



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 4

Week 5

5th November 2015

THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

"The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit."

Pope Saint John XXIII.

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls. This includes all our family and friends who have died. During the month we pray that they are with Jesus in Heaven enjoying eternal life.

I would encourage you to take the time to pray with your children for any of your loved ones who are no longer with us.

YEAR 4 EXCURSION TO THE NAN TIEN TEMPLE- Euphoric Excellent Exciting Excursion



On Tuesday 3rd November, Year 4 went on an interesting and unforgettable journey to Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong. They had a lot of fun learning about Buddha and the Buddhist religion. The students and teachers got to make an origami lotus blossom and had some delicious fried rice with wedges for lunch. 4H and 4G toured through two holy shrines and learnt about some of the Buddhist symbols. They also journeyed through the on-site museum. Year 4's enchanting adventure finally ended as they thanked their guides Tess and Bob.



By Catriona & Jessica

SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW AT STANHOPE LEISURE CENTRE FOR YEARS 2 TO 5

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have finalised school fees for 2015. All families who are on an arrangement this year, your fees are to be finalised no later than the 13th November. If you are unsure on the amount owing, please contact the office for assistance. Reminder letters for remaining balances will be sent home in the coming weeks. We would appreciate your prompt payment so that preparation may begin for 2016.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENDENNING

ENROLLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2016

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 9832 3062

OR EMAIL stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au

DATES COMING UP

- FRI 6/11 - Swimming Carnival Years 2 to 5
- WED 11/11 - Remembrance Day
- FRI 13/11 - Year 1 Excursion
- TUE 17/11 - Year 5 Visit to St Clare's

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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School Disco

*Don't forget to return your note
if you are coming to the disco*

Infants: Tuesday 10th November

1pm to 2pm

Primary: Wednesday 11th November 1pm
to 2pm

Gold coin donation to enter

Every child who donates a gold coin will
receive a lucky door ticket and be in the
running to win a prize.

**Show bags will also be available to
purchase for a special price of \$5.**

**Funds raised will go towards replacing
timber seating in the infant's area.**

TRAVELLING BY BUS

The School Opal card will officially
launch its new online application
for relevant parents and students
travelling in the Opal public
transport region on Monday 2 November.



The application can be found at:
transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card
gives eligible students free travel to and from school on
school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel
simpler, because now students don't need multiple
application forms and passes if they use different transport
operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need
to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing
schools, campus, their home address or moving from year
2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a
School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of
the first term in 2016.

More information will follow in the next few weeks to help
both your staff and students with the transition.



Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project (Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through education)

Our school is participating in the PAVe project - a research project at Macquarie University. Students who have permission from their parents have now completed the second PAVe survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to also complete the PAVe parent survey.

Two schools with the highest return rate of parent surveys will win a \$2,000 prize for their school.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/paveparents> to complete the survey. Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school.

The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and anxiety in children.

The PAVe team and (name of school) thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au