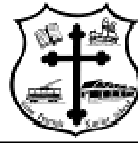




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Welcome to St Francis Xavier 2017

Welcome back from what we hope was a refreshing and enjoyable holiday break for you.

Welcome to all returning pupils and to our new pupils and their families.

We welcome *Isla Harris, Harleen Riar, Max Thomas, Santiago Von Pein and Braxton Wakefield* to Room 1. We also welcome *Declan Hamilton* (Room 2), *Jennifer Hamilton* (Room 4) and *Lila Howley* (Room 4). We also welcome back from their travels - *Toby* (Room 2), *Niamh* (Room 4) and *Maia Palmer* (Room 5).

Welcome New Staff

Fiona Henderson

Welcome to our new Room 3 teacher, Fiona Henderson. It is great to have Fiona on our teaching staff and we look forward to her skilled contribution to our learning community.

Lynne Senior

Welcome to Lynne Senior who is teacher aiding in Room 4 for the first part of this year.

University of Otago College of Education Students

Welcome to Julia Cairns (Room 2) and Vicky O'Brien (Room 5) who are University of Otago College of Education students in our school this year.

Beginning of School Year Mass

The Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year will be held on Sunday 12 February at 9.30am.

Children please sit at the front with the other children. We traditionally have a BBQ breakfast following the Mass and would like some helpers to cook please. This involves barbequing bacon and sausages and cooking scrambled eggs and toast. If you are able to help please see Rochelle in the office. Thank you.

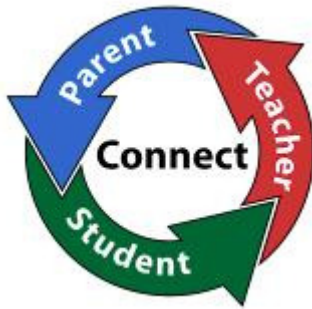
The Year 6 pupils will receive their Family Group badges at this Mass.

- Dates to Remember***
- ☺ **Beginning of School Year Mass Sunday 12 February 9.30am.**
 - ☺ **Parent Teacher Interviews on 8 and 9 March.**
 - ☺ **Junior Swimming Week 6, 6—10 March.**
 - ☺ **Parents Information and Curriculum Meeting on 2 March.**



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 March. Details on making appointments will be issued in a couple of weeks.



Contact Information

It is important that parents advise the office any changes of contact details such as addresses, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc, that may have been changed from last year. Please do this as soon as possible.

Waitangi Day

School will be closed on Monday 6 February for the Waitangi Day weekend holiday.

Social Action

The Year 5 and 6 pupils project to raise money through BBQ's last year was a great success. The pupils used the money to purchase gifts which they donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Also donated were all the food items pupils brought along to class prayers in Term 4.



Sports Activator

Naomi Ireland, our visiting Sports Activator, is delivering lessons to all classes today. She will return for more lessons over the next three weeks.

Shared Prayer/Assembly Timetable Term 1

Friday 3 February	No Assembly or Shared Prayer
Friday 10 February	2.30pm Assembly
Friday 17 February	2.40pm Shared Prayer led by Room 2
Friday 24 February	2.30pm Assembly
Friday 3 March	2.40pm Shared Prayer led by Room 1
Friday 10 March	2.30pm Assembly
Friday 17 March	2.40pm Shared Prayer led by Room 4
Friday 24 March	2.30pm Assembly
Friday 31 March	2.40pm Shared Prayer led by Room 5
Friday 7 April	2.30pm Assembly
Wednesday 12 April	Paschal Meal at lunch time
Thursday 13 April	2.15pm Easter Liturgy (all classes)



Sports Notices

Welcome to Sports for 2017

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

All entries for summer sports close on the 3rd February

Touch Rugby

Played at Oval on Thursdays 3:45 or 4:15

For Year 1-6 children

<https://goo.gl/forms/3B3GKc1iJdkCOcoB3>



Futsal

Played on Wednesdays at The Edgar Centre

Year 1-6 children Times 3:30- 7 (Younger children play early)

<https://goo.gl/forms/i4vhy46MnoERLA8R2>



Flippaball

Moana Pool Sunday Afternoons/ could be the odd Saturday

For Year 3 -6

<https://goo.gl/forms/8gQXwz2TMdxk7g202>



Junior Swimming

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

Times of Swimming are:

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

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





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, and give us an early bird price of **\$41.25 per child** (must enter before mid February).

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 (and return before mid February).

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.



MONSTER GARAGE SALE Rain or Shine

Saturday Feb 11

10.30 am - 1.30 pm

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
63 North Road

CASH ONLY

Kindly sponsored by: **RICOH** imagine. change.

Parents Information/Curriculum Evening

We are having a Parents Information and Curriculum Evening on Thursday 2 March. Please diary this date. More information to follow in the next few Newsletters.





St Francis Xavier School PTA Information

Welcome

- ☺ The PTA would like to welcome all our new and returning families to the 2017 school year. We hope it is a wonderful year for all your children.
- ☺ The PTA would love to have some new members this year and as this is a Fair year it will be an extremely busy time for all involved.
- ☺ After the School Mass on Sunday 12 February we will be having a "Meet and Greet" so if you are interested in finding out a little about the PTA then please feel free to take the opportunity to come have a chat with us.

Lunch Tickets

Help us fundraise for our school while purchasing a hot meal for your child every Wednesday!

How does the PTA ticket work?

- ☺ Email theresa.forbes@otago.ac.nz who will give you a PTA lunch account number and bank account details.
- ☺ Make a payment into the bank account (around \$30.00 per child to start).
- ☺ Theresa will print out lunch tickets that your eldest child will bring home from school, or she will email these to you.
- ☺ Every Wednesday, tick the required food on that week's lunch ticket and return to the school office by 9.00am. More than one item can be ordered (write the number in the box if more than one is required). You are only charged for what you order.
- ☺ When your account is getting low, you will be reminded to pay more money to the PTA.
- ☺ If you have any questions or want to sign up, please email theresa.forbes@otago.ac.nz

PTA Lunch

Wednesday 8 February

Sausage and Bread	\$2.00
Juicie	\$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.***

Lunch Helpers Needed

We require a few more helpers this year for our PTA lunches on Wednesdays. This is a great way to get to know the children and staff.

If you are free from 8.30 - 9.00am in the morning and from 12.10 - 12.40pm (approx) on Wednesdays, we would love to hear from you.

For more information contact Melissa Kettish on 453 0599 or 021 156 4650.





Saturday Morning Music Classes

Enrolment Day for 2017

Saturday 11 February

9.30 - 11.30am at George Street Normal School or Bathgate Park School

Wednesday 15 February

3.30 - 4.30pm Elmgrove School, Mosgiel

For more enquiries visit our website: www.smmcotago.com



Thought for the Week

“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do and liking how you do it”.... Maya Angelou

Ngā mihi nui

With Best Wishes

Craig and the School Team

