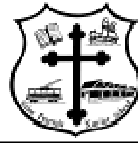




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Assembly

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

Welcome

Welcome to Samuel Simmons who started school in Room 1 today. Samuel has a sister Olivia in Room 4. Happy school days Samuel!

Points to Remember

- ☺ Assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- ☺ Family Mass this Sunday 4 December at 9.30am.
- ☺ School Musical on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm.

School Family Mass

This Sunday 4 December at 9.30am

A special welcome ceremony for new pupils will be part of the celebration. St Francis Xavier Day will also be celebrated.

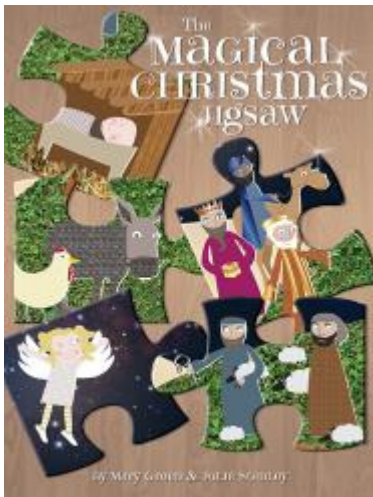
Children please sit with the school at the front of the Church.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea.



St Francis Xavier School presents the musical "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw"

Tuesday 6 December at 7.00pm
At Kavanagh College Auditorium,
Tennyson Street
Admission \$5.00 an adult



Children need to arrive at 6.30pm dressed in their underclothes which will be given out on Tuesday.



Sports Notices

Summer Sports 2016

Touch Rugby - Thursday 1 December 2016

SFX Junior v St Bernadettes Hawks	3.45pm	2B
SFX Dynamite v Wakari Black	3.45pm	8B
SFX Speedsters v St Brigids One	4.45pm	2

Futsal Year 1-6

Futsal is now finished for the year. Thank you to all coaches, parents and supporters who helped. Well done to all the players.

Flippaball Y3-6

The draw will be emailed to you. Final is this weekend.



Advent Prayer

*God of love,
Your son, Jesus, is the greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks
of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.*

Amen



School Picnic

We are having a picnic at Woodhaugh Gardens on Friday 9 December.

We will arrive at about 11.20am and leave at 2.15pm and have lunch at about 12.00pm.

All families are very welcome to join us for lunch.

Children can wear multi clothing but must have a sunhat, sunblock, a warm jersey or jacket and a lunch.

Food Bank

Thank you for the donations to the classroom Food Bank collections. We are accumulating a nice bank of non-perishable items for St Vincent de Paul.



DID YOU KNOW?.....

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - ONLY 3 WEEKS AND 3 DAYS TO GO.....





Dunedin Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area
Children's Christmas Mass

St Francis Xavier Church
5pm, Christmas Eve



This is a Mass held especially for children, therefore we are looking for all those children in our pastoral area who would like to be involved. The roles are:

Greeters (2)	Mary*	Animals (sheep & cow)
Alter Servers (2)	Joseph*	Angels
Readers* (3)	Head Angel*	Wise Man 1*
Collection & Offertory (3)	Ceasar	Wise Man 2*
Overhead Powerpoint	Donkey	Wise Man 3*
Narrator*	Innkeeper*	* Speaking roles

If any children love singing and would like to be part of a small choir, this would be very welcome too!

Save the Date!

If your child(ren) are interested please come along after Mass on **Sunday 27th November at the St Francis Xavier Parish Centre.**

Keep an eye out for details on the Facebook event page too!

Stationery for 2017

We are in the process of sorting invoices to go out before school ends for stationery and other activities for 2017.

Next year your child will receive a stationery pack to start their school year off. These will be available to purchase from the office from **Thursday 26 January between 9.00am and 1.00pm**. Payment on collection please either by cash or cheque, or prior internet banking into the school account. NO Eftpos available sorry.

From week 8 NO stationery will be purchased from the school office as we will be invoicing extra stationery purchased by your children for this year.

If you have any outstanding monies from this year please arrange to pay this as soon as possible, or see Rochelle or Craig regarding a payment plan to be put in place prior to year end.

If you have any questions regarding this please see Rochelle or Craig. Thank you.



Kavanagh's Performing Arts Troupe Presents

"The Company's Christmas Cracker"

Thursday 15 December 2016

11.00am and 6.00pm

Kavanagh College Auditorium

All tickets \$5.00





**Weetbix Tryathlon
Sunday 5 March 2017**

- * Ages 7 to 15 years
 - * Early Bird Special \$37.00 for individuals
 - * After Early Bird is \$46.50
 - * Early Bird special closes Thursday 2 February 2017.
 - * Held at Memorial Park, Mosgiel
- More information to follow....*

**Parish Picnic
Sunday 11 December at
12.00 noon
At Jubilee Park**

**Bring your family and friends.
BBQ's supplied.**

**Please bring a bag of wrapped lollies for
lolly scramble.**



**St Francis Xavier School
& Parish**

Bake Sale

Raising funds for resources for our
SFX Parish Children's Liturgy Group

Please bring along some baking & your small change
for after the School Mass, 4 Dec 2016

Just a gold coin donation
for a slice of cake or cupcake!

(Or you can buy other cakes, slices & loaves to take home)

Teacher Vacancy

Applications for the teaching position vacant due to the resignation of Jeremy, have closed. Applications are currently at the Catholic Education Office and an appointment will be made before the end of the school year.

Survey

At this time of the year we reflect on the past year and review all the events and activities we have done. We would appreciate any comments on the two survey questions below:

- 1 *What are we doing well?*
- 2 *How could we improve?*

Thank you for your responses





SPCA Book Buddies

Book Buddies invites children to all ages to the SPCA every Friday at 4.00pm to spend quality time reading to our furry friends.

SPCA—1 Torridon Street, Dunedin. Bring two books and a stool to sit on.



Year 6 Leavers Dinner

Thank you Roberta, Isoli and the team of helpers for organising the fantastic Year 6 Leavers Dinner on Saturday night. It was a great get together.



School Reports

Written reports will be issued on Thursday 8 December. Please contact your child's teacher if you want to discuss any aspect of the report.

Special Room 4 and Room 5

Shared Prayer

On Tuesday 13 December at 2.30pm. Please join us in the Church where we will roll out the red carpet for our Year 6 pupils.



Wanted: Hard Wearing Toys

Our junior school is investigating more learning through play. If you have any hard wearing toys that you have grown out of we would love to use them. Thank you.



PTA Lunch

Next Wednesday 7 December Poppa Joe, grandfather of Noah, Heath and Scarlett is shouting a BBQ lunch for all pupils. He is also shouting a juicie. No orders necessary.

Thank you Poppa Joe for this kind and generous offer.

Great Debate

Room 5 had a great prepared debate on Zoos and Animal Testing. The speeches were very well researched and presented. Well done everyone!





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Sunscreen Fundraiser!

Purchase your Nutrimetics sunscreen and help support St Francis Xavier School Young Vinnies.

\$5 from every pack goes directly to the St Francis Xavier School Young Vinnies to purchase Christmas presents for less fortunate families in Dunedin.

- Hypoallergenic
- Dermatologically tested
- Ophthalmologist tested
- Certified Cruelty free
- NO harmful chemicals/carcinogens/petrochemicals
- NO parabens
- Made in Australia and New Zealand for our harsh conditions
- UVA & UVB Maximum protection SPF 50+
- Light and non greasy – water resistant, dry touch formula!



Futsal Action



2017 School Dates

Term 1

31 January to 13 April

Term 2

1 May to 7 July

Term 3

24 July to 29 September

Term 4

16 October to 15 December

Final Assembly

Our school year ends with a Christmas Carol Assembly to farewell our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 15 December at 11.15am. School concludes at the end of the Assembly. Please join us in the Church.





End of Year Christmas Celebrations

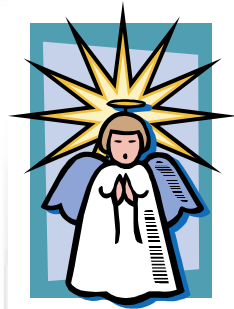


Thursday 15th December 2016

It's nearly the end of the year... drop the kids to school then come for Brunch at Alto from 9am.....then Christmas Assembly from 11am. Following this head to Moana Pool with some lunch. We'll use the grassed area to have lunch together and the kids can play. Spread the word - the more, the merrier. (The older kids who have finished school are more than welcome, however I need to have them in the numbers please for Alto).

Please note - you are responsible for supervising your children at Moana Pool.

RSVP - Jo Hanning via Facebook or text 0212575333



Year 6 Reflections

I have really enjoyed the past 6 years at SFX. Some of my favourite things I have done are the musicals because I loved doing the dances and singing along to the songs. It was so much fun. I also liked going on school trips. They were so much fun. I loved school camp because we go to stay with our friends for a week and because we did a lot of fun activities like going on the flying fox, climbing on the rock wall and a whole lot more. I also liked doing Discovery in the junior school. It was so much fun getting to build stuff, make stuff and play with stuff. I have made so many friends through out these past few years including Lily, Hayley, Sophie, Hannah, Georgia, Alyssa and a whole lot more. I have loved my time at SFX and will miss it so much.

Jemma Mortimer

I have really enjoyed by time at SFX. I have done lots of great things at this school including trips, KOS, Choice, met friends and went to class parties. The most exciting thing at SFX was that every one or two years we go to a new class and meet a new teacher. I have especially enjoyed being a Family Group Leader although it is harder than it looks! I have enjoyed our musicals. It was good to learn about God, Jesus and his followers. Overall, I really think SFX is a great school.

Frauke Haase



Year 6 Reflections

Over the last 6 years at SFX I have accomplished many goals, made new friends and have had an amazing time. When I first started school I was in year 1 and made my first friends Johnny, Lachie and Josh. I enjoyed it a lot and did well with my school work. In year 3 we had great fun. We went on the Monarch, to the Art Gallery and did cool projects like the animals life. Over time I got to Room 4 and 5, making great new friends and having an awesome time. We started a project on Circus and also did the Choice programme. I am now a Family Group Leader and looking forward the School Musical. Camp was great as well, with a six hour walk and the Confidence Course. I have really enjoyed my time here at SFX and I am looking forward to Kavanagh College.

Israel Garcia

I have really enjoyed my 6 years at SFX. Camp was really fun and I especially loved the flying fox. I have made a lot of great friends like Imogen, Frauke, Melanie, Lillian and Sophie. I have had a lot of great experiences and I am sad to go but I am looking forward to the new experiences. I loved all the musicals and I had a lot of fun at this school. I am really looking forward to the musical. I will really miss this school. Thank you for having me.

Isabella Stewart

Over the past few years at SFX I have enjoyed doing activities and meeting new friends like Israel, Aidan, Alex, Troy, Lachie, James and Trent. I remember on my first day of school I sat next to Troy and I was nervous because he was much taller than me. Discovery in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 was one of my favourite activities at this school because you could take stuff to pieces and you could make stuff. I remember when my friends and I made a massive paper plane which was a failure because it came back to us when we threw it. Camp was also one of my favourites because we did lots of rafting and the Confidence Course where we had to go on the rope swing. Cross Country was fun but tiring and Aidan came first which I wasn't surprised. I have enjoyed my six years at this school.

Johnny McInnes

I have really enjoyed by time at SFX. I have made lots of good friends and three really close friends Israel, James and Caleb. I have loved going on fun activities such as camp, where we did lots of fun things, and Choice and lots of other adventures. Cross Country and Athletics were both fun too. I liked taking part in the musicals and I am looking forward to my role as playing a Roman Soldier. This year being a Family Group Leader has been really fun. It is quite challenging looking after a group and making sure they do the right thing. When I was a junior I always loved Discovery because there was so many fun activities. SFX will always be a big part of my life.

Trent Chalmers

Thought for the Week

“While December brings the only Christmas Day, in the year, let there be Christmas in the things you do and say”....

Mā te Atua e manaaki

God Bless

Craig and the School Team

