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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 |
|--------------|--|
| Fri 23 Nov | Fish 'n' Chip Tea |
| Tues 27 Nov | Kapa haka Celebration Tumu Beach Ed |
| Wed 28 Nov | Canterbury Primary Sport Triathlon Tumu Beach Ed |
| Thurs 29 Nov | Kākano/ Paiaka Pool Day |
| Fri 30 Nov | Tumu/ Kaupeka Pool Day |
| Tues 4 Dec | Market Day |
| Wed 5 Dec | Canterbury Primary Sport Athletics |
| Fri 7 Dec | Assembly @ 11am |
| Tues 11 Dec | Year 7 Leadership Day Year 8 Retreat Day Sports Awards |
| Wed 12 Dec | Year 8 Leavers Dinner 6pm |
| 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 |

Special Character

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of hope, expectancy and, particularly the last nine days, preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The Advent colour is violet. Click on this link to find out more about the [Advent Season](#).



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Principal Awards 9/11/18 & 23/11/18

| Kākano | Paiaka | Tumu | Kaupeka |
|--|--|---|---|
| Charlotte Neilson Ryder Sloane Madison Essig Webb Miriam Newton Alexi Caldwell Rome Treliving Daniel Chukwuemeka Millie Thoms Ainsley McBeth-Hartshorne Sophie Dolera Charlie Lissaman | Leo Anderson Lily Keenan Isaac McTague Benjamin Robb Quinn Brocherie Millie Berhault Romeo Vaiese Natalia Jackson | Grace Armstrong Aleigha Tabanas-Charles Ella Wall Chanelle Anngow Mostyn Brown Flynn Anderson Nathel Wijemuni William Inwood | William Coombes Olivia Toomey Penny Johnson Methuli Ranasinghe Arachchige Tremaine Blackwell Jelena Middlemiss Katie Finn |

| Kākano | Paiaka | Tumu | Kaupeka |
|---|---|---|---|
| Archie Meates Leo McTague Monica Bell Indiana Sweeney Audrey Guckert Maximus Quirke Lilly Kent Joel Humphries Thomas Toomey Keyarah MacKechnie- Brown Ivy Facoor Ava Robertson | Zac Kelly Nikita Smith Chydale Chukwuemeka Willow Boyce Sophie Bishop Sophia Ucol Louis Burke Julia Flanagan | Samantha Dolera Sam Bishop Makayla Ruaiti Megan Swain Lewis Cleghorn Petra Eveleigh Lucas Coe Bethany Andrew | Ethan Middlemiss Malia Dungey Charlotte Hall Alex Tino Ethan Beetar Grace van den Heever |

From the Principal - Te Pū kaea a te Tumuaki

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Kia ora koutou e te whanau

The end of the year is fast approaching and things are getting very busy. Please make sure you have all the dates marked in your diary. Last week was a short week with the strike and Show Day disrupting the flow - hence no newsletter last week and a jam packed one this week.

Fish 'n' Chip Evening - Friday 23 November

This event has been postponed - the weather was not looking great - we will get back to you with a new date as soon as we have organised it!

Young Vinnies Reverse Advent Calendar

This year the Young Vinnies group are running a Reverse Advent Calendar for our school. This is an appeal that reaches out to those in our community less fortunate than ourselves by giving gifts or xmas food items for Christmas. We are running this during Monday 3rd December and Monday 18th December. We will be asking for donations of either a small gift (wrapped and labelled with either "girl", "boy" or "unisex" and a suitable age), or a xmas food item (non perishable) please. These gifts will be distributed to families less fortunate than ourselves in our local community. We see this as a lovely way to bring some joy to the Christmas season while providing an act of service within our community. We thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, please see Louise MacKay.

Year 8 Dinner

The Year 8 Leavers' Dinner will be held on Wednesday 12 December at the Papanui Club. We will email out more information to year 8 parents and look forward to seeing you there.

1:1 Chromebook Programme

In 2017 we rolled out a very successful 1:1 Chromebook programme for all students from Year 5-8 here at St Francis. The slides from this presentation are available on this link. Last week we held a Parent evening for the parents of 2019 Year 5 students as these children will be entering this programme next year.

All children in Year 5-8 next year will need a Chromebook. We are committed to only using chromebooks as experience has shown us that having multiple devices is problematic. Having one device means that teachers and students are working from one platform.

Students owning their own chromebooks is our preference as this means they are able to learn anytime/anywhere. We are working with the Uru Mānuka Trust to present some purchasing options for you and are grateful for your patience around this. We will send out the purchasing information as soon as we have it to hand.

If your child already has a device and you don't want to purchase a chromebook, we will have a limited pool of devices available at school, however these will only be allowed to be used in class time and cannot be taken home.

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Project Based Learning

This term all of the hubs are doing their project based learning about various forms of entrepreneurialism. For the younger children this looks like creating saleable products out of recycled products. The older children are learning about marketing and supply and demand. The different hubs are focussing on different themes; Christmas, Science, Food. The celebration of all of this learning will be on Tuesday 4 Dec with a School Market Day. It will begin after Mass at 10:00.am. You are all warmly invited to come and purchase goods and take part in activities in this student led affair.

Pool Days

These days are marked on the What's Coming up schedule. Keep an eye out on your child's hub blog for details. The Year 1 - 4 children are going to Waltham Pool on Thursday 29 November and the Year 5 - 8 children on Friday 30 November. This is an end of year social event and celebration of the year. Families are welcome to join us at the pool. Please contact your child's teacher if you can offer parent help.

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.

Kapa haka Festival @ Mairehau High School

The Kapa haka group will be walking down to Mairehau High School on Tuesday afternoon to perform in a Kapa haka celebration with other schools in our cluster. We will return to school by 3pm. We are aware that there are some students going on the Tumu Beach Ed trip that will not be able to attend the celebration this year.

They will still get a chance to perform at the end of the year at the prizegivings.

School fees

Thank you to those families who have paid your accounts in full or are continuing to make payments. There are a number of accounts where little or no payments have been made this year. The end of the school year is coming up quickly and if you have made no payments on your account your urgent attention to this would be appreciated. If you are experiencing difficulties please phone the office to talk to Jo or Pauline. Follow up phone calls will be made in the first week of December.

Reporting to Parents

Just a reminder that reporting to parents is very different this year to what it has been in the past. You need to log on to your child's digital report to access any information about their learning.

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Periodically during the term you will have been receiving email notifications to alert you to new achievement information that has been posted for your child/ children.

Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this digital reporting system.

We are aiming to provide you with up to four updates per term. When you receive the email confirmation you can click on the blue link and it will take you straight to the piece of work or evidence, a faster process than going to your log in.

Teachers update the progressions regularly so keep an eye on the curriculum circles at least once a term so that you can see your child's progress as they work towards their goals.

If you are having any trouble with logging into the report please let us know as we can reset your password and ensure that you have access.

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.

Scholastic Book club

Last issue for the year went home yesterday and it's your last chance for some Christmas gifts!! Orders close next Friday to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

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)

School Jackets

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

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

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For Sale

Marian College Uniform

New look CCC PE shorts x 2 (size 30 & 32) would be size 6 & 8 \$15.00 each

PE Top size 10 - \$10

Asics Blue Track pants Girls size 14 - \$15.00

Red Tie - \$5.00

Fluffy scarves x 2 - \$5.00 each

Winter Cream Blouse x 2 size 12 - \$10.00 each

Marian Cardigan (new) size 10 - \$35.00

Marian Winter Kilt with kilt pin size 8 to 10 - \$50.00

(has been dry-cleaned)

Welcome for anyone to come and try on. (Travis Country area)

Please contact Jo on 0274353545.



Parish End of Year Celebration

All Welcome

Sunday 9th Dec
2pm
School Hall

Celebrate the year
Farewell Fr Paul
Wish Fr Simon well for his
time away

Bring a small plate if you are able

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.

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

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

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

• **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

MHERC are frequently funded to offer free community workshops, this November we are hosting two free parenting workshops and are wanting to reach the community as effectively as possible.

If you find that these workshops may be applicable to you, please register through the following links:

<https://mherc.arlo.co/courses/340-managing-anxiety-and-building-resilience-in-your-children>

<https://mherc.arlo.co/courses/341-managing-anxiety-and-building-resilience-in-your-teens>

Managing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Your Children and Teens

Dates: Children focused workshop - Tuesday 13 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm Teen focused workshop - Tuesday 27 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Cost: Free (Cancellation fee may apply)

Venue: MHERC, 116 Marshland Road, Shirley, Christchurch **Refreshments provided**

This workshop will help participants to understand anxiety in children and teens. Learn about different strategies and skills to help your young person manage anxiety/stress, and help them build resiliency.

- Understand how anxiety works in the body and mind
- Feel more confident to manage anxiety in your young people
- Understand resilience and building resilience in your children/teens
- Parenting strategies and skills to support children/teens
- Share and discuss with other parents and build shared knowledge in a confidential setting
- Take-away resources and ideas

Oscar School Holiday Programme

17th - 21st December 2018, 14th - 18th January 2019 & 21st - 25th January 2019

Gymsports Programme

For ages 5 -14 years

9am - 3pm Mon-Fri \$160

(\$40 per day)

8.30am - 5.00pm \$240

(\$60 per day)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

WINZ subsidies apply

Holiday Programme activities include Christmas, Desert Oasis and By the Sea themed weeks of Gymnastics, Trampoline, Crafts, Baking & Games etc

For more information or to enroll please see our website www.chchgymnastics.com or phone us on 03 3886616