morning - this group of students meet at 8am every Friday morning to practise under the direction of Miss Hansen. What a fantastic display of talent - thank you for sharing. I know that this team are preparing for competitions in Term 3 as well and we look forward to seeing how well they will do!

Principal Awards

This week I was delighted to award these students with principal awards. Ka rawe!

Kākano Alexi Caldwell Eli Walker Rome Treliving Van Garcia Alexis Robertson Sean Tobeza Calystah Hall Rosy Haines	Paiaka Ava Gibbard Leo Anderson Gabrielle Alolor Chloe Neves- Graham Noah Ruardy Mason Roberts Lincoln Bryce Amelia Wright	Tumu Zoe Nelson Matias Fraher Hannah Kent McConigley Alice Geary Charlotte O'Brien Joseph Burke Ethan Sandys William Leech	Kaupeka Jacob Burke Ruby Merrylees Connor Smith Jorja Walshe Tamera Adams Ethan Beetar
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Principal Job Shadow

I have been very lucky to be offered the opportunity to work alongside another principal in Adelaide next term. I will be working alongside Wendy Moore at Golden Grove Primary School in Adelaide for the first four weeks of term and I will return 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. I know that there will be many things that we will learn from each other that will benefit both our school communities. I intend to blog about my experiences - so if you want to follow along, check out my blog from time to time throughout the time I am away.

While I am away Maire Bowler will be the Acting Principal ably supported by our other deputy principal Rebecca Methven. - Ka kite, Jo

St Francis of Assisi Tech Weeks

This week and last week students across the Kākano and Paiaka hubs spent time with the SFOA Googlers learning how to use Scratch (Coding) and experimenting with robotics. We can't wait to see how these students use these new skills next term. Across the week we also held a Google Drawing Competition and ran Kahoots in the Library with a range of exciting prizes for the winners of both. Check out the photos below.



Maker Space - Request for Wood

Our maker space is proving very popular and we are fast running out of wood supplies. If you have a source of untreated timber (up to H1.2 is ok) we would really like to hear from you. We are looking for any offcuts but also: 70 x 35 (ceiling battons), 90 x 45 (4 x 2), and 140 x 35 - Please let us know if you can help with this.

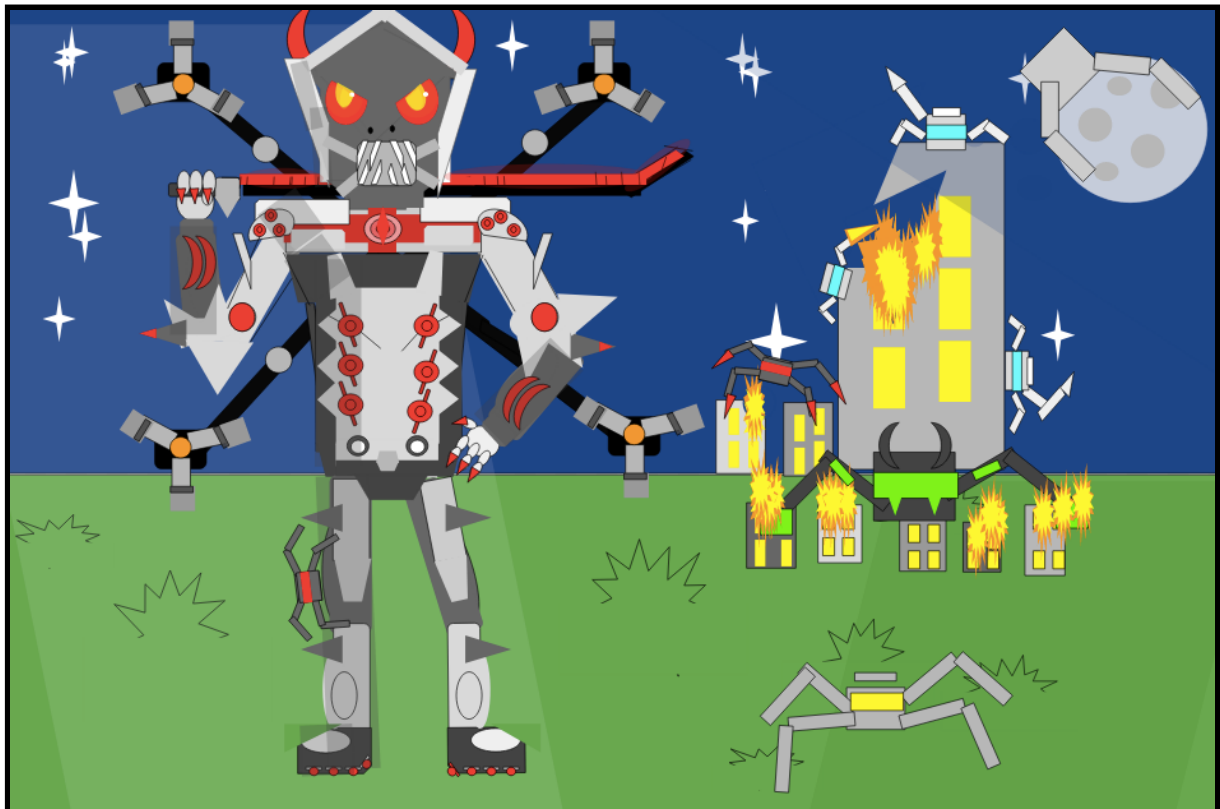
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Sir Peter Blake Trust Young Leaders Award

Congratulations to Liana Borkus who was presented this award at assembly today. Sir Peter Blake is widely recognised as one of New Zealand's greatest leaders. He believed in the incredible potential of young kiwis to achieve great things and the Young Leader Award celebrates students who demonstrate outstanding leadership.

Congratulations Jasper Parsonson

As mentioned above we had a Google Drawing Competition as a part of our tech weeks here at school. This week we were proud to announce Jasper Parsonson was the overall winner. Winning himself a pair of VR Goggles. Congratulations also to Anabelle Brown and Kayla Webb, who placed second and third.



Jasper's Winning Google Drawing

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Congratulations EPro8

Our Year 5/6 EPro 8 team represented St Francis in the finals held at Linwood College on Wednesday.

They didn't place in the finals however we were so proud of their efforts.

To get into the finals in the first year we have entered the competition is an amazing feat! Well done!

Tipu - Te Reo Māori Rōpū

<https://goo.gl/forms/a4h14YP19QR6l4SY2>

Last chance to join this group.

Studies show that children with better language skills, in any language, are more likely to:

- Develop their brain better.
- Have stronger bonds with their parents
- Have better communication skills.
- Be better prepared for school.

Learning two languages is like a mental work-out; it boosts brain power. Studies show that being bilingual makes the brain stronger, mainly in the areas of LANGUAGE, MEMORY and ATTENTION.

Last year we trialled this app with a small group of willing participants to help us learn Te Reo. The group met once a week and used the app during the week to support what we were learning.

This year we are extending the offer to a larger group of students. For the rest of this year all students in Year 5-8 will have free access to this app (school will cover the charge).

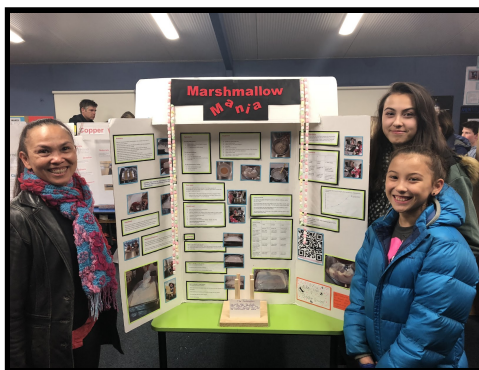
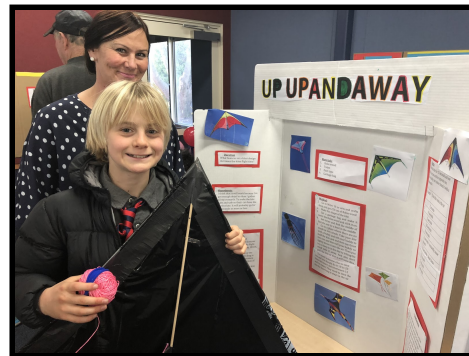
Also - As an extra we will be running a group that will meet each week to learn Te Reo. If your children are in Year 5-8 and you would like them to be part of this group please submit this form.

Please submit the form for each child if you have more than one. Any queries about this group please email principal@stfrancisshch.school.nz

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Kaupeka Science Fair

This Wednesday we saw a fantastic showcase of learning from the Kaupeka Hub, with their Science Fair. It was clearly evident how much effort the children have put into their projects throughout the term. Thank you to all those who came in to view the learning. It was great to have such a big audience.



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Sports News

Representative Netball

Congratulations Liana Borkus who has been successful in being selected into the Canterbury Metro B Team. We are so proud of you Liana - an outstanding achievement!

Water Polo Final

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 A Water Polo team, who have made the D Grade Finals, which will be played tonight at Jellie Park - Good luck team! We would love for you all to come along and watch - would be great to have some support at the pool.

School Notices - Ngā pānui a te kura

Accounts

Your Term 2 statements were emailed or sent home last week. You will be able to view these from your parent portal now that these have gone live. 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 Water Polo 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).

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>

Lost Property

There are a LARGE number of winter jackets in lost property. If your child has lost a jacket from the end of last term or in this term it may be here!! Please come into the office and check! There is also a large selection of other items including uniform, lunch boxes and drink bottles and shoes.

Mia Blackley has lost her named school jersey. Please return to the office if found.

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PTA News

School Hall

St Francis of Assisi Catholic School PTA is raising funds to help fit out our new hall with the equipment that will be needed by our students once they can start using the space.

Here's how you can help... Help us raise funds for our fundraising by buying an Entertainment Membership, and you can enjoy value the whole family will love these school holidays. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers to keep the kids 'entertained' and help our fundraising at the same time.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341q64>

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 25th July between 2.50pm - 3.15pm.

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.

Community Notices - Ngā pānui a te hapori

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



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:
belfastnetballchch@gmail.com



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