



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 4

Week 9

4th December 2015

Gospel Reading

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

John preaches repentance and baptises in the region of the Jordan.

Family Connection

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

Have you helped at St Francis this year?

Our "THANKS and GRATITUDE"

On Wednesday 9th December, prior to the talent quest, we invite all of our parents and grandparent who have assisted the school in some way this year, to share in a special morning tea in our staffroom at 10.30am. Without your efforts we could not achieve so much and we are extremely grateful.

2015 has been a wonderfully successful year thanks to the dedication and generosity of many people.

The Parents and Friends Association are a generous group of parents who provide Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Fetes Discos and other events. Many thanks for your unlimited generosity of service to the St Francis children and their families. We are truly blessed to have so many people who work so hard to build community and provide enormous support for the children's learning and welfare.

2015 THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday 10th December 10 am

Please join us as we thank God for our many blessings this year. At the mass we will farewell some of our staff who are moving on to teach in other schools in the Diocese. We will give thanks to Mrs Margaret Sultana, Mrs Samantha Zivic, Miss Natalie Irvine and Mrs Trixie Croser.

All the teachers have given generously to the children in their care and will be a loss to our St Francis community. We wish them all the best for the future in their teaching careers.

We give thank to God for our successes and blessings. In particular we thank the helpers who generously donate their time, energy and talents to supporting the school.

DATES COMING UP

- 09/12 Thank You Morning Tea at 10.30am
Talent Quest at 11.30am
Reports go home
- 10/12 Thanksgiving Mass & Year 6 Graduation
- 11/12 Year 6 Jamberoo
- 15/12 Christmas Carols
- 16/12 Last day of school

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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TALENT QUEST

The Talent Quest will be held on Wednesday 9th December (Week 10) in the hall. This year it will be in the MIDDLE SESSION straight after recess, beginning at approximately 11:30am. Parents and friends are invited to come and support the students who have been selected from each grade to perform in front of the whole school.

YEARLY LEARNING REPORTS

The teachers are in the process of writing reports for your child that will let you know about your child's learning during the second half of this year.

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 9th December. We do not have an official parent-teacher interview at this time of the year, however, once you have received your child's report, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to see them.

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

The school office will be closed on Monday 14th December due to the Finance Rollover. NO receipting or cheques can be processed on this day.

2016 SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As of next year the St Francis of Assisi boys summer school uniform will be changing. It will be compulsory for boys starting Kindergarten 2016 to be in the new school uniform while the other students will have a two year change over period. The boys will now be wearing navy blue shorts, a yellow shirt that has the school logo embroidered on it and navy socks.

The boys uniforms will be supplied by OZ Fashions (the supplier of our current sports uniform) who will be at St Francis School for two days during the school holidays to purchase the new boys uniform as well as reduced prices on black leather shoes and white joggers. (sent home with newsletter).

The girls summer uniforms are the same and still available from Lowes.

Next year it is **COMPULSORY** that all students have a St Francis of Assisi Primary School Bag. These can be bought from the office. There are currently 3 styles available that cater for Kindergarten to Year 6.

Information regarding the uniform changes, sports uniform and where the uniforms can be bought will be on our school website <http://www.stfrancisglendenning.catholic.edu.au>

BUS PASS (SCHOOL OPAL CARDS)

As of next year the School Opal Card will replace the normal bus pass. Please remind your child that when they catch a bus that they will need to **'TAP ON'** and **'TAP OFF'**.

If your child is in Year 2 this year and requires a bus pass next year, they need to apply for a new bus pass. Busways will not automatically send out a bus pass for students in Year 3 2016, as the criteria to be eligible for a bus pass changes. If your child needs a bus pass for next year please contact the school office for an application form.

COSHC VACATION CARE

COSHC will be offering Vacation Care during the January holidays 2016. If your children currently attend the COSHC and you require Vacation Care, a form needs to be completed and payment made to COSHC before the 11th December 2015. If your child doesn't currently attend COSHC but you require vacation care then you will also need to fill out a vacation care form as well as a new enrolment form and have the payment finalised by the 11th December. COSHC will be holding Vacation Care at Good Shepherd Primary School. Forms can be collected from St



OUR ANNUAL
CAROLS NIGHT

TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER
6.30PM @
ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

Food & drinks
available from
5pm