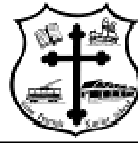




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School Assembly

There will be a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday 10 February. All welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

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.

Beginning of School Year Mass

This Sunday 12 February at 9.30am

We look forward to a full turnout for this great celebration. Children please sit together at the front of the Church and wear comfortable mufti clothing.

There will be a BBQ style breakfast of bacon, sausages and eggs following Mass.

The Year 6 Family Group Leaders will be presented with their badges at this Mass.

Altar servers are: Scarlett Kettish and Alyssa Hitchcox

As part of our Special Character each term the school has a Sunday Family Mass. The children assume all the roles in the Mass for this week and we use children's songs whenever possible. The children are expected to attend these Masses unless there is a very good reason they are unable to. If they cannot come we ask that you send us a note excusing them. Thank you for your support in this.



Cycling Years 4, 5 and 6

Next Tuesday 14 February the Year 4, 5 and 6 children begin their Road Safety topic on Cycling. If they have a bike they need to bring it and their helmet to school that day. Please note a Bicycle Check notice went home last Thursday explaining how to do a bike check. They also need their bikes on Thursday 16 February and Thursday 9 March. We are still looking for helpers to transport bikes to and from Marlow Park on 9 March.



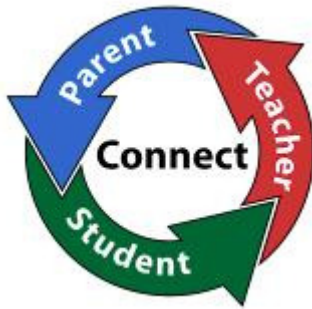
I can help transport _____ bikes to Marlow Park on Thursday 9 March.

Name: _____



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 March. Details on making appointments will be issued soon.



Hazards

Please report any hazards to the office so that the risk can be minimised or withdrawn.

Complaints/Concerns

Please see staff members involved if you have a complaint or concern. We welcome the opportunity to solve problems and reconcile differences.

PTA Lunch

Wednesday 15 February

Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Cookie	\$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.



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.



Thank You

Thank you to the wonderful helpers who have offered to help on Wednesdays for PTA lunches this year.

A roster will be sent out with your date to help. If this doesn't suit feel free to contact Melissa Kettish to change.



Sports Notices

Welcome to Sports for 2017

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.

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

Touch Rugby

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

For Year 1-6 children Cost: \$16.00



Futsal

Played on Wednesdays at The Edgar Centre

Year 1-6 children Times 3:30- 7.00pm Cost: \$42.00



Flippaball

Moana Pool Sunday Afternoons/ could be the odd Saturday

For Year 3 -6 Cost: \$30.00



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



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.





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



Quiz night

Thursday March 2nd at 7pm

At the Kensington,

4 King Edward Street.

Teams of up to 6, \$5.00 per person.

Tickets available from Lynley Taimalie 021004211



This is a fundraiser for 3 Kavanagh College Students – Lucinda Taimalie, Ella Woods and Sadie Bleach who are part of a school group taking part in an Antipodeans expedition to India in July 2018.

Antipodeans' Expedition Programme challenges students to uncover their unique identity and explore the world beyond their own borders. They will develop leadership and organisational skills while trekking in the Himalayas, sightseeing, and also while working closely with a local community. Community project work involves working to improve the infrastructure of local schools and interacting with local children. Antips.co.nz

Lucinda, Ella and Sadie appreciate your support with their fundraising, and they also appreciate the generosity of the businesses who have donated raffle prizes – including:

Stirling Sport - 2015 World Cup rugby ball (value \$250)

Monarch - \$75 voucher

Harbourside Grill - voucher

Hunting and Fishing - top

Professionalis - Manicure voucher

Antidote - pharmacy gift packs and products

Inflatable World – Family pack

Quote of the Week

“To thrive in life you need three bones. A wish bone, a back bone and a funny bone.....” Reba McIntire

Ngā mihi nui

With Best Wishes

Craig and the School Team

