

17th June 2010



Newsletter No 17

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

Assembly

We have a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Year 3 pupils have been preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The celebration will be held at 7.00pm next Tuesday 22nd June. We pray that this is a special and prayerful celebration for these children.

Gifted and Talented Children

When we consulted our school community last year we confirmed our definitions as: _

Gifted pupils are those who are excelling or show potential for excelling in a range of areas, relative to their peers.

Talented pupils are those who are excelling or show potential for excelling in a limited (particular) field, relative to their peers.

This is Gifted Awareness Week and to mark this, the NZ Association for Gifted Children is running a competition for Primary children. Entry information is available at the office.

- Year 0-3 provide a story, poem or artwork on friendship,
- Year 4-6 provide a story poem or artwork (or digital photo of artwork) on the theme 'Through the Keyhole'
- In addition to this year 6- 8 Gifted and Talented children can do a 5 day programme at the Marine Studies centre in September and October. Cost is \$275. Entry information is at the office.

Family Groups



Our Family groups each designed a flag during their activity time last Friday. The winning design team was

↑ Aimee's Family Group. The leaders are doing a great job of helping their groups work together.

National Monitoring Project

Teenaka has been selected to carry out testing in schools as part of the National education Monitoring Project (NEMP) and we congratulate her on this. She will be away from our school for the last 5 weeks of Term 3 to carry out this project. Leanne Mason will teach Room 2 in her absence.

Sports Draws

Netball – Draw for Tuesday 22nd June

- SFX Youngs vs. Mac Bay Blue on Court 7 at 4.50pm
- SFX Shooters vs Wakari Ferns on Court 8 at 3.30pm

Hockey

- Wednesday 23rd June - vs. Strath Taieri 4.35pm on Pavilion 3
- Wednesday 30th June – vs. Green Sticks 1 3.45pm on Far 2

Ministicks – Games from 1-2pm on Saturdays. Children need to have shin-pads, mouth guard and a stick. The hockey shop at the turf will be open for you to purchase gear. Parents are asked not to go onto the turf during coaching and games but to stay outside the wooden fence or watch from the upstairs pavilion.

Miniball – Thursday 17th June (today)

- SFX Bullets (seniors) vs. St Brigids 3.30pm on Court 2
- SFX Nuggets (juniors) vs. St Bernadettes 3.30pm on Court 4

Parish Mass

- * 9.30am every Sunday – includes a Children’s Liturgy
- * Altar Servers – 20th June: Rebekah Lynch and Iona Stewart

Consultation

It is not too late to receive your responses on Hand Drying and Playground Equipment. Place your feedback in the Suggestion Box at the office.

Board of Trustee Minutes

In addition to posting them on classroom windows, the Board of Trustees Minutes are now also posted on our website www.stfrancisxavier.school.nz Just go to the Board of Trustees section which is in the ‘About Us’ page. They are also in the ‘Links’ page.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Bird family on the birth of their daughter Xaria.

PTA LUNCH
Wednesday 23rd June

Sausage Roll - \$1.50
Moosie or Juicie - \$1.00

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00am

BLACK and WHITE DAY

Friday 18th June

Children can wear Black & White scarves or clothing this Friday to support the ALL WHITES and the ALL BLACKS.

No donation required



Reports

Teachers are preparing written reports for all pupils. These will be issued on Thursday 24th June. At present we have oral interviews in Term 1 and term 3, and written reports in Term 2 and Term 4.

The National Standard requires schools to provide two written reports a year, written in plain language. The written report gives comments related to progress towards the national Standards children are expected to achieve by the end of the school year. We have endeavoured to use 'plain language' so that reports can be easily understood. We would like to encourage any parents who are unsure about the reports to see their child's teacher. It is good to work together to ensure we are doing the best we can for our children.

Time Warp

Room 4 and 5 are trialling a programme that enables the children to analyse their physical skills and then set goals for improvement. The children perform an activity and then go to the computer which gives a delayed view of their performance. They state how they can improve and have another attempt. Although we have had some technical difficulties, the programme has been an effective means of feedback and facilitates skill development.



SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 24th June

5.00 to 7.00pm

Dunedin Rugby Clubrooms

"Winter Theme" - come wearing something white (optional)

*There will be glowsticks(50 cents), soup & bun (\$2), hot chips (\$1.50),
mini hotdogs(50cents), tea, coffee & fizz (\$1,00)*

The bar will be open for adults

Spot prizes for the children

Victory Beach

Rooms 4 and 5 had a very successful trip to Victory Beach on Tuesday. The visit is part of their studies on Penguins and their habitat, and they liaised with staff and viewed the planting programme there. A large sea lion was an interesting visitor too!!!



Mufti Day

We have a Mufti Day on the last day of term. This is part of the New Zealand wide Mufti Mania Day to fundraise for schools reconstructing themselves following the tsunami in Samoa. Children can wear mufti clothing if they bring along a \$2.00 donation for this cause. – Friday 2nd July.

Head Lice

Head have had a number of cases of head lice reported to us this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat them before they return to school. We have information sheets on what signs to look for, treatments, etc at the office – please take one of these so that we can get on top of this.

Quiz Night

The Mornington Kindy is holding a Quiz Night at the Mornington Tavern on Tuesday 29th June at 7.00pm. Teams of 4-6 - \$20. Phone Jo Hanning on 453-1034 to enter a team or just turn up on the night.

Holiday Programmes

We have a number of information sheets on programmes for the next school holidays. Copies of these are in the blue folder on the office notice board.

Quote of the Week

"I've never made a mistake, I've only learned from experience." *Thomas A Edison*

Ma te Atua e manaaki
God Bless
Craig Ward

Going to the Rugby on Saturday?

**Come along to
Fringe Benefits Hair Salon
9 Mailer Street in Mornington
and have your face painted**

