



St Francis of Assisi

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Term 4 Week 6 - 2015

Dear Parents

Last Sunday's gospel recounted when Jesus observed rich people giving large sums of money to the church while also noticing a poor widow give two coins, the equivalent of a penny. Jesus states that the rich gave what they had left over, however, he is touched that while the widow didn't give a large amount she did give all she had. This required a great deal of trust in God. How would she survive the next day without money? She believed that God would provide for her.

People watching at the temple treasury that day may have thought that the widow had given nothing worthwhile. They may have even thought that they could manage quite well without her apparently paltry contribution. Jesus saw things differently. She put in more than all the others because she gave herself fully without holding back.

Jesus in this gospel encourages every one of us to give ourselves in love to the building of his Kingdom. He needs us all, and we need each other. We need the old and the young, we need the well and the sick, we need everyone's love to support us in our faith and hope as we strive to draw closer to Jesus.

We have ourselves to give, if we offer to the community our small amount of love, our small amount of time, our small amount of patience and experience - and we offer it as best we can with all our heart. Jesus will see, even if no one else does.

Let us trust in God and give of ourselves.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Parent group who have given their time and effort to put on a disco this week. Thank you for all you give to the community of St Francis of Assisi.

Yours sincerely

Miss Deb Sheridan
Acting Principal

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



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. As Christmas approaches, they rely on the generosity of others to help them answer the ever increasing calls for help.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be collecting donations of food to help them make hampers that will enable those less fortunate to have a happy Christmas.

Below is a list of the foods required.

- * Biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- * Long life custard/milk
- * Rice
- * Jam
- * Hot chocolate/milo
- * Tins of soup
- * Tinned salmon/tuna
- * Tins of vegetables
- * Tinned fruit
- * Cereal
- * Tinned meat
- * Instant noodles
- * Jellies
- * Coffee, tea, sugar
- * Honey, vegemite
- * Drinks (juice, soft drink, cordial)
- * Pasta and pasta sauces

If you are able to help, please send your donation to your child’s classroom by 1st December. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL FORM FOR HOLIDAYS OR LEAVE

Parents, please note it is mandatory to complete an “Application for extended leave/travel (between 10 to 100 days)” if your child will be going on holidays/overseas trips, during any school term. This form needs to be completed, submitted and approved by the Principal, prior to going on leave, giving at least four weeks notice where possible. If your child is going to be away between 1 and 9 days a letter to the teacher notifying them of the leave is required.

Forms can be picked up from the School Office.

MOVING ONTO ANOTHER SCHOOL

If for some reason your child will not be returning to St Francis in 2016, a note stating their last day at our school and the school they will be attending is required.

DATES COMING UP 2015

Tue	17th Nov	Year 5 visit St Clare’s High
Thur	19th Nov	Kindy Transition - Week 4
Mon	23 & 24 Nov	Year 5 Camp—Southern Cross
Thur	10th Dec	Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm

SWIMMING PROGRAM SURVEY

Today a survey was sent home with your child. We would appreciate if you could spend a few minutes completing the survey regarding the swimming program. We value your comments and will use these in our planning next year.

P & F DISCOS

The P & F Disco held at lunch time during the week was enjoyed by all who attended. It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves with their friends on the dance floor. Thank you to those who purchased show bags on the day and to the parent helpers John Kendel, Mr Sani, Michelle Jansen, Linda De Silva and Ada Canovo. The total funds raised was \$957.00. This will go towards the seating in the infants area.



KINDERGARTEN MORNING TEA

To welcome our 2016 Kindergarten parents, we invite all current Kindergarten parents to send in a plate for morning tea on Thursday 19th November. Please take your plate to the library before school.

This is the day when parents attend their Orientation Information meeting and have a chance to get to know and meet other parents.

Last year there was a fantastic response from the 2014 Kindergarten parents and we hope to make our new parents feel as welcomed.



HOW TO ENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

Go to the following website for more information. <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>

GOLD AWARDS

3Z Sava Tagilola

SILVER AWARDS

2B Chris Joseph

2W Agnes Bobby

3A Ryan Ferrer, Cooper Jansen, Katie McLean, Maria Bullen, Arianna Tuineau & Aaron Taylor

3Z Mundara Le-Gay Brereton, Jesse Riley - Stuart & Mikko Tiongson

4H Jasmine Singh, George Bou Mansour Narvaez, Hokafonu Lemoto, Patrick Vincze & Kayla Katipunan

5I Ellah Rose-Thornberry, Abby Wasylinka, Alex Blazeski Lindo, Joshua Emery, Mathew Krishn, Brosnan Wells, Andre Dera & Brandon Wilson

6S Jiro Canlas

BRONZE AWARDS

KS Annabelle Fares, Ella Rodriguez, Ochen An-yau, Jaymes Aquino, Benjamin Kennedy, Arav Patel, Arth Patel & DeVante Toma

2B Theresa Mani & Alicia Emery

2W Luka Jukic & Nysha Prasad

4H Dominic Habil

5I Katelyn Taylor & Brendon Po

6S Sylvana Taveuveu & Nikolau Naisara



MERIT AWARDS

KA Taylor Vella, Ayden Prasad & Tahlia Clinch

KS Nicolas Simonetta, Carlos Tuazon, Emmanuella Momoh

2B Jok Koul & Katie Gardiner

2W Abigail Hmura & Samar Ummat

3A Marcus Sinsay & Chanelle Ponce

3Z Chloe Winters & Marley Campbell

4H Hokafonu Lemoto & Sadie O'Neill

4G Benjamin Barukcic & Kai Burson

5C Holly Summers & Joshua Santos

5I Leon Loau & Deykodah Gibbs-Ebsworth

6D Georgia Kocsis & Isabella Turnowsky

6S Jericho Balagtas & Sara Kennedy

Today we joined other schools in the Diocese jumping up and down for kids in detention centres.



You can watch this at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqj69vnhzkE>

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