

Dear Parents/Caregivers



Term 1 Week 2 2011

KIWI KICK IS OFF TO AN AWESOME START!!!!

Just some housekeeping information for you all.

- If your child is taking part in the first session are staying at school, YOU must be there with them.
- The playgrounds are to be used the same way we do during school time i.e. years 1-3 the junior playground ONLY, years 4-6 the senior playground ONLY.
- If your child is taking part in the second session and they do not have a brother or sister taking part in the first session they need to go home first and then return to school for their session.
- While either session is on, please keep your children who are not in that current session on the field or playgrounds with you. Not around the school, as the teachers are involved in meetings at this time of the day.
- FIRST AID issues will be looked after by the KIWIKICK coaches, not the school office.

and older or younger children

Hoping this makes things simpler and safer for everyone, especially our wonderful children.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Welcome to a new year at St Francis School. As is our tradition the children will be creating their own Pastoral Care plans during Week 1 & 2 as they learn about Living Our vision at St Francis. This will be shared at our gathering for liturgy on Friday the 18th of February at 2:15pm.

FEET FIRST WEEK:

The fabulous St. Francis Walking School Bus is gearing up for this year's WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK. The 2010 Walk to School Week will be held from March 21st to the 25th and there are some fantastic prizes to be won. We encourage all our students and their parents to put on their fantastic walking feet and show Auckland we are the best!!!

ASB School Banking

School banking starts again on Monday 14th February (Week 3) from 8.30-8.55. Last year was a great year for St. Francis savers and we hope this year will be the same. Remember it's not about how much you deposit, but how often! ASB are holding a very exciting promotion this year where the more times you deposit, the more chance you have of winning a cool \$50!!!! If



P.T.A. Meeting Monday February 14th 7pm School Staffroom

We are blessed at St Francis School to have a wonderful, supportive school community who contribute to the work of the school PTA. The PTA provides a means for parents and teachers to build a successful partnership, based on the best interests of the child. By getting involved in the work of our school PTA, parents, teachers and children benefit from the knowledge and insight shared.

There is no formal membership or compulsory attendance - you can be involved as little or as much as works for you.

Come along to the meeting on Monday night or contact Deborah Gray on 845 5632

your child does not have an account, why not drop by the library on Monday morning to talk to Angela French (ASB School Account Manager) and Miss Wood.

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT CONFERENCES 2011

Wednesday 16th February will be Parent, Teacher, Student conferencing day, to enable all parents, children and teachers to meet for 15 minutes and make this time a valuable basis for the years learning. **All students must attend the conferences in full school uniform with their parents.**

There will be no classroom teaching or instruction on this Wednesday.

Please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children on this day. If you have difficulties in arranging care for your children (on this day) provision will be made for the children's supervision in Room 9 from 9.00 -3.00pm. Please notify the school office if your child will need supervision on this day.

Please note the conferences for Room 9 students will be held in the Ford room at the back of Room 9.

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Chaos at the school gate

This school is participating in Auckland Transport's Chaos at the School Gate programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

Find out more: phone 09 355 3553
or visit www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz

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The time slots are 15 minutes. The first 10 minutes will be for Teacher, Parent, Student and the last 5 minutes can be for Teacher, Parent if desired.

This initial meeting of parents, students and teachers is to,

- Share information about your child
- Share and develop next learning steps for reading, writing and mathematics.
- Discuss ways you as parents can support your child's learning at home.

Many schools are trialling this way of conferencing and have found this a valuable way of complying with the expectations and requirements of the National Administration guidelines in relation to the National Standards.

Please note there is no After School Care on this day.

The Walking School Bus will not operate on this day.

Looking forward to seeing you all, next Wednesday. God Bless you all.

Marianne Booth Principal