

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 3

Week 8

9th September 2016

This Sunday's Gospel Reading

[Luke 15:1-32](#)

Jesus responds to those who criticise him for keeping company with the unworthy.

Family Connection

Ask your children to recall games they play that involve losing or hiding something and then finding it. (Hide and Go Seek, Ghost in the Graveyard, Who's Got the Button?) Talk about how exciting it is to find the person or thing being looked for.

Ask your children if they have any memories of losing something special or being lost themselves. Share the stories as well as the fears or feelings. Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home.

OUTAGE MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Due to upgrades within the school our Internet and telephone lines will be down all day on Monday 12th 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.

DUE TO THE INTERNET OUTAGE ON MONDAY PARENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLACE AN ONLINE ORDER THROUGH MUNCH MONITOR FOR STUDENTS LUNCHES. PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ON THIS DAY. LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU PLACE A MANUAL ORDER AT THE CANTEEN WINDOW.

BACK TO ST FRANCIS DAY

If you know of any ex-students who would be interested in attending our Back to St Francis Day celebrations on Thursday 22nd September, permission forms will be available from the St Francis school office. We look forward to seeing our ex students on this day.

DATES COMING UP

- 13/09 Infants Sports Carnival
- 20/09 P & F Executive Meeting
- 22/09 25th Anniversary Celebrations
- 24/09 School Holidays Commence

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PARKING FOR SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We have had a few of our neighbours ring the school, as parents are parking across driveways in the morning and afternoon when dropping off or picking up their children. Please be considerate of our neighbours and make sure when you are parking your car that it does not block their driveways.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

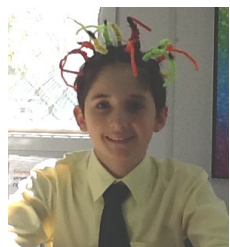
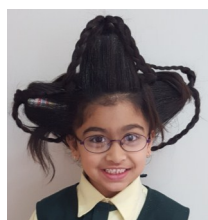
As the weather is warming up, children can come to school in their full summer uniform. Please remember to label all jumpers and jackets as they tend to get left behind in the warmer weather.



The new girls summer uniform will not be available for purchase until the beginning of Term 4. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to the families who donated an item for the Fete's chocolate wheel. Crazy Hair Day is always a huge success. Here are a few of the crazy hair do's from today.



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.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH PLUMPTON

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

(1st Reconciliation 2016 /1st Holy Communion 2017)

Enrolment forms will be available from the church on **17th/18th September** and Monday to Friday from the Parish Office between 8am and 4pm.

The Parent Information Session will be held on Sunday 30th Oct @ 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

Completed enrolment forms must accompany a **photo-copy** of your child's baptismal certificate, and handed in at the 'Parent Information Sunday'. NO blank forms will be handed out at the *Parents' Information Sunday*.

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.

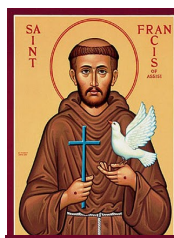
1st Communion classes for 2017 are as follows: Sunday March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd.

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



RESPECT AWARDS

KA	Jayme Whittaker
KS	Mia-Rose Taveuveu
1B	Aimee Williams
1O	Julienne DeGuzmann
2C	Mikayla Gerken
2R	Caidence Tompkin-French
3A	Georgene Ghneim



3B	Nysa Prasad
4B	Patricia Tuazon
4C	Rayden Rodriguez
5B	Ralph Ferrer
5W	Elyssa Acallar
6D	Ariel Bailey
6S	Ryley Wilson

THREATENED SPECIES WEEK

Today Louie, Max and Billy the Bilby from Featherdale Wildlife Park came and spoke to year 3 for Endangered Animal week. The children were fortunate to pat Billy and hear some wonderful information about the importance of caring for our world.



FREE MULCH

IF THERE ARE ANY PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE MULCH FOR THEIR GARDENS PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE HAVE A PILE OF MULCH THAT WE NEED TO GET RID OF. PICK UP WILL NEED TO BE ARRANGED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.



Skoolbag have advised us that the issue regarding newsletters not opening on Android devices is fixed. Please remind all users to update their apps to the latest version.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Monday to Friday 7am - 10pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am - 5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au



DIOCESE *of* PARRAMATTA

09 September 2016

Dear Fathers and Principals,

Re: Child Protection and Safeguarding Vulnerable People

As part of our ongoing commitment to the protection of children and other vulnerable people in our care, the Diocese of Parramatta is making available the brochures you have received to all Diocesan parishes, schools, agencies and ministries.

This brochure is for all parishioners and visitors alike outlining the approach the Diocese of Parramatta takes in relation to safeguarding issues.

I am writing to all parish priests, school principals, heads of agencies and ministries within the Diocese of Parramatta asking that these brochures are made accessible in your respective ministry office, parish office, church or school office.

This brochure is also available online at www.safeguarding.org.au for you to share, download and print at your convenience. If you would like more copies printed and mailed to you, please contact our communication office on comms@parra.catholic.org.au or (02) 8838 3435.

If you have any questions about our approach to safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

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Parent / Guardian Permission (Please read and initial every statement)	
I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by Sept 23rd, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.	
I understand that no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Friday September 16th, 2016.	
I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.	
I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.	
I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number of 60 children.	
I understand that an "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.	
I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional carers will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.	
I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late.	
I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.	
I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is non compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.	
I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.	
I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the back up venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.	
I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.	
I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.	
Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Staff Signature: _____ Date Received: _____	





SPRING 2016 VACATION CARE

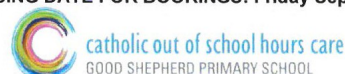
Sept 26th	Sept 27th	Sept 28th	Sept 29th	Sept 30th
Camping Out Theme Day	Canoelands Orchard (Excursion)	Footy Fever Theme Day	9D Mobile Cinema (Incursion)	Trainworks @ Thirlmere (Excursion)
Oct 3rd	Oct 4th	Oct 5th	Oct 6th	Oct 7th
PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO VACATION CARE	Bronte to Bondi Walk (Excursion)	Silly 70's Theme Day	Symbio Wildlife Park @ Helensburgh 7:30am-5:00pm (Excursion)	Hunger Games (Incursion)





Care is available each day from 7:00am-6:00pm. All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified
 Please return booking form in person or email to: coshcgoodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au
 Contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 121 980

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: Friday Sept 16, 2016



SPRING 2016 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: September 26th-30th							Week 2: October 3rd-7th						
Mon: Camping Out Theme - Explore the wilderness with all things camping! We will be making traditional SMORES; our own tent building and will learn how to survive creepy critters.							PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO VACATION CARE						
Tues: Canoelands Orchard - A wonderful opportunity to explore how an orchard operates. Fruits may include nectarines, plums, peaches, tomatoes, passionfruit and blueberries. Includes a farm tour, honey tasting, animals and tractor ride.							Tues: Bronte to Bondi Walk - It's the combination of beaches, parks and spectacular views that make this walk unique. This walking adventure of some of Sydney's wonders will also include beach games and the chance to have your lunch, picnic style.						
Wed: Footy Fever Theme - Come dressed in your favourite sports team colours. Join us for group games, sports, crafts and support your team by creating a team mascot and logo.							Wed: Silly 70's Theme - Are you feeling groovy? Get ready to get your tie dye and your flares flowing. Enjoy 70's style crafts, games, songs and more!						
Thurs: 9D Mobile Cinema - The ultimate multi sensory experience. Watch 3D films with synchronised movement. Feel the wind in your hair or the rain on your face. Sense snow falling or fog rising. Buckle up for the ride of your life.							Thurs: Symbio Wildlife Park @ Helensburgh - Your eyes will light up as you come face to face with some of our world's most interesting and amazing animals. This visit will also give you the opportunity to build a special connection with nature.						
Fri: Trainworks @ Thirlmere - This is more than just a rail museum. Trainworks features a blend of modern facilities and cutting edge interactivity in a faithful heritage setting. Includes a museum tour and a ride on a diesel hauled train.							Fri: Hunger Games - Engage in archery training, boxing, hiding, catching, finding, searching and much more. Get thinking and hearts pumping and make your body work harder than before to survive a game that will never be forgotten.						
Children Must Bring: Fruit snacks, morning tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. COSHC is NUT FREE Zone!!!													
Children Must Wear: As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim) for all outdoor play including all excursions. Children must wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.													
Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require													
	Sept 26th \$50	Sept 27th \$70	Sept 28th \$50	Sept 29th \$55	Sept 30th \$70	Total \$							
Child A						\$							
Child B						\$							
Child C						\$							
	Oct 3rd \$0	Oct 4th \$70	Oct 5th \$50	Oct 6th \$70	Oct 7th \$55								
Child A	Public Holiday No Vacation Care					\$							
Child B						\$							
Child C						\$							
Grand Total						\$							
(Please calculate the total amount for all children and all days of care you require)													

Child Information

(As listed on your enrolment form)

Child A's Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Child B's Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Child C's Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care?

YES/NO If No, you will need to also complete an enrolment form

If YES, which COSHC Service do they attend? _____

I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL PAYMENTS: Friday Sept 23rd, 2016

St. Bernadette's

60th

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

ENQUIRIES: sbchpf@gmail.com



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



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THAT MEANS YOU!

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Create a new design for the Executive Director's educational blog bluyonder and have the opportunity to win an iPad mini 4.



Entries close **15 September**, check out our website
www.parra.catholic.edu.au as well as bluyonder.wordpress.com
and

GET CREATING!



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TERM 3 OVERVIEW – 2016

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