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Welcome

We welcome Maia Palmer and her family to our school. Maia began in Room 1 this week. Happy school days Maia.

Newsletters

Newsletters are given out to families every Thursday. If you miss a copy or want to check sports draws or other information they are also available on our website www.stfrancisxavier.school.nz.

Assembly

There will be a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday 2 December. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

Hooked on Books

How many books can you read this summer? Pick up your fun free booklet at the Dunedin Library from Saturday 10 December.



Swimming


Thank you for your understanding on the interruption to the swimming lessons. The Mornington Pool is almost operational again. We will notify Year 1, 2 and 3 children when we can have the final two days of lessons.



Points to Remember

- ☺ Fundraising BBQ lunch tomorrow, Friday 2 December.
- ☺ School Family Mass this Sunday 4 December.
- ☺ The last PTA Lunch for this year is next week Wednesday 7 December.

PTA Lunch
Wednesday 7 December

Sausage		Roll	\$2.00
Juicie			\$1.00
Total		\$3.00	

(Please bring to office in an envelope by 9.00am)

"Sum of All Parts"
Fortune Theatre - Children's Play

When: Saturday 10 December

Time: 10.30am and 1.00pm shows

Tickets: \$6.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children.

Tickets available from Fortune Theatre box office on 477 8323 or boxoffice@fortunetheatre.co.nz.

Fun entertainment for the family!





School Family Mass

We have a School Family Mass this Sunday 4 December. As part of this Mass we will celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St Francis Xavier.

We would like to see all School Families at this Mass. It will be a great gathering. Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass.

Fair Sales Table

There will be a sales table selling lucky dips, pet shop toys and other goodies after Mass. Bargains galore!

Sports Notices

T-Ball Saturday 3 December

SFX Colts v Bradford Bears	11.00am	Bathgate 5
SFX Midgets v Abbots Red	9.00am	Bathgate 14



Ministicks Saturday 3 December

Meet at the Turf at 1.00pm.

Futsal Wednesday 7 December

No Futsal draw available as yet, but please check office window at a later date.

Touch Rugby Thursday 1 December

SFX Smalls v Kaikorai White	3.45pm	Field 5B
SFX Speedsters v St Bernadettes	3.45pm	Field 7

Check draw link: www.otagotouch.co.nz (modules, junior, oval, draws)



Flippa Ball Saturday 3 December

St Francis v NEVN Silver Sharks 3.50 - 4.15pm Learners Pool



CHRISTMAS IS COMING - ONLY 24 DAYS.....





Ordination for Deacon Vaughan Hook

Please pray for Deacon Vaughan Hook as his ordination draws closer.

Deacon Vaughan will be ordained a Priest on Friday 2 December at 7.00pm. His Mass of thanksgiving will be at 11.00am on Saturday 3 December. Both celebrations will be held in the Bishop Verdon Memorial Chapel, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel. All are invited.



Beach Education Day—Help Required!

We have NZ Surf Life Saving Beach Education days at St Clair coming up. Rooms 1, 2 and 3 are going on 5 December and Rooms 4 and 5 on 6 December.

We need adult supervisors from 9.30am to 2.30pm for this visit. If you are able to help please let your child's teacher or Rochelle know. Thank you.



Ronald McDonald Road Safety

The Ronald McDonald Road Safety Show presented road safety messages in a highly entertaining show for the junior classes on Tuesday.



SFX Working Bee

Thank you for your help last Sunday. We have made a great start to staining the play equipment. The next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 11 December at 1.00pm.



Could any parents who would be able to help out with our working bee please leave your name with Rochelle at the office or contact Niko Young on niko@pwta.co.nz.



2012 Term Dates

Term 1	2 February to 5 April
Term 2	23 April to 29 June
Term 3	16 July to 28 September
Term 4	15 October to 18 December

Christmas Discovery

Next Friday, 9 December, will be our last Discovery for the year. Visitors, especially Grandparents, are very welcome to come along and join in the festivities. Time is 9.15am to 10.40am.

Written Reports

Written reports will be issued on Thursday 8 December. Look out for these reports in your child's bag next Thursday.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH NEWS Kia ora St Francis Xavier School families,

My dear parents, I am very excited about this weekend as we will be coming together as a School on the second Sunday of Advent. It is not often we get to celebrate as a School and Parish, so I would encourage you all to make an extra effort to come and rejoice together about the Lord our God.

I look forward to catching up with families after Mass when we will have a morning tea together in the Parish Centre. For those who are able to please bring a plate to be shared.

I know this is a very busy time for many but do remember to keep Jesus in your heart by helping those around us who may need our support or a kind word.

This week the following St Francis Xavier families are helping with the Mass:

Altar Service: James Lang and Megan Hanning
There will be no Children's' Liturgy this week due to the School Mass.

Rev Fr. Cipriano Fernandes, Mobile 021 211 4032



Food Bank

We have a Food bank collection box at the school office. Donations of food items for families in need are always welcome.



Lost Property

Unclaimed lost property will be put on display outside the Library tomorrow. Parents are welcome to take items that are of use. Any remaining items will be sent to St Vincent de Paul.



Fundraising Car Wash

Thank you for your participation with the car wash. Money raised is to go to Gonzaga and the Missions. The children had great fun washing all the cars.





PTA News



Christmas Raffle

Thank you for your support with this raffle. Please return all money and cards to the office by Wednesday 7 December. The raffle is drawn on Monday 12 December. Thank you.

Ice Cream

We have left over Gourmet Ice Cream from fair. We are selling for a \$1.50 a tub and the flavours are Double Chocolate, Cookies & Cream, Vanilla, Brandy Snap and Raspberry & White Chocolate. First in first served as there are limited numbers.

Calendars

There are still a few calendars that need to be paid for before we can give them out. Please give your money to Rochelle at the office or to Andrea and you can get your calendars and diaries. Thank you.

Picnic Lunch

On Tuesday 13 December classes are going to the Kavanagh College Christmas Pantomime. After the Pantomime the buses will deliver us to Mornington Park where we will have a picnic lunch. Parents are invited to join us at the park. We expect to arrive at about 1.00pm and will then walk back to school at 2.30pm.



Have a Happy Week

Craig and the School Team



Christmas Carols and Year 6 Farewell Assembly



Thursday 15 December

11.15am

School will close for the year at the end
of this Assembly (about 12.30pm)

Fundraiser Lunch Friday 2 December



Sausage n bread \$2.00

Juicie \$1.00

The Young Vinnies, along with St Vincent de Paul are fundraising so they can buy Christmas presents this year for children less fortunate.