



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

**Term 1**

**Week 11**

**8th April 2016**

## ***What a Marvellous Term***

Thanks for a marvellous Term 1. It is amazing how much learning and other activities happen each term for the benefits of our children.

Thinking back since the commencement of the term we have had a hectic time, including: our new Kindy students starting school at St Francis, Cross Country, Year 6 Camp at Wedderburn, Captivate Band and Dance Programs, Holy week, Easter, Easter Egg Raffle, Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Masses and much more.

A special thanks to the teachers, office staff and parents who generously volunteer to take on extra responsibilities for the children.

St Francis is a great place and as our school vision states: *we want children to belong to a peaceful, Catholic community, which celebrates it's cultural diversity, which is accepting of each child's individuality and strives to follow the Franciscan traditions of responsibility, gentleness, respect, compassion and generosity of spirit.*

Please ensure your children keep reading throughout the holidays, as it is extremely important that they continue to develop their love of reading.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.



Congratulations to the children pictured above. These children received the Respect Award during Term 1 from their class teacher. The above children enjoyed morning tea with Mrs Bellenger on Wednesday. Any child who receives this award during the term will be asked to attend morning tea with Mrs Bellenger at the end of that term.

**SCHOOL RESUMES  
TUESDAY 26TH APRIL.  
WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A FUN AND  
ENJOYABLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY!**

**DUE TO A TIMING ISSUE, REMINDER NOTICES  
WERE SENT HOME TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO  
HAVE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE  
DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY  
MADE AN ARRANGEMENT.**

## **DATES COMING UP**

- Tues 26/4/16 School Resumes - winter uniform

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## HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following children who received the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend at Good Shepherd Church. Chelsey Caraig, Laura Taliman-Kuri, Rochelle Pereyra, Brayden Dasig and Charlize Santos.



## 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 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.

## RESPECT AWARDS

- KA Ruheen Singh
- KS Belinda D'Assuncao
- 1B Ethan Krishn
- 1O Akira Kendell
- 2C Isaac Lalia
- 2R Benedict Loau
- 3A Angelica Conate
- 3B Matilda Spearpoint
- 4B Cooper Jansen
- 4C Sava Tagiloa
- 5B Caitlyn Dela Cruz
- 5W Noah Muscat
- 6D Cohen Smith
- 6S Leon Loau

KA & KS AT ST FRANCIS  
SCHOOL ARE NOW  
ON TWITTER. YOU CAN  
FOLLOW THEM AT:  
@KindyStFrancis

## SORT RECYCLING

Sort Recycling is a not-for-profit social enterprise focused on managing electronic waste. We are seeking donations of computers and other electronic waste. We are seeking donations of computers and other electronic waste, which are then recycled or professionally refurbished and re-homed to local families in need. If you would like to donate please contact us by phone, mobile or alternatively email us or visit our website. We will be happy to come and collect any donations at your convenience. Please like our Facebook page and let all your staff know who we are and what we at SORT do. If we can't reuse the computers you donate they will be recycled into art and craft materials or broken down into basic components and recycled.

**Donations can include:** Computers, keyboards, monitors, laptops with or without batteries and power supplies, servers, modems, wifi units, routers, switches, cabling, printers with or without power, cartridges, scanners, mobile phone, desktop phones, projectors, hi-fi systems, speakers, ipads, tablets, touchscreens, audio equipment instruments, video players, dvd players, game consoles, LCD flat screens.





## **Year 6 Camp to Wedderburn Christian Campsite**

On the 31st of March to the 1st of April, Year 6 students of St Francis of Assisi went to Wedderburn Christian Campsite to show their leadership skills and take part in fun activities. We were welcomed by the staff members of the Christian campsite and they told us about the wildlife and buildings around us. After that we got to settled into our cabins where we got ready for our activities which were the giant swing, the flying fox, archery, rock climbing, newcombe ball and bowling with a twist.

During the night we gathered around a campfire and had the opportunity to roast marshmallows. Before we went to sleep, all staff, students and teachers had a night walk in the bush. The food was delicious and everyone sure enjoyed it. St Francis students and teachers appreciates the hard work of the Wedderburn staff for organising these days.

By: Sheryn 6S



### **Year 6 Camp**

Last week on the 31st of March to the 1st of April, Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in a leadership camp. We enjoyed the bus ride, which was 45 to 50 minutes away from school. We did adrenalin pumping activities such as the giant swing, which was 18 metres high, archery, rock climbing, flying fox, bowling and newcombe ball. I'm pretty sure the Year 6's next year will enjoy participating in those activities. We also participated in a campfire, where we roasted marshmallows on sticks, then we got to do a night walk in the bush. We all slept in cabins which was separated between boys and girls. There was awesome food there. They served us great food from breakfast to dinner. The meal I enjoyed was at dinner where we had a mouth watering experience and ate roast beef, seasoned chips and vegetables, which everyone enjoyed.

By Vince

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Session 2 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Session 3 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NAPLAN 2016

The 2016 NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from **Tuesday 10th May—Thursday 12th May** for students in Years 3 and 5. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

More details can found at:

[www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-parents.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-parents.html).

Test dates for your calendar:

10 May—Language Conventions and Writing

11 May—Reading

12 May—Numeracy

## ST ANDREWS COLLEGE



### 2017 Year 7 Enrolment

St Andrews College is about creating dynamic learning environments that challenge and nurture students to be people of compassion, companion, confidence, competence, creativity, conscience and with the conviction of faith to transform the world.

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday the 6th of May, otherwise their child may miss out on a place.

Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website, or phone 9626 4000 for a Prospectus.

**Applications close at 3pm on Friday 6 May 2016**

