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Blanket Fair

Congratulations and thank you all who were involved with the Blanket Fair. A lot of people have worked hard, under the great leadership of Melissa Golden and the PTA to make this a successful event and have done an amazing job of that. Thank you all for your donations of gifts and equipment, your sponsorship, setting up, cleaning up and support for the Fair. It was a tremendous community event with lots of fun, bargains and prizes. We hope you enjoyed your part in the Fair.

- ☺ Fundraising BBQ tomorrow, Friday 13 November.
- ☺ School Assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm.

The next PTA meeting is a fair de-briefing meeting on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This is to discuss what we feel we did well and what we need to improve on. All welcome and any advice on how to improve our future fairs will be greatly appreciated.





Enrolments for 2016 and 2017

If you have a child you would like to enrol to start during the next couple of years we would appreciate it for our forward planning, if you could pick up and complete an enrolment form from the office.

If you know of other families considering enrolment please let them know. Thank you.

First Communion

A group of mainly Year 4 pupils are set to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday. We pray that they have a happy and special celebration. All school families are welcome to this Mass at 9.30am on Sunday.

Altar servers for 22 November are:

Melanie Noquilla and Isabella Stewart

School Assembly

There will be a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday 20 November. All welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

Welcome

Welcome to Victoria Pleace and Flynn Simonson who started school this week. Flynn has a sister, Isla in Room 3. Happy school days children.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Room 1 teacher Katie and husband James on the birth of their daughter, Isla May last Friday. A lovely sister for Neve.



Weetbix Tryathlon

The Dunedin event is scheduled for **Sunday 28th February 2016**.

We are now registered as a school and that will put us in the draw to win some amazing prizes, and give us an early bird price of **\$35 per child** (must enter before 28 Jan 2016).

This event is open to children 7 years and over. Children can enter as individuals or in pairs – if entering as a team you will need to consider your team name prior and both participants will enter when completing registration, along with confirmation of who is swimming and riding.

1. Go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz
2. On the right of the screen under Upcoming Events select 'Dunedin >> 28 FEB 2016>>' to view event details
3. At the top right of the screen click REGISTER NOW and select Dunedin
4. On the second entry screen ensure you select our school 'St Francis Xavier School (Mornington)' and select YES to link to registered school

Alternatively if you would prefer to not enter online you can collect a registration form from the office (and return before end of year).

If you are new to the school this is a fun event suitable for all levels – we generally have around 30 children enter and as the children are staggered in start times the focus is on participation and completion.

Check out the webpage for training tips over the holidays.

It would be great to have registration numbers confirmed before the end of the school year and the excitement of Christmas holidays.

Any questions around this event or registration please contact our school coordinator Roberta Lawrence (021 433321).





We have a communication tool called Tiqbiz. It is an App that shows a calendar and has a News-feed. We put messages and photos on for families to refer to and is particularly useful when we have delayed starts.

Tiqbiz also works on computers, ipads and Tablets.

To have access to this communication tool please register at www.tiqbiz.com. You just click on the "Download Tiqbiz Now" and follow the prompts.

When you tick the school options it is only necessary to tick "Whole School".

Thank you.

Otago Athletic Championships

Good luck to all our competitors in the Otago Athletic Championships today.



St Francis Xavier Day

St Francis Xavier Day is Thursday 3 December. We will celebrate St Francis Xavier at the 9.30am Parish Mass.

The PTA is shouting a sausage and bread for lunch on St Francis Xavier Day. Thank you PTA.



Sports Notices

Futsal

All draws for futsal will be in the office window each week.

Touch Rugby

Thursday 19 November

SFX Chargers v St Bernadettes 1	3.45pm	Field 5A	Year 3/4
SFX Sprinters v St Bernadettes 4	4.15pm	Field 3	Year 5/6

T-Ball

Saturday 21 November

SFX Saints v Mornington Majors	10.00am	Bathgate 9
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Flippa Ball

No Flippa Ball this weekend for either team. Semi finals are next weekend.



Advent Wreaths

Class Advent Wreaths will be blessed as part of the Shared Prayer section on Friday 27 November. Families who would also like to have their wreaths blessed are welcome to bring them along on the day.

We have included some ideas about how to make an Advent Wreath. We would encourage as many families as possible to make an Advent Wreath and bring it along to be blessed at Shared Prayer. These can then be used at home throughout Advent. If you are not sure how to make one, see Pauline Ryan.

The Advent Wreath can be made and used in a number of ways. An ordinary Christmas Wreath, evergreen branches twisted in a circle or green ferns and leaves wound around a coat hanger wire can be used for a base. You can also buy bases from florists, the Warehouse and Spotlight. Each base needs four candles, three purple and one pink. A purple ribbon on the wreaths reminds us that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation.



Stationery for 2016

We are in the process of sorting invoices to go out before school end for Stationery and other activities for 2016.

Next year your child will receive a stationery pack to start their school year off. These will be available to purchase from the office from Monday 25 January between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Payment on collection please either by cash or cheque, or prior internet banking into the school account.

From week 8 no stationery will be purchased from the school office as we will be invoicing extra stationery purchased by your children for this year.

If you have any questions regarding this please see Rochelle or Craig. Thank you.

Friday BBQ

Fundraising for Christmas Presents to give to those in need

Sausage n bread	\$2.00
Juicie	\$1.00

Save the Date

Year 6 Leavers party is on Saturday 5 December in the Parish Centre, from 4.30pm. More details to follow in the next few weeks.



PTA Lunch

Wednesday 25 November

Mince Pie	\$2.00
Moosie	\$1.00

Please place orders in an envelope with name and room number of child and deliver before 9.00am to the office.

Beach Education

New Zealand Surf Life Saving has changed the venue for Beach Education. This will now be held at St Kilda Beach as St Clair Beach is unsuitable. Please return the Beach Education helpers notice as soon as possible. Thank you.



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St Francis Xavier
students, families
and friends



Dunedin Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area Children's Christmas Mass

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St Francis Xavier Church  
5pm, Christmas Eve



This is a Mass held especially for children, therefore we are looking for all those children in our pastoral area who would like to be involved.  
The roles are:

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|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Greeters (2)               | Mary*       | Animals (sheep & cow)   |
| Altar Servers (2)          | Joseph*     | Angels                  |
| Readers* (3)               | Head Angel* | Wise Man 1*             |
| Collection & Offertory (3) | Cesar       | Wise Man 2*             |
| Overhead Powerpoint        | Donkey      | Wise Man 3*             |
| Narrator*                  | Innkeeper*  | <i>* Speaking roles</i> |

and, if any children are interested in forming a small choir, this would be very welcome too!

Now in its third year at St Francis Xavier, we are really keen to see this continue to grow so if you or your child(ren) are interested please come along **after Mass on Sunday 29th November at the St Francis Xavier Parish Centre.**

Any questions please contact Alix Lucas-Fyfe (021 948 656) or Elizabeth Schonwald (021 060 8706), & keep an eye out for the Facebook event page for details too!



## Beach Education

Beach Education with Surf Life Saving is to be held at St Kilda Beach on 8 and 9 December. We require parent supervisors for Beach Education and hope you can join us. Supervisors are needed to stay for the day. A ratio of 1 adult to 5 children is required particularly for the dip in the sea in the afternoon. Supervisors need to be prepared to get in the water. Please return the reply slip if you can help. Thank you.

### **Beach Education Rooms 1, 2 and 3**

**Tuesday 8 December**

**Depart 9.10am and return 2.30pm**

**Transport for this group will be by bus**

I can help as a supervisor: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Beach Education Rooms 4 & 5**

**Wednesday 9 December**

**Depart 9.10am and return 2.30pm**

**Transport for this group will be by cars**

I can transport \_\_\_\_\_ pupils.

I can help as a supervisor: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Thought for the Week**

***“Be positive in your thinking. Thoughts become word. Word become actions. Actions become habit. Habits become values. Values become our destiny”. Gandhi***

***Mā te Atua e manaaki***

***God Bless***

***Craig and the school team***

