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

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

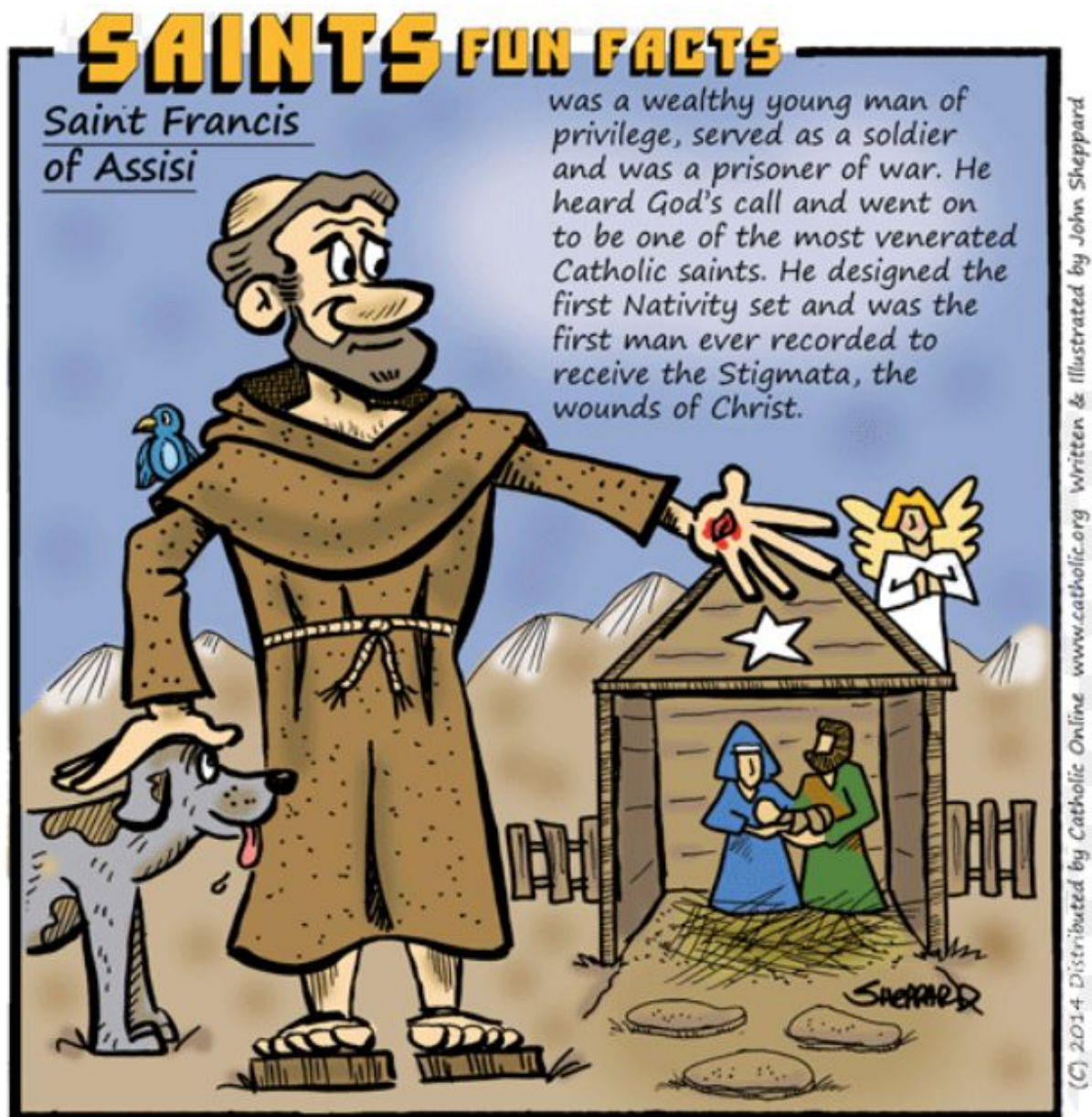
Date	Event
Monday 22 October	Labour Day
Tues 23 October	Official Opening of Hall 10am
Wed 24 October	Area Music Rehearsal Music Festival Performance (evening)
Thurs 25 October	School Athletics
Friday 26 October	Assembly @ 11am
Tues 30 October	Pp Athletics
Tues 30 October	Mindlab Presentation - Francis Valintine
Thur 1 November	All Saints Mass Kids in Town 11 - 2pm BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 2 November	School Photos
Saturday 3 November	Jump Jam Competition
Wed 7 November	North Zone Athletics
Friday 9 November	Assembly
Friday 16 Nov	Show Day - School Closed
Wed 21 November	Tough Kids Challenge
Thursday 22 November	Jubilate Mass (only choir involved)
Friday 23 November	Assembly @ 11am
Tues 27 Nov	Kapa haka Celebration Tumu Beach Ed
Wed 28 Nov	Canterbury Primary Sport Triathlon Tumu Beach Ed
Tues 4 Dec	Market Day

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Wed 5 Dec	Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics
Friday 7 Dec	Assembly @ 11am
Tues 11 Dec	Year 7 Leadership Day Year 8 Retreat Day Sports Awards
Mon 17 Dec	1pm Junior Prizegiving 6pm Senior Prizegiving More information to come
Tues 18 Dec	Last day of school year - School Mass @ 11am School finishes at 12pm

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Special Character



Official Hall Opening

On Tuesday 23 October at 10am Bishop Paul Martin will officiate at the Official opening of our hall. You are all invited to join us for this event. We are so excited to now have the use of our hall and have already held a couple of events in it. Over the holidays the appliances were installed in the kitchen and by the end of next week the new sound equipment will also be installed. Thanks so much to the PTA for their support with all of this!

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**From the Principal Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki
Welcome back!**



It was great to welcome everyone back this week and also great to welcome all of our new students and their families. We welcomed them all into our school community today with a wonderful liturgy that also celebrated the Feast day of St Francis (October 4th).



The students had a fun day today working in their whanau groups participating in activities that helped them learn a little bit more about our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. In the afternoon the students playing games in their whanau groups all organised by our Year 8 students.

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All the students were also offered a free sausage sizzle at lunchtime as well. Thanks so much to everyone involved in making today a very cool way to finish the week.

Athletics

We will be holding the School Athletics on Thursday 25 October at Rawhiti Domain. Information will be emailed to you about this very soon.

Speech Finals

Two of our students competed in the Rotary Club Inter School speech competitions this week. The speeches were all of a very high calibre. We are very proud of Lily Fahey (Yr 5) and Emily Chambers (Yr 6), both of whom received a Highly Commended Placing.



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 2nd November, 2018. You should have received a pamphlet with information explaining about the online ordering system. Family/sibling envelopes are available from the office. Any queries please call the office.

Book Fair

In Week 3 of Term 4, we are holding our Scholastic Book Fair. This is a great opportunity to get a bit of Christmas shopping done! We will require some parents to work at the book fair in the mornings before school for about 30 minutes and again in the afternoons for about 30 minutes. Please see Louise MacKay if you are able to assist with this.

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[School Calendar](#)

This link will take you to our School Events Calendar. We have also put all the upcoming dates into the table above in the newsletter. We will keep this updated for you but feel free to ring the office if you have any queries.

Prizegiving

This year we are going to trial holding two separate prize givings. They will be held in our hall onsite - the first time we will have been able to do this since the school opened.

The Junior Prizegiving will be held on Monday 17 December at 1pm and the Senior Prizegiving will be held on Monday 17 October at 6pm.

All children are expected to attend their event. Kapa haka, Choir and Jump Jam will perform at each event. More information to follow.

Summer Uniform

Children are now expected to be in summer uniform. Can you please ensure that your child has a sunhat. In Term 4 and Term 1 all children are expected to wear a hat when outside. No hat - no play! This is for your child's safety so please support us with this rule.

Road Patrol

Just a reminder to everyone about using the crossing. Please use the walkway that is marked out in the carpark with yellow paint. These rules are for your child's safety - please support us by role modelling this for them.

[Website](#)

We now have a new website and we encourage you to check it out when you can. There is an a-z of information which we hope will answer many of your queries. If you find there is anything missing let us know - we can add it straight away. There are parts of the new website that are not quite finished however if you experience any glitches at all - please let us know so that we can fix them straight away.

2019 Dates

Dates for the 2019 school year have been decided. The first day of school will be Thursday 31 January. Term dates are as follows:

Term 1: Thursday 31 January - Friday 12 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 2 July

Term 3: Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December (TBC)

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2019 Organisation

We are starting to work on organisation for 2019. If you know that your child will not be returning to St Francis of Assisi in 2019 it would be helpful if you could let us know.

Numbers have an effect on numbers of staff, placement of students and also which learning spaces each Hub will be learning in, so early notification is really helpful and we thank you for your consideration with this.

Lost Property

Liam Pagsanjan has lost his named school jersey on the first day of this term. Please return if found.

If your child has any lost clothing items, they could perhaps be found in the lost property box in Rm 9. We do encourage you to name all of your child's clothing so that we can return lost items to them.

School Jackets

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

<https://goo.gl/forms/9Um9FoSSG4u9ZEUY2>

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.	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 Shirley District Music School Semester 2 2018 Enrolments SDMS (Shirley District Music School) is opening up enrolments for semester 2 for: `Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet.	

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Consideration will be given for Guitar, Keyboard, Percussion, Piano & Violin if the teacher has any available spaces.

Some lessons can be given in your school , others would be at Shirley Intermediate after school. Tuition fees for Semester 2: \$80.00

To enrol for tuition please see the SDMS website and search for enrolments

For more information please contact

Janet Simon

SDMS Acting Music Director, Flute & Recorder Teacher

Phone: 323 6502 or 027 312 4562 Email: flutecookjanet.simon@gmail.com

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there.
- To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

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