



ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

TE KURA O HATO WERAHIKO TE HERA

Newsletter Week 8 Term 1 Wednesday 22 March 2023

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Mary-Angela's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we move into the cooler months, we are experiencing some of the sicknesses that often pop up during the change in seasons. We have also had staff members contracting Covid for the second time. Please look after yourselves, and keep an eye out for sneezes, coughs and headaches. Please keep your child(ren) home if they are not well. Thank you.

HERO ACCESS FOR GRANDPARENTS

We have recently been asked by a grandparent to provide access to Hero. At the moment, Hero is only being used for admin and communication. However, later this year all student reporting will be shared through Hero also. You may wish to give your family members access to your child's Hero account so that they can celebrate their learning, and receive school notices, etc. We can do this for you on request. Please contact the office office@sfds.school.nz.

MATHS

Recently a couple of parents expressed a desire to know more about what the children learn to solve maths problems.

You might find that the strategies children learn now seem very different to when you were at school. Often it was the good ol' '**working form**' that was taught for solving almost all maths problems when I went to school. Every maths problem - no matter how simple, was written to solve from top to bottom. This method uses place value - which is only one way to solve a problem.

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My elderly father, who was a wonderful mathematician (1918-2013), used to tell us at home that '**working form**' was a 'modern', and very inefficient method of solving simple maths problems. He would teach us to solve it in our head. He taught us to round numbers and compensate across the equation in our head to work out the problem.

In about 2002, a return to teaching more mental-math began. Children once again began learning a variety of mental strategies - so that eventually they can choose the most efficient method, depending on the problem. We now teach that an algorithm, like '**working form**' should be kept for more complex problems.

If you would like to walk the learning journey with your child, there are a variety of supports for parents on the [NZ maths website](http://www.nzmaths.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou

Mary-Angela Tombs – Principal

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DRS Message

ROCK YOUR SOCKS FUNDRASER

Thank you for all the donations for the Rock your sock fundraiser! We raised \$245! This will be left open on kindo for the next few days if you haven't donated! Heidi also read a book about Down Syndrome to the junior school!



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.

*Ma te Atua koe, e manakitiamai matou.
May God bless you.*

Madeline Smith —DRS

Sarah Fountain's Message

TERM 2 SPORT

The registrations for miniball (years 3 - 6) and basketball (years 7 - 8) are now available on Kindo.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who received a certificate at our school hui on Friday for showing the value of kindness:

Milsha J, Johan J, Jack C, Taya B, Fia D, Valentina DG, Paris C, Stefan S, Charlotte BC and James D.

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Aubert** house for winning the house cup for the most values cards earned, and to Maddox S who won The Empire movie voucher in the values card draw.



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 043848009

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is open Monday to Friday 8.30am –3.30pm. If you call and we are away from our desks please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we are free. We check our phone messages regularly.

Community Messages

Are you looking for an engaging and fun activity for your kids during the upcoming school break? Look no further than Hoop Kids Autumn Camp!

Our camp provides a unique opportunity for girls and boys of all skill levels, whether just starting out or looking to take their game to the next level. Our coaches and trainers will deliver 6 hours of daily instruction focusing on fundamental development while creating a positive and supportive environment that encourages making new friends and building confidence.

At Hoop Kids Autumn Camp, children are encouraged to progress at their own pace and ability without the pressure of competition. The camp is open to kids from Years 3 - 8 and offers a range of skill levels from beginner to advanced.

Join us **from Tuesday, 11th April to Thursday, 13th April**, at the Ākau Tangi Sports Centre from 9 am - 3 pm. The cost for this unforgettable experience is only **\$155**. Please take advantage of this fantastic opportunity for your child to have fun and improve their basketball skills at Hoop Kids Autumn Camp. [Sign up today!](#)



Community Messages

APRIL FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – GREEN ROOM, WESTS RUGBY CLUBROOMS, IAN GALLOWAY PARK, WILTON

Week 1 – Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Week 2 – Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

For children aged 5-12 years Perfect for "Beginner's" and those just wanting to have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

FOOTBALL SKILLS – TERM 2 **FRIDAY'S 3.30PM-4.30PM***

Aimed for beginners, an 8 week football skills programme at Wests Rugby Club Rooms on Friday's (3.30PM-4.30pm). Come and learn all about Football! This programme covers both individual and team skills including, Game rules, Ball control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Defence, Team work, Goalkeeping, practice and warm up drills for players and teams.

It is ideal to improve skills and confidence.

To Enrol to any programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz

DRAMA: Wonderplay has places available for kids drama in Island Bay on Thursdays. Join us for Term Two! Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre: 3.45-4.30pm: New Wonders (Intro to drama, 5yrs+), 4.30-5.30pm: Star Players (8yrs+). Also ask about our award-winning Wellington Young Actors class for teens and Advanced Drama for 10-13 year olds (Wednesdays, CBD). First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

These school holidays KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting *Jessica Bo Peep*, Written by Amalia Calder

What: *Jessica Bo Peep*

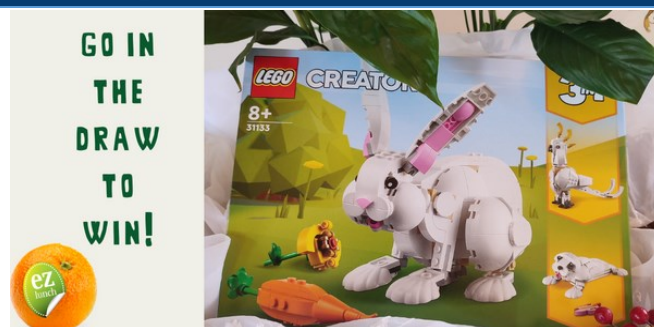
When: 8th - 15th April 2023

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$13.50pp, Family pass (4 tickets) \$50.00, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz



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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ bonobo MOVEMENT & PLAY GYM



Trampoline & Acrobatics TUE 18 April 9.30am - 12.30pm	Beginner Parkour MON 17 April 9.30am - 11.30am TUE 18 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm	Springboard Diving & Play THU 13 & 20 April 9.30am - 12.30pm
Outdoor Parkour 1 WED 12 & THU 13 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm	Free Play WED 12 & 19 April FRI 14 & 21 April 9.30am - 11.30am	Outdoor Parkour 2 WED 19 & THU 20 April 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Unit 3/56 Kingsford Smith St, Rongotai
 021 499 483
www.bonobo.co.nz

CodeCamp April School Holidays CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment.



Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps. Thorndon School: 11th - 14th April & 17th - 20th April. Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>



ISLAND BAY UNITED WOMEN'S SOCIAL FOOTBALL

2023

PLAY SOCIAL FOOTBALL AT IBU THIS SEASON

- Play social football
- Learn new skills
- Season starts Sunday 23 April - give it a go!

If you're interested in joining our wonderful community club at Island Bay, get in touch at womenscoordinator@islandbayunited.org



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
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 or 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 via the events tab or on our school app which you can download in the app store on your smart devices



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.



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