

Dear Parents/Caregivers

2017 Term 4 Week 1 October 18<sup>th</sup>



Welcome to our new intern from Germany-Berit who will be assisting in Room 12 and Janina in Room 10 and to our new students in Room 10 Farrah Schaumkell and Sanna Strom.

Our prayers and love to the Palalagi family on the sudden death of a much loved father. To Mrs Lengauer and the Snedden family on the death of a much loved fathers / grandfathers. The Hines family on the death of a much loved mother/ Oma and the Donnianni family on the death of a much loved great grandmother.

#### GARDEN TO TABLE for Years 5 / 6 Term 4:

Weeks 1,3,5,7, Room 8 and 6.

Weeks 2,4,6,8 Room 7

#### ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 4

Weeks 2,4,6,8

Friday at 2.15pm in the hall.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

##### SPCA Mufti Day

Many thanks for your support of our SPCA mufti day on the last day of Term 4 we had a total of \$264.80 donated.

#### KIWILELE FESTIVAL:

This year the festival is to be held at Mt Roskill Primary School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. The Ukulele group meets every Tuesday morning at 8.00am in preparation for this and they will also be performing at the Food and Wine festival.



#### KIDS FOR KIDS:

The tickets are now on sale for the KIDS FOR KIDS performance at the Trust stadium on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. These can be purchased through Ticketek.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL SOUP DAY:

The Junior School fell into a veggie-full pool!  
Eating carrots, Silverbeet, pumpkin and corn!  
Drool!  
"Yum, yum, yum!" went the Juniors at  
St Francis School!  
The money went to Sustainable Coastlines!  
Cool!

*The Junior School made soup.  
Some people thought it was cute.  
It took a bit of time  
But it turned out fine.*

#### TALENT FOR THE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL:

We would like to have 10 Year 4 - 6 children entertain us at the PTA Wine and Food Festival on Saturday November 11. This is an opportunity for our children to share their talents and perform in front of an audience. We invite any children who would like to share their talents with us to register with their teachers or Ms Mahoney by Friday of this week, October 20

#### Inner City Principals Association Netball Report

On Thursday 21 September our 3 Tournament teams went to the AMI courts at Northcote to play netball as part of the Inner City Schools Sports Cluster.

The day saw some awesome netball skills displayed and all our teams had fun.

Each team played 6 games of netball, we had rain, and then sun, typical Auckland weather.

Our wonderful girls received THE FAIR PLAY AWARD for our school, so we are particularly proud of all of them!!

The ST FRANCIS WOLVES, coached by Mrs Gabriel won their section, so a big congratulations to them!! Our two other teams, LIONS, coached by Mrs Jones and PUMAS, Mrs Perry played amazing netball, and although not into the finals, certainly ready for next year!!

A big thank you to our umpires, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Balogh and Mrs Brick without you there can be no game. Thank you also, to our parents, who managed, transported and supported our netballers.

#### Save the Date!

**NETSAFE COMMUNITY MEETING** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm

A free event for parents, caregivers and teachers who are interested in Digital Citizenship and online safety. More information will come home next term.

#### Room 1 Raffle

Two of our students organised with the help of their grandmother a wonderful raffle. There was a first prize and a second prize. The raffle raised \$114.50 for the Wellness Foundation. 1st prize was won by Jessica Bugg and second prize was won by Zere-Adam Debalkie.

#### PTA News:

**Christmas Cards, Stationery, Advent Calendars and Gift Ideas Sale: Friday, 27 October:** Christmas is just around the corner - get organised early! Mrs Mahoney will have a stall in the Whanau Room before and after school and will have stock at school Tues - Thurs this and next week. Please call into the library before or after school to see what's available. Mrs Mahoney will generously donate all profits (40% of sales from now and next Friday) to the PTA. See our Facebook group page for last year's gorgeous best sellers.

**Next PTA Meeting** Monday, 13 November, 7.30pm in the Whanau Room – ALL WELCOME **Join our PTA Facebook Group:** Keep up to date and please invite other parents, caregivers or teachers to join (search St Francis School PTA).



#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Loan of household items: We need to borrow the following items:

Wheelbarrows for transporting drinks, multi-plug power boards and extension leads, Rice cooker, Bain-Marie food warmers, Sun umbrellas, Chilli bins

If you can loan us any, please email [sonjalow@me.com](mailto:sonjalow@me.com) to register. We'll note you down and ask you to bring them in the week before the festival.

Please help spread the word by liking and sharing our public Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StFrancisFestival2017/](http://www.facebook.com/StFrancisFestival2017/)

#### TERM EVENTS:

Week 2: Year 4 to Arataki, Netsafe parent meeting. Sacrament of confirmation 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am

Week 3: All Saints day. Wed 1<sup>st</sup>. Year 3-6 at Mass

Week 4: Year 3 / 4 swimming. Travel wise day

Week 5: Year 3 / 4 swimming (Mon – Thurs)

Week 6: Kids for Kids. Year 4-6 Athletics (Thurs). Advent walking school bus Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Week 7: New parent meeting (Wed). Parent Leavers mass and graduation dinner Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Week 8: Year 6 to Muriwai (Mon). Reports home (Wed). Teacher parent time 3.30- 5.30 (More info later)

Welcome new children assembly Friday 2.15pm

Week 9: Mass and prize giving Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> at St Benedict's at 6.00pm

Term 4 has arrived and before we know it the end of the year will be upon us. As a senior management team we are making plans for 2018. One of the real concerns for parents, always is, the classes for 2018. If your child has a particular need that we should be aware of, please put this in writing, send to me and mark the envelope confidential. (Please do not ask for particular teachers as this will not be considered).

I attended the opening of the St Mary's College new science building during the weekend. It was inspiring to listening to a year 12 students talking about her love of Science. The wonderful attribute that Science has, is that discoveries are all about constant trial and error, learning from mistakes and unexpected results. This should be the formula for all learning.

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery." James Joyce

God Bless You Marianne Booth Principal