



16 February 2017



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Issue No. 3



Shared Prayer

Room 2 will lead our Shared Prayer tomorrow, Friday 17 February. All welcome to join us in the Church at 2.40pm.

Opening Mass

Thank you for your participation in the Mass and BBQ on Sunday. It was a great get together. Special thank you to the PTA for organising the BBQ and to all the willing helpers. It was a great celebration.

Dates to Remember

- ☺ Shared Prayer tomorrow, Friday 17 February.
- ☺ Parent Teacher Interviews on 8 and 9 March.
- ☺ Junior Swimming Week 6, 6—10 March.
- ☺ Parents Information and Curriculum Meeting on 2 March.



Cycling Years 4, 5 and 6

We are still looking for helpers to transport bikes to and from Marlow Park on 9 March. If you can help please complete the form below and return to the office. Thank you.

I can help transport _____ bikes to Marlow Park on Thursday 9 March.

Name: _____





Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 8 March

2.15pm - 5.00pm and 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday 9 March

3.15 - 5.00pm

Please note: School will close at 2.00pm on Wednesday 8 March to allow for interviews. School will finish for Room 1 and 2 pupils when they return from their swimming lessons.

Information on booking interviews will be advised soon.



Otago Primary Schools

Swimming Championships

Any parents interested in their children competing in the Otago Swimming Championships to be held on Saturday 25 March, please see Craig for qualifying times and entry.



Junior Swimming

Junior Swimming is scheduled for Week 6, 6 —10 March.

Times of Swimming are:

Room 3	1.00pm	(leaving school 12.45pm)
Room 2	1.30pm	(leaving school 1.15pm)
Room 1	2.00pm	(leaving school 1.45pm)

If you are able to help with rides to and from the pool please let the classroom teacher know. Thank you.



PTA Lunch

Saveloy n bread \$2.00

Calciyum \$1.00

Please bring your order to the office by 9.00am. Cash orders are to be in a named envelope with room number and their order.

McDonalds Receipts

We are collecting any McDonalds receipts. Any future purchases you have from Dunedin restaurants keep the receipt and bring them in to the office. Our school redeems the receipts and McDonalds gives us vouchers back. These are great to use as giveaways and prizes. Thank you.



Parish Mass

Mass is held at 9.30am every Sunday and includes a special Children's Liturgy.

Altar servers for 19 February are:

Levi Tainui and Jack Merrison

Education Review Office Review

The Education Review Office is carrying out our external review next week. They will begin on Monday. The last review was held three years ago in 2014.



Sports Notices

We have registered players this year using Google doc. Information and cost could be found by following the link. Payment can be made to the office by cash or cheque or online 12-3150-0160900-00.

If you have not done so already please pay for your child's sports fees prior to the sport starting.

Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby starts on Thursday 23 February At the Oval.
The draw will be in the office window once we receive it.



Futsal

Futsal starts on Wednesday 22 February at the Edgar Centre.
The draw will be in the office window once we receive it.



Flippaball

The draw will be in the office window once we receive it.



St Francis Xavier School PTA Information

- ☺ A big thank you to all those wonderful people who helped cooked breakfast on Sunday. The help was greatly appreciated.
- ☺ It was wonderful to see some new faces at our meet and greet on Sunday after Mass. It would be wonderful to see some of you joining our PTA this year, as we try to increase our numbers, remember there is no pressure to take on any jobs, but new faces often means new ideas which are always welcome.
- ☺ To help increase numbers on the PTA this year, it was thought that we would have monthly meetings during school terms, but these would alternate throughout the year, one after school meeting then the next month an evening meeting. This will hopefully cater to those who can't make evening meetings and vice versa.
- ☺ First official meeting will be held in Room 1 on Tuesday 21 February at 3:30pm. There will be older Kavanagh children there to keep an eye on the children in the playground, also with meeting in Room 1 we will be able to keep an eye out.
- ☺ Second meeting will be held on a Tuesday evening in March. This will start at 7.00pm and be held in the Staffroom. The exact date to be advised after the meeting on the 21 February.

Board of Trustees News

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday night, Andrea Chisholm was re-appointed as Chairperson. We thank Andrea for carrying out this important role.

The Board also discussed and approved plans including the Annual Plan and a Report on the Survey we held last December. Copies of these are available from the office.

The Estate of Rena Clarke generously donated \$2,500 to our school and it was decided to use this to purchase four more i-pads for the children to use. Thank you to the Bryant family for supporting this.

Occasionally we need to deal with incidents of poor behaviour of pupils, either in school or out of school. Often other parents would like to know how the incident was dealt with. We run into confidentiality issues if we publish this information so if you would like to discuss these type of issues please see Craig or a teacher.

Be assured that we work hard to bring about behaviour changes.



Weetbix Tryathlon Sunday 5 March 2017

The Dunedin event is scheduled for **Sunday 5th March 2017**.

We are now registered as a school and that will put us in the draw to win some amazing prizes. You can still register online until 27 February. After that date you have to register on the day at the event.

This event is open to children 7 years and over. Children can enter as individuals or in pairs – if entering as a team you will need to consider your team name prior and both participants will enter when completing registration, along with confirmation of who is swimming and riding.

1. Go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz or click on the link to go directly to the school link:
<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/10/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/aa13a5b1-011e-4a16-ae81-542900e0877a>

Then select Dunedin Event and St Francis Xavier School and select YES to link to school.

2. Alternatively if you are unable to enter online you can collect a registration form from the office.

If you are new to the school this is a fun event suitable for all levels – we generally have around 30 children enter and as the children are staggered in start times the focus is on participation and completion.

Check out the webpage for training tips.

Any questions around this event or registration please contact our school coordinator Tracy Turner on 021 167 7614 or email gutsa21@gmail.com.



Parents Meeting Thursday 2 March, Room 4 5.00pm

Staff members will outline our work and procedures for RESTORATIVE PRACTICE. We are a Restorative Practice School and it is important we all understand the process.

While the meeting is on children can push or pedal their wheels around the challenge circuit on the courts. The meeting will finish by 6.00pm to allow families time to go home for tea.



Safe Cycling

The Safe Cycling Unit commenced on Tuesday this week and will culminate with a cycling trip to Marlow Park on 9 March.





A Prayer

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the Shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.

Family Groups

Our Family Groups held a successful picnic lunch last Friday. The Group Leaders purchased some treats for their group and had a fun time sharing these with their group.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21 February at 3.30pm. The meeting will be held in Room 1.





Join the Youth Group

*Hills Youth Group
(for students from Year 6 - Year 10)*

*St Francis Xavier Parish Centre
Sunday 19th February 2017
4pm - 5.30pm*

Please bring a gold coin or a plate of food (i.e. bag of chips, packet of biscuits, baking etc) to contribute to supper, thank you.

Years 11, 12 & 13 are welcome to come along to support the leaders

Quote of the Week

“You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be world to one person”.....

***Mā te Atua Koe e maanaki
God Bless
Craig and the School Team***

