

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 3

Week 5

14th August 2015

The Feast of The Assumption - This Saturday 15th August

Through the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, we can reflect on the role our Blessed Mother Mary has in the mystery of our salvation. We firmly believe that Mary was free of all sin. The Archangel Gabriel recognised her as "full of grace", "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord." Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

We can step back and view Mary's life as the faithful servant of God who shared closely in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord. For these reasons we believe that the promises our Lord has given to each of us of sharing eternal life, including a resurrection of the body, were fulfilled in Mary.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption

God of holiness, the Virgin Mary embraced your Word and now share's her Son's glory. Through her help, may we too embrace and obey Your Word of life and so join Mary and all the saints around your heavenly throne, for ever and ever.

Amen.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR CHILD READ?

All parents are specially invited to attend a Reading Forum next Tuesday evening, 18th August at 7pm in the school library.

The night will commence with tips on how to support your child in their Reading at home.

Following this session the Parents & Friends group will give an update regarding the upcoming Fathers' Day Stall and the School Fete.

I would like to personally encourage parents to come along, as I know it will be very worthwhile and a great opportunity for you to meet other parents.

On Monday 17th August Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 8.55am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm for **parents** to purchase books before and after school.

On Tuesday 18th August we will be having a Book Parade in the hall at 12pm, followed by a picnic lunch. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase books at the Book Fair after the parade. Families and friends are most welcome. We hope you can come along.

On Wednesday 19th August Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 8.55am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm for **parents** to purchase books before and after school.

DATES COMING UP

- Tue 18/8 Book Fair, Parade at 12pm followed by picnic lunch
- Fri 11/9 Year 3 Excursion to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre

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WHY DO WE NUMBER BUST?

Number Busting is a valuable activity from Kindergarten upwards. In Kindergarten it will usually begin with children using materials. Later on, the task becomes more complex by adapting the number that children are asked to 'bust'. Some high schools have even had children *algebra* busting.

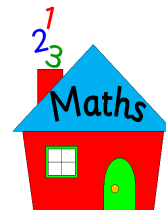
Number busting involves the students using hard thinking to partition numbers. Hard thinking requires the students to be challenged. If they record simple facts they already know then they aren't learning. How would you number bust these numbers? Below are some examples.

$$73 = 14 \times 5 + 3$$

$$1 \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \times 2$$

$$12 = 3 + 4 + 5$$

Try some number busting at home.



Woolworths Earn & Learn is back.



Don't forget to ask for your stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

For every \$10 you spend you get a sticker. Put them on your sheet and once the sheet is full you can put it in the Woolworths Earn and Learn box in the student entrance at school. Sticker sheets are available at your local Woolworths or you can download them from the Woolworths website. They are also available in the front office at school.

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KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016. Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or download one from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.



ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the children who had the opportunity to represent our school at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday at the Blacktown International Sportspark. Our students showed great determination, strength, speed and stamina.

Thank you to Ms Nield, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Nassar who helped on the day and to the student helpers Kaylen Schirmer and Sara Kennedy.

We are proud to announce that seven students have progressed to the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 21st August. Congratulations to Hazel Russell and Leon Loau who both came first in their shot put event! Deykodah Gibbs and Vinaal Lal will be competing in long jump. Zaine Nassar, Ryley Wilson, James Nacua and Vinaal Lal will be running in the 4 x 100m senior boys relay.

We wish the seven of you all the best!

