

Dear Parents/Caregivers

2017 Term 4 Week 7 November 29

Welcome to our new student in Room 10 – Dominic Brown. We hope that you will enjoy being a member of our St Francis family.



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2018 Congratulations to all our successful applicants for leadership positions for 2018

**WE NEED WALKING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS!** St Francis runs a very well-used walking school bus in the afternoons, five days a week. We need some extra drivers for Term 1 in 2018 to help on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you can spare 30 mins of your time to help walk children from the school to Walker Park on the Walking School Bus please let Veronika Jaggard know. You can email her at [veronikamazur@hotmail.com](mailto:veronikamazur@hotmail.com) or leave your details with the school office and she will contact you directly. If Veronika has already spoken to you about your availability, please email her directly.

Also, please note that the WSB will NOT RUN on the last day of school the 15<sup>th</sup> of December or in the first week of Term 1 2018. Please arrange alternative options for your children in week 1. We'll be running five days a week from week 2. See you then!

#### SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2018:

One of the real concerns for parents, always is, the class make up for 2018. If your child has a particular need that we should be aware of, please put this in writing, send to Principal and mark the envelope confidential.

**(Please do not ask for particular teachers as this will not be considered).**

**Parent meeting this Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 6.30pm –Whanau / Garden to table space .....**

To share the proposed organization of the school for 2018.

At this meeting we will share the structure of the school and what informs the decision making re class make up, not which class your child will be in. The staff will make those decisions along with any supporting information that you share with us.

If you wish to know your child's class for the 2018 year please leave your name and contact details at the office and I will contact you in the last week of the holidays.

#### TERM EVENTS:

**Week 7:** Parent Leavers mass and graduation dinner Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

**Week 8:** Year 6 to Muriwai (Mon). Reports home (Wed). Teacher parent time Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 3.30- 5.30 (More info later) Advent Walking School Bus Friday at 8.00am at Walker park

**Week 9:** Mass and prize giving Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> at St Benedict's at 6.00pm (All Year 2-6 to attend)

Last day Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. School ending at 1.00pm.

#### INNER CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to our students who achieved amazing results. Out of 14 school we were third overall. Maree Vaka 9yr girls 3rd place SHOT PUT, Jack Snedden 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 metres, Michayla Moa 2<sup>nd</sup> girls 10+ long jump, Jossi Filiva'a 1<sup>st</sup> 9yr boys long jump, 1<sup>st</sup> 9yr boys 100metres and 200 metres, Compton Purcell 1st 11yr boys 100 metres, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11yr boys 200 metres and 3<sup>rd</sup> 10+ boys long jump. The relay team of Kate Webster, Michayla Moa, Jossi Filiva'a and Compton Purcell came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4x100 metre relay.

Thanks to all the senior teachers and Mr Wright for the organization and training. Thanks also to Mrs Banks for being the starter on the day.



#### Parish Sacramental programme for 2018

##### Reconciliation:

Classes 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> of March: Ceremony Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 6pm.

##### First Eucharist:

Classes 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May: 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 10am (we are aware this is Queens Birthday Weekend but the Ceremony needs to be held on Corpus Christi which is the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

##### Confirmation:

Classes 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> September; Ceremony 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10am

#### KIWILELES FESTIVAL

This is on this Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at Mt Roskill Primary School beginning at 12.00. As so many of our children are involved in other things this Saturday we will not be attending as a school group but if families would like to attend they are welcome. There are notices in the office foyer with the programme of the day.

#### Australasian Competition;

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Australasian English and Mathematics competition. Apologies to Abigail Varghese who achieved credit in English.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The school sports uniform is not leggings but is black shorts and a St Francis T Shirt. Can you please ensure that your daughters are wearing the appropriate sports gear? There are black shorts for sale in at the office.

#### PARENT LEAVERS MASS:

This is to be held this Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December at 5.30pm followed by a shared dinner in the hall at 6.30pm.

#### PTA News:

**First 2018 PTA Meeting** Monday, 19 February, 7.30pm at the Pt Chev Bowling Club – ALL WELCOME. Our group exists not only to raise funds but (especially important as our school grows) to build relationships within our school and community. We'd love your help and ideas. You can do as much or as little as you want.

**Join our PTA Facebook Group:** Keep up to date and please invite other parents, caregivers or teachers to join (search St Francis School PTA).

#### THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to Mrs Booth, the teachers, board, parents, family and friends who made our very first Wine and Food Festival a success. It raised approximately \$30,000 and we hope you enjoyed a great community day out. When added to the \$20,000 from the raffle, we exceeded our target for the year by \$10,000! We've committed to a greenhouse and more shade and rain cover as well and are investigating more bike and scooter parking. Please come along to our first meeting for 2018 on 19 Feb at the Pt Chev Bowling Club to help decide the projects we fund.

Thanks to those who came to meetings and those who didn't but gave their time and energy behind the scenes – especially Krishanie and sausage sizzle helpers, Sonja and pastoral care volunteers, Kellie and Tania and cross country bakers, Mrs Mahoney for her Christmas sale, Veronika and Sarah and raffle helpers, Chris, Carla, Sarah and everyone who baked for morning teas, Mrs Skinner and Mrs Lengauer for their admin support and the Wine and Food committee and all the stall holders. Have a happy Christmas and see you next year!

#### MASS and PRIZE GIVING

**Our graduation Mass and prize giving is at St Benedict's on Thursday 14th December at 6.00 pm.** All children are required to be there by 5.45 in their correct uniform and are to assemble downstairs in the Crypt. There will be supper for the Year 6 children and families in the crypt to follow. Year 6 families please bring a plate. Attendance is compulsory for all students except Room 9, 10, Room 11 and Room 12 children. If your child is unable to attend please write a letter to the Principal.

#### Parking at St Benedict's Church

Free parking, is available on Thursday 14th December, in the Wilson's car park on the corner of St Benedict's and Alex Evans St. Please note: a few parks in the top car park are marked reserved for tenant parking and are **24 hour tow away**. **These parks are allocated to nearby residents not the Church.** No free parking in Tournament car parks.

OUR LIFE JOURNEY is one of constant change. So, it is always one of constant change at school too. New teachers join our St Francis family and teachers who have been a part of our family leave. It is with sadness, joy and gratitude that we farewell Mr Dean who has been with us for two years and as young people do, is venturing out into the wider world. It has been such a joy, to see our past pupil develop into an amazing teacher. We are so proud of you Mr Dean.

We also will be saying farewell to Mrs van Kan who has accepted a position with the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour. Mrs van Kan will leave us with an amazing legacy during her time at our school. She has been creative and innovative, in her constant search for what works best for our students and teachers. She leaves us with a firm foundation and teachers well skilled to continue in her footsteps. We wish her all the best as she accepts a new challenge in her education career.

The TIGER TURF on the top court has been completed and you will all agree it looks fantastic and provides us with a great entrance into the school. Every change comes with a challenge- no bikes, skateboards, scooters, food, drink and spike shoes on the TIGER TURF. Thank you to the Diocese who have paid for this for our school.

If you have outstanding fees that need to be paid, now is the time as we come to the end of our financial year. As always if you are having problems please come and talk with me

As the end of the year is upon us we prepare for Christmas with our ADVENT journey beginning this SUNDAY. Take your children on the journey by attending MASS on SUNDAY. With any journey the preparation is the most important part. GOD BLESS YOU ALL Marianne Booth Principal

“Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.” Roald Dahl (Thanks to Ethan S in Room 7)