



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 1

Week 10

1st April 2016

Gospel Reading

[John 20:19-31](#)

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Family Connection

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: ***What were the disciples to do with these gifts?*** (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another.

Pray together Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Good Shepherd Mass Times

Saturday: 8am, 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am, 6pm
Weekday: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 6am, 9am
Spanish: Sat 7.30pm
Vietnamese: Sunday 10.45am

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EASTER RAFFLE

Last Thursday the P & F announced the winners of the Easter Raffle. Congratulations to the major prize winners.

1st Prize: Natasha Noche

2nd Prize: Momoh Konneh

3rd Prize: Ben Kennedy

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the raffle, also a big thank you to Natasha Soulsby, Natasha Fernance, Natasha Griffiths, Alecia Kemp, Lisa Clarke, Kaylene Johnston, Toni Baker, Ivanka Leko, Liz Price, Melissa Ahokava, Chantelle Stapleton, Elyce Graham, and Lena Camilleri.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to Lena for her organisation of the Easter Raffle last week. The work of parents like Lena across our school is always very much appreciated. Also thanks to ALL the parents who helped in any way with the Easter Raffle.

Thank you again to the P & F for the new seating around the playground. It looks great!

DATES COMING UP 2015

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| Fri | 8 Apr | WYD Mufti Day Assembly in hall at 2.40pm Last Day of Term 1 |
| Mon | 25 Apr | Anzac Day |
| Tues | 26 Apr | School Resumes—Term 2 |



Congratulations to the Pasaquian family (Marjorie 5W & Jeraldine KS) on the arrival of their little girl Alexandra.

CYBER SAFETY

Aussie Teens and Kids Online

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commission website has published some information about recent research into young people's engagement online, use of mobile devices and the services and activities that draw them online. It is well worth the time taken to read.

Visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/research-library/aussie-teens-and-kids-online>

NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC

As of next term the school newsletter will only be available electronically. We are doing our part for the environment by not printing. It also looks much better in colour when viewing it online.

Parents and friends can subscribe through our school website:

stfrancisglendenning.catholic.edu.au to receive the newsletter via email. The subscribe button is on the home page down the bottom or it can be viewed through the Skoolbag App.

There will be paper copies available at the front office for those who do not have internet access or would like a hard copy.

KINDERGARTEN 2107 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the School Office and on our website.

Parents, if you already have a child at St Francis of Assisi, you will need to submit an Enrolment Form for any siblings for 2017.

MUFTI DAY

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL.
GOLD COIN TO PARTICIPATE
CHILDREN CAN COME
DRESSED IN
NORMAL CLOTHES

WINTER UNIFORM

Children should return in their **full winter uniform** on Tuesday 26th April. We do understand if the weather is still warm that the full summer uniform would be more comfortable and may be worn. We expect the students to be in their complete winter uniform by Monday 9th May.

There is a new winter uniform available for purchase for the students who need a new winter uniform.

The new items include:

FOR GIRLS

A new checked tunic, new tie and navy blue tights.

FOR BOYS

A new long sleeved shirt with the school logo, a new tie and navy blue pants.

There is a new jacket to go with the new winter uniform but this won't be available until next term.

Just a reminder to parents that there is a two year change over period and it is not necessary to purchase the new uniforms if your old one is still in good condition.

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**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL
MAJOR FUNDRAISER**

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We will be holding our Yearly 'a-thon' in Term 2. Similar to last year, we are looking for any local businesses that are able to donate prizes. Can you help with this? Do you know someone who can help? Please contact the office if you or someone you know is able to help out.

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**1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE**

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children
2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers

**Venue: St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning
1 Stone Street Glendenning Tel: 9832 3062**

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

The course is 3 sessions and will be held on the following dates:

Session 1 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 4th May 2016
Session 2 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 11th May 2016
Session 3 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 18th May 2016

Registration Fee?

The course costs \$10 (per parent or per couple) which covers the cost of the Parent Workbook. Register for this course by contacting St Francis of Assisi School Office on 9832 3062.

If you are interested in attending this course put are finding it difficult to make payment please see Mrs Bellenger.

OUR NEW 'BUDDY BENCH'

In our playground we have a new seat that is called the "BUDDY BENCH."

This seat encourages children who are looking for someone new to play with to sit here so they can become friends with other children.

Below is a picture of our Buddy Bench.





Little Kayden Underhill is eyeing off a medal at the World BMX Championships in Colombia in May.
Picture: Carmela Roche

KAYDEN A BMX LEGEND AT SEVEN

AT JUST seven, Kayden Underhill is on the way to becoming a BMX world champion.

The Year 2 student's first overseas trip in May will see him compete in the World BMX Championships in Colombia.

The youngster from Whalan qualified for the event after competing at the national titles in Bathurst last month.

His mum Kylie Borthwick said she could not be more proud of her son's efforts.

"We were pretty confident he would win," she said. "We are always so proud of him and anyone who knows him knows how dedicated he is."

Despite his age, Kayden has his sights set on the international stage.

"He has already looked at what Olympics he can ride in when he grows up," Mrs Borthwick said. "All he wants to do is come home from Colombia with the world title."

"He's been racing since he was three. He was off training wheels at two so we took him to the track ... he hasn't looked back."

Ms Borthwick said Kayden now had got the whole family hooked on BMX.

"His dad started riding because of him," she said. "He got us all into the sport. He even gives his dad tips on riding."

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A Catholic school of excellence and improvement

NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2017



St Clare's Catholic High School are currently conducting enrolment interviews of applicants for Year 7, 2017.

Applications are available from the School Office between 7:30am – 3.30pm or downloaded from our website.

Please submit your enrolment application and necessary documentation prior to Friday 8th April, 2016 to secure your position.



Catholic education is affordable for every family. If you have concerns regarding fees, please contact the Principal, Mr Shane Morris. For all enquiries, please contact the school office.

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