



# ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

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## TE KURA O HATO WERAHIKO TE HERA

Newsletter Week 7 Term 1 Wednesday 15 March 2023

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### Mary-Angela's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you for supporting your child(ren)'s learning and development through taking part in our goal setting conferences last night and this morning. We were very pleased with the number of families who took part - even under the trying circumstances of a strike being added into the mix this week!

#### STAFFING UPDATE

Next term, one of our wonderful Papatūānuku teachers, Julia, is taking leave to return to the USA for a long-awaited reconnection with family. We are grateful to have Usha Stewart and Bev Dean increasing their time in our team in Julia's absence for 10 weeks.

#### HERO

Currently the teachers and school leaders are working through the curriculum reporting sections in our new school management system, Hero. We hope we can begin reporting to families using Hero from July. We have been reviewing curriculum goals, helping the children to set their own goals, and learning how the Hero programme can help teachers to communicate, plan the learning and evaluate the learning.

#### ASSESSMENT

School leaders have also been reviewing the assessment processes at SFDS. We are refining our assessment expectations, and planning more effective ways to evaluate learning. This is still a work in progress, but I thought I would share where we are up to so far: <https://sites.google.com/sfds.school.nz/sfdsassessment/home>. Some of the content is a direct transfer to a new format - but some of the assessment practices are new, or still under development. As always, please feel free to offer suggestions or ask questions.

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW: TEACHER STRIKE

A reminder that tomorrow SFDS school is closed, along with most other schools across New Zealand. If you have missed this information until now and you are having trouble with childcare for tomorrow - please email [office@sfds.school.nz](mailto:office@sfds.school.nz) as we will have a small number of staff onsite if support is needed.

#### A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING DISTRESS & MINIMISING THE USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

The staff are continuing the journey to understand behaviour and respond safely. This week I attended a very helpful presentation by Dr Chris Bowden about trauma-informed practice. Chris shared some very alarming statistics about the impact that trauma is currently having on our young people. We are very conscious of this as a school, as we know that many of our children are suffering in this way. [I would like to share this new resource that has just been released by the Ministry of Education](#). All of the staff will continue receiving professional learning and being supported in this area.

He manu ā-nuku, he manu ā-rangi  
He manu tāiko nā Tāne i te wao nui  
Nukunuku kia tau  
Nukunuku kia wātea  
Mātaitia e Tāne  
Atawhaitia e Tāne  
Whakawhenuatia e Tāne  
Whākina mai te ara  
Kia puta ko tētēkura ki te whai ao  
Ki te ao mārama  
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

Soaring within the heavens, settling on the earth  
The sentry bird of Tāne in the great forest  
Moves through the forest  
To bring calm and clarity  
Seeing and watching  
Responding with purpose  
Restoring and reconnecting  
Disclosing the pathway  
To advance the tētēkura from the spiritual realm  
Into the world of light  
Unify, gather, resolve together!

**Ngā mihi nui kia koutou**

**Mary-Angela Tombs – Principal**

[principal@sfds.school.nz](mailto:principal@sfds.school.nz)

## DRS Message

### ROCK YOUR SOCKS FUNDRAISER

World Down Syndrome Day is coming up on **Tuesday 21 March** (the date signifies the 3 copies of the 21st chromosome that are present in DS)

The Wellington Down Syndrome Association are raising funds by having a 'rock your socks' day where you wear colourful or crazy socks to school on Tuesday and by donation a gold coin via KINDO!

So please go to [KINDO](#) and DONATE to this amazing cause and wear the craziest funkiest sock on **Tuesday 21 March!!!!**

### BUDDY MASSES

Every week at 9:10am on Fridays two classes from the school join the parish in their weekday mass. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend so check out the roster on our school calendar to see the dates of your child's class mass.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We had a lot of fun last Sunday for the first session of the sacramental programme - we look forward to seeing you at the next one! To those who have enrolled your child(ren) to the sacramental programme please note:

**Sunday 19 March:** Second Children's Session at St Francis de Sales Church - 10:30 am (During Mass).

**Remember to bring your decorated crosses back so we can display them in the church.**

### SOUL UPDATES

Our SOUL captains have been working hard to organize our school fundraising schedule. We will have some coming up this term so keep your eyes peeled!

*Ma te Atua koe, e manakitiama matou.*

*May God bless you.*

**Madeline Smith —DRS**

# CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ROCK YOUR SOCKS

wear your most colourful, mismatched  
and unique socks to celebrate  
**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**  
**21 MARCH**  
#rockyoursocks #wdsaorgnz #wdsd23



wellington  
down syndrome association

## School Notices

### MESSAGE FROM INSPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY

We would like to invite you all to view your pictures at Inspire Photography's online ordering site. This gallery and ordering system is live and working as of now. The fundraising period for this gallery will finish **at midnight on Thursday 30th March 2023** and orders placed and paid for by this date aim to be dropped off at your school in the first week of Term 2. Orders to be posted will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the school. Digital files are purchased as is and retouching requests may incur fees.

**Please check your order confirmation email closely and get in touch if you are unsure if what you wanted to order does not match what you have entered on your order. Incorrectly-ordered prints can not be swapped or reimbursed.**

The gallery will remain live and online for up to 12 months after the main ordering period closes, postage and packing fees may also apply as drop off at the school is not available with late orders. The school does not receive any fundraising donations on sales after the main ordering period finishes.

To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: mersey232

If you require an alternative method of ordering, have any questions or are having problems ordering, then please feel free to call or email us. The more questions we receive the better we become at informing parents about this process.

The Inspire Team. [orders@inspirephotography.co.nz](mailto:orders@inspirephotography.co.nz) 043848009

### WATER ONLY

As per our schools policy and procedures we are a water only school– please make sure you are sending your child with only water. The drinking fountains are available for your child to refill when needed. No fizzy drinks, Poweraids or Juices please.

## Sarah Fountain's Message

### NETBALL:

The registrations for boys and girls in years 5 - 8 netball for terms 2 and 3 are now open on Kindo All information has been emailed out. Registrations close on Monday 20 March.

### MINIBALL/BASKETBALL:

This will be offered for next term for boys and girls in years 3 - 8. The information will be emailed and posted on Hero in the near future.

### SOUTHERN ZONE FOOTBALL FESTIVAL:

This is happening for the students in years 5 - 8 who have signed up on **Tuesday next week (21st, pp 23rd March)** at Wakefield Park. We still require 3 adults to help with our year 5/6 teams. Please email Sarah on [sarah.fountain@sfd.school.nz](mailto:sarah.fountain@sfd.school.nz) as soon as possible if you are able to help.

## Community Messages



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY  
2023  
WITH ANNETTE MOFFAT'S ANNUAL...

# GARDEN

*Sale*  
**Saturday**  
MARCH  
18  
1-5pm

PLANTS, VEGES, FLOWERS, CUTTINGS, BULBS, SEEDLINGS ETC  
**58 Derwent Street**  
**Island Bay**  
GOLD COIN ENTRY.  
ALL PROCEEDS TO  
WELLINGTON DOWN SYNDROME  
ASSOCIATION  
CONTACT ANNETTE ON  
0272275058  
amoffnz@gmail.com  
CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE DROPPED  
OFF TO THE VENUE BEFOREHAND

GO IN  
THE  
DRAW  
TO  
WIN!



Order eZlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering.

**GIVE RUGBY A TRY!**  
SEASON STARTS 28 APRIL

- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Be healthy



Find out more about Marist St Pats junior rugby  
[msprugby.co.nz/juniors](http://msprugby.co.nz/juniors) or email [mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com)

### Pride Escape – Summer 2024 – Open To Receive Enrolments

Our Pride Escape Summer Adventure is now open to receive enrolment. This adventure programme is extremely popular and fills up very quickly well before the early-bird deadline. The programme details are attached for your perusal. Please note that this programme is age restricted, 9 years and up. <https://pridelands.org.nz/services/pride-escapes/>

### Adventure Weekends – Mid-Term Breaks

Three more Adventure Weekends to go in 2023.

Our **Autumn Adventure Weekend** is full and the other 3 seasons that are yet to take place are filling up and they are as follows: Winter (2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June), Spring (25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August) and Summer (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November). Please make your booking. Here is a link to our new service to support families across Wellington Region: <https://pridelands.org.nz/services/adventure-weekend/>

Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins. Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilda's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 04 3837518 or email on: [meates21@gmail.com](mailto:meates21@gmail.com) Thanks

## HERO APP

This is an easy way to access our school website, report an absence, find contact emails, access KINDO, see what events are coming up and access alerts. Download it and have a go. Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Hero or

[Click this link for instructions on how to download hero](#)

## Schools Procedures and Policies

We have moved all our policies to school docs which is an online portal where you have instant access to our policy and procedures. See below how to log on etc...

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password.

**User name: sfd** **Password: sfd**

## Kindo Online Shop

**Working together with Kindo, St Francis de Sales School offers you a fantastic way to view and pay for your child's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle!**

**FIRST TIME?** [CLICK HERE](#) to set up an account easily. All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school. [New Users](#)

**ALREADY REGISTERED?** [CLICK HERE](#) to shop or pay school expenses anytime, anywhere.

Choose to pay-as-you-go or add funds to your Kindo account in advance, using internet banking, account2account or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).



## Uniform Shop



Orders for Uniform are to be placed via our Kindo shop. Orders are made up every Tuesday and Friday morning and will be sent home once completed with your child. If you require your child to be fitted for a uniform item please email the school office and we will organize this.



## Lunch Box



## School Lunch Orders

We offer three lunch options each week that can be ordered online.

Place your orders via the Kindo Shop on the school website [www.sfds.school.nz](http://www.sfds.school.nz) or [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) by 9am on the day.

Named orders will be dropped off by 12.30pm on the day and can be collected from the school office.

Please ensure you receive a confirmation of your order – it can be quite upsetting if a child thinks they are getting a lunch and it doesn't arrive.

### Subway – every Wednesday

A selection of mini or 6-inch subs (ham, salami, beef, turkey and vegetarian). Add a water or a cookie.

### Sushi Lunches - every Thursday

Sushi Lunches provide a sushi delivery service every Thursday - order for your child's sushi via

### Pita Pit – every Friday

A selection of Pitas (beef, ham, chicken, and veggie), are available plus cookies and water.

## School Calendar



Is available on the school website [www.sfds.school.nz](http://www.sfds.school.nz) via the events tab or on our school app which you can download in the app store on your smart devices



To order your digital copy of this years entertainment book click [here](#) and start saving today!



If you are interested in purchasing any of these wonderful products please check out our new fundraiser via Kindo. [CLICK HERE](#) and you will be redirected to kindo where you can browse through and place your order quickly and easily! With every purchase that is made through the Munch Eco Shop 20% is returned back to the school. You can also access kindo through the new school app.