

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 4

Week 1

9th October 2015

Gospel Reading

[Mark 10:17-30 \(shorter form Mark 10:17-27\)](#)

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Family Connection

This Sunday's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however, it is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor. Conclude by praying together the [Peace Prayer of Saint Francis](#).

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Our Year 6 students now only have one more term left in their primary education before moving onto High School. Our Kinders are only a term away from completing the first of thirteen years of schooling. Term 4 is usually very busy and this will certainly be the case again this year. We have the fantastic Fete coming up this Saturday, Kinder 2016 Transition over 4 weeks, Farewell and Thanksgiving Masses, Christmas celebrations and a lot more. Enjoy every moment of the journey...

DATES COMING UP

- SAT 10/10 - St Francis of Assisi Annual Fete
- MON 19/10 - Swimming Program Begins
- FRI 30/10 - Staff Development Day
- TUE 3/11 - Year 4 Excursion
- FRI 6/11 - Swimming Carnival
- FRI 13/11 - Year 1 Excursion

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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY ANNUAL FETE

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 10AM TO 3PM

ALL WELCOME!

Come to our Fete and enjoy early Christmas shopping while contributing to your local school and help to bring the community together.



Join us for a fun family day!

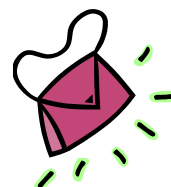
Over 60 Stalls including:

Food, fashion, accessories, homewares, jewellery, gardening, raffles and much more.



Unlimited rides for \$25 pre purchased from the school.

\$30 if purchased on the day.



The excitement grows. Our Fete is nearly here. For the children it's the best day of the year....having a carnival in our school grounds.

The emphasis is on community spirit and having FUN. What a great way to make some money to cater for our children's welfare.

This year there will be for the first time a **HAUNTED HOUSE** run by St Francis school staff. There will also be many stalls, chocolate wheel, rides, food stalls and lots more exciting things.

SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FETE!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015/2016 GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PLUMPTON

Enrolment forms for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are now available at Good Shepherd Church. Children who are seven years old or older are eligible for enrolment in these sacraments. Forms are to be returned on enrolment day (Sunday November 1st 10.30am in the Parish Hall [Bingo]) along with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Classes will commence on Sunday November 8th and continue each Sunday (at 10.30am) until Sunday November 29th. Children will make their first reconciliation this year following completion of the 4 lessons. First Holy Communion will then take place early in 2016.

LEARNING AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank you to our FAMILIES FOR GETTING YOUR CHILD HERE FOR THE START OF SCHOOL AT 8:55.

At St Francis, we intend to concentrate even more upon MAXIMISING learning time for your child. EVERY minute for your child counts!

We can only do this if your child arrives at 8:55am and is in class and ready for learning.

Children arriving late will be required to complete a 'late form' in the office.

We really appreciate your efforts to get your child here on time for the sake of their education and that of other learners in their class.