

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 3

Week 7

2nd September 2016

## Gospel Reading for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

[Luke 14:25-33](#)

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

## Family Connection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favourite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

## Prayer for Fathers

*God, bless all the fathers of the world.*

*Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are.*

*Give them grace, strength, wisdom and love  
to be teachers and guides*

*for the young who look up to them.*

*Amen*



## DATES COMING UP

- 04/09 Fathers' Day
- 07/09 Years 5 & 6 attending Camp Rock performance
- 08/09 Dental check ups Kindy, Yrs 2, 4 and 6  
Year 5 Mass
- 09/09 Crazy Hair Day
- 13/09 Infants Sports Carnival
- 22/09 25th Anniversary Celebrations

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## FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Today we celebrated Fathers' Day with a sausage sizzle breakfast followed by a liturgy. We were glad to see so many parents and grandparents come to share this special day despite the rainy weather.



### FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our wonderful parent community for your help and support with our Father's Day stall. The children were excited to purchase a gift for their father. Thank you to Lili Dowd, Amy Whitelaw, Natasha Griffiths, Natasha Soulsby, Kaylene Johnson, Toni Baker, Alicia Kemp, Lena Camilleri and Rosalinda Lee for helping with our stall.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Sharnie Clinch, Brittney O'Connell and Marley Campbell from Year 4 and Leon Loau from Year 6 for receiving their First Holy Communion at Holy Family Emerton on Saturday 27th August.



## Crazy Hair Day is back!

Crazy hair day will be held on **Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September**. Children who wish to take part will need to donate an item for the chocolate wheel for the Fete. The donated item **MUST** be in **UNUSED** condition. It could be an unwanted gift, homewares, books, toys, gift vouchers, movie vouchers, etc. Items to be handed in on the **9<sup>th</sup> of September** the same day as crazy hair day. **Normal uniform to be worn as per uniform calendar.**

### FREE DENTAL ASSESSMENT AT SCHOOL

Students in Kindy, Years 2, 4 and 6 can have a free dental assessment at school by dental staff from Western Sydney Local Health District, Oral Health Service.



The dental assessments will be done on Thursday 8th September. Consent forms were sent home last week for students in Kindy, Years 2, 4 and 6. If you wish to have your child's teeth assessed please complete the consent form and return it to the office ASAP.

### INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 13th September we will be having our annual Infants Sports Carnival. Parents are welcome to attend and watch their children compete. The carnival will be held at Glendenning Reserve from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Children will need to bring their recess to school with them on the day as they will be taking it down to the reserve. They will be back at school in time for lunch. Could parents please complete the permission note and return it to the office.



### KINDER ENROLMENTS 2017

Just a reminder to families of St Francis that if you have a child who is starting kinder next year, or know of someone, please see the office to get an enrolment form. Spaces are very limited and we need the enrolment forms submitted ASAP.



### STUDENT SUPERVISION

Just a reminder - student supervision commences at 8:30am when the teacher rostered to do morning playground supervision goes on duty. Adequate supervision of students is provided at this time. Direct supervision of students that arrive before 8:30am is not provided and students are asked to sit and wait outside the canteen area until the duty teacher arrives.

It is recommended that parents do not drop off their students at school before 8:30 am. Before School care is available as an alternative.

### COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES FORM

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

### MOVING ONTO ANOTHER SCHOOL

If for some reason your child will not be returning to St Francis in 2017, a note stating their last day at our school and the school they will be attending is required.

### OUTAGE MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Due to upgrades within the school our Internet and telephone lines will be down all day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping to have one phone line for incoming calls being diverted to a mobile for urgent calls. Please do not email change of arrangements on this day, as we will not have access to the Internet.

### SICK BEFORE SCHOOL

Parents if your child is sick in the morning before coming to school, please do not send them. It is much better that they are resting and recuperating at home than in Sick Bay.

Once they return to school you please supply a letter to your child's teacher stating the reason for their absence.





## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS

Thank you to the families who ensure that the students are wearing their full school uniform and are neatly groomed each day.

A reminder that:

Long hair must be tied back and extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. Streaks, lines and hair colouring are considered inappropriate for primary school children.

Sports shoes must be predominantly white with white laces not coloured. Fluoro coloured shoes are not appropriate.

We feel it is important at a young age to develop a pride in appearance and the concept of appropriateness of dress and appearance to suit the occasion.

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools. This undertaking also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children. The links below replaces our school's (and diocese) previous "Child Protection Briefing training". We would request that all volunteers complete the forms below as soon as possible. To access the forms go to <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Please note that you must completed both modules:

"Building Child Safe Community—Undertaking for Volunteers" form.

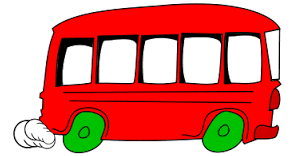
Complete the online training module.

This new training needs to be completed by all parents volunteering at our school. This module replaces any others done in the past.

Thank you.

## SCHOOL BUS SERVICES TO OPERATE AS SCHEDULED

Busways has advised that the stop work action on Monday has been cancelled.



ALL bus services in the MORNING and AFTERNOON on Monday 5th September will operate as scheduled.



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is important that the school has up to date emergency contact details. These details are added onto our system in case of emergency i.e. illness, lockdown/evacuations etc.

If you have changed your mobile phone recently or if you have a new job, please advise us of your new numbers. Also, if you change your address or changed your email address also let us know. You can do this by sending an email to:

[stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au)

or contact the office on 9832 3062.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH PLUMPTON

Sunday October 30th will be an information day.

**1st reconciliation** classes for 2016 are as follows: Sunday Nov 6th, Nov 13th, Nov 20th and Nov 27th with first confessions to begin on any Saturday from Dec 3rd onwards. Forms will be available from late September.

**1st reconciliation** will take place on any Saturday from 11am from November 26th onwards and also on the Advent 2nd Rite Wed December 14th at 7.30pm.

**1st Communion** classes for 2017 are as follows:

Sunday March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd.

**1st Communions** will take place at any Sunday Mass from April 23rd onwards.



*St. Bernadette's*

**60<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Please join us

**22ND OCTOBER 2016**

**Novotel Sydney, Norwest**

1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

**6:30 – 11:30pm**

**\$75 per person**

Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: [www.sbchpf.com](http://www.sbchpf.com)

ENQUIRIES: [sbchpf@gmail.com](mailto:sbchpf@gmail.com)



**Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.**





## NDIS Information Session – St Marys

This information session is designed to help people with disability, as well as their families and carers, get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme that launched in your area on 1 July 2016.

The session will cover topics such as:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- Am I eligible for the NDIS?
- What will happen if I am made eligible?
- What kind of support can I access through the NDIS?

The information session is also a perfect opportunity to bring your questions along and have them answered by experienced NDIA staff members.

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**St Marys Memorial Hall Meeting Room 1**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**  
Cnr Great Western Hwy and Mamre Rd St Marys NSW

**R.S.V.P. Email** [nswcentralengagement@ndis.gov.au](mailto:nswcentralengagement@ndis.gov.au).

With names of those attending the session. Please mention if there are any accessibility requirements. Please also advise the capacity in which you are attending eg; Participant, provider or carer.



**St Clare's Catholic High School presents**

**Disney**

# **CAMP ROCK**

## THE MUSICAL

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
7pm**

**Greater Western Sydney Performing Arts Centre  
Hyatts Rd, Plumpton**

**Adults \$15  
School students & children \$5  
Kids under 5 free**

**Doors open 6pm**

**Tickets available at the door or book through the school  
(02) 9830 2400**

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# TERM 3 OVERVIEW – 2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 JUL	18 <sup>th</sup> School Resumes	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>  24 <sup>th</sup>
2 JUL	25 <sup>th</sup> World youth Day begins	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 and Year 6 Mass	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Laura Jean Portraits 31 <sup>st</sup>
3 AUG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 – Priest class visit	5 <sup>th</sup> Infants Disco August Census	6 <sup>th</sup>  7 <sup>th</sup>
4 AUG	8 <sup>th</sup> Feast of Mary Mackillop	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair & Parade Whole School Mass – St Clare Grandparents Day	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>  14 <sup>th</sup>
5 AUG	15 <sup>th</sup> Feast of the Assumption Year 6 VOY	16 <sup>th</sup> Blacktown Zone Athletics	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Reconciliation Year 2 Fundraising for Mission End of Book Fair	19 <sup>th</sup> Primary Disco	20 <sup>th</sup>  21 <sup>st</sup>
6 AUG	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Voice of Youth Year 6 Cluster Final	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Diocesan Athletics	27 <sup>th</sup>  28 <sup>th</sup>
7 AUG SEP	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> World Youth Day ends	1 <sup>st</sup> Year 5 Reconciliation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fathers' Day Celebration	3 <sup>rd</sup>  4 <sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day
8 SEP	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Yr 5 & 6 @ Camp Rock	8 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 – Mass Dental Check Up K, 2, 4 & 6	9 <sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair Day for Annual Fete	10 <sup>th</sup>  11 <sup>th</sup>
9 SEP	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Infants Carnival	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows Year 1 – Priest class visit	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>  18 <sup>th</sup>
10 SEP	19 <sup>th</sup> Principals Morning Tea for Respect Awards	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary St Francis Day Celebration/Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Last day of Term	24 <sup>th</sup>  25 <sup>th</sup>