

# St Francis of Assisi

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## **PALM SUNDAY**

This weekend marks a very important day for Christians all over the world. It is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ in to Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the congregation also often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re enactment of Christ's arrival into Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms and small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday the people gave him a hero's welcome. This was the start of Holy Week. Much changed in the attitude of the people in just under a week. On Good Friday Jesus would be nailed to the cross and die a painful death before all those who hailed Him and welcomed Him on Palm Sunday.

***In our own Good Shepherd Parish a Palm Sunday procession will take place at the 9:00 am Mass.***

## **SELF-BELIEF**

It is so important, that we teach our children to have a positive attitude to life and to be optimistic about themselves. We all know from experience that what we believe about ourselves affects the way we act.

Our children's belief in their own ability to do things is of great influence on their motivation, perseverance and success. Self-belief and a 'have a go attitude' can motivate our children more than their actual skill level. If they truly believe that through effort they can succeed at a test or write a poem, they may be more likely to achieve it than other children who have better ability, but who don't believe they can achieve it.

The more our children believe they can do, the more likely they are to generalise that self-belief to other areas of their life. They then believe they have the ability to attempt, persevere and succeed in a whole range of activities.

Parents can help children to believe in their own ability by teaching them to take the initiative to make things happen, instead of waiting for them to happen. Likewise, parents can help children to be proactive by helping them – not telling them – to think about options and solutions instead of problems and barriers.

When we, as adults, evaluate our lives, we are more likely to regret challenges we did not confront, risks we did not take and contests we did not enter as a result of self-doubt or lack of self-belief. We are less likely to regret actions we took as a result of innovative self-belief or being too optimistic or even foolish. At least we made the attempt and knew the result.

### **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



**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY****TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2016****THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN  
AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY****SCHOOL FEE REMINDERS**

School fees were due on Monday 7th March. Term 1 School Fee Reminders will be sent home this week. Thank you to those families who have finalised payment or have sent or spoken to the school regarding a Payment Agreement for 2016. We do not have a lot of change available so please ensure if paying at the office you have the correct amount of money. It is also important to send a letter or contact the office if you are having trouble finalising your school fees.

**RESPECT AWARDS**

KA Jade Klemenic  
 KS Rosemary Shaba  
 1B Natasha Noche  
 1O Carlos Tuazon  
 2C Leah Burke  
 2R Avriella Jimenez  
 3A Ruby Price  
 3B Agnes Bobby  
 4B Sharnie Clinch  
 4C Ella Calura  
 5W Ethan  
 6D Laura Summers  
 6S Andrew Pumihic

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS  
 ARE DUE BACK ON 22 MARCH  
 2016. THE RAFFLE WILL BE  
 RAWN ON 23RD MARCH 2016.**

**DATES COMING UP 2015**

Fri	25 Mar	Good Friday
Mon	28 Mar	Easter Monday
Tue	29 Mar	Staff Development Day
Thu	31 Mar	Whole School Mass - Easter Year 6 Camp
Fri	1 Apr	Year 6 Camp
Fri	8 Apr	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>

**SAMPLES OF STUDENS WRITING  
ABOUT ST FRANCIS**

*St Francis is a very cool place to be  
 Its lots of fun for my friends and me  
 In the playground we like to play  
 We love to do this everyday  
 I am now in Year one  
 In our class we have lots of fun  
 We lean to read ,write and spell  
 So lots of stories we can tell  
 Written by Ben (Year 1) and his family*

Saint Francis of Assisi is in Glendenning. It is a Catholic School and anybody is welcome to worship God.

St Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian Church and live in poverty.

Saint Francis school is a fun way to learn. They have swimming and athletic carnivals, excursions, visits to and from other schools and more fun things.

The subjects are Religion, Maths, English, Science, HSIE, PDHPE and Art.

It is a good school because the playgrounds are clean, good education, it's fun and there are awesome staff. The teachers are good because they care, are positive and humble.

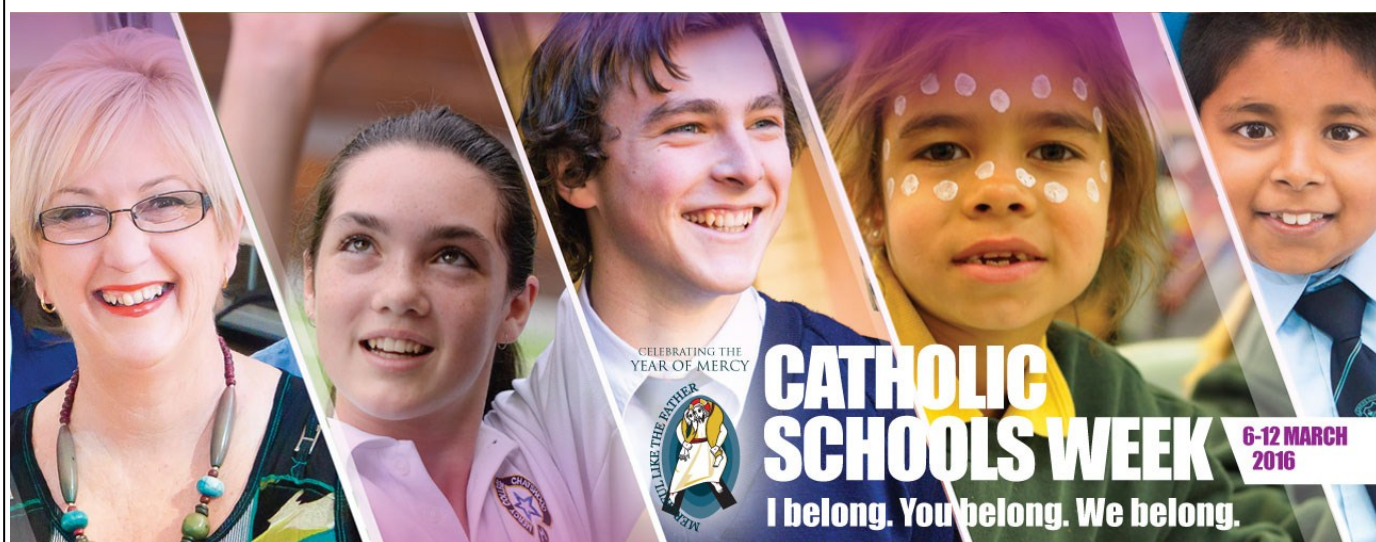
If you would like to come to this school, head over to our website and become part of the family.

*Written by Alexis Year 6*



# WHAT STUDENTS HAD TO SAY ABOUT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

- \* Our School lets us be our best
- \* It is a colourful school
- \* We play games with our friends
- \* We learn about Jesus.
- \* Our teachers are helpful
- \* We remember on Anzac Day
- \* We work at being respectful
- \* We help others
- \* We have a huge playground
- \* There are lots of sports to keep us fit and healthy
- \* We love Mass and Liturgy to be connected with God.
- \* Our canteen has healthy and nutritious food.
- \* We like the school fete as it is a fun day.
- \* Our school leaders set a good example.
- \* We like going on excursions as we learn new things.
- \* St Francis is a loving, caring school that takes care of you.  
The kids are really nice and kind.
- \* St Francis staff helps people and are really good educators. Mrs Jackson works in the sick bay so she is kind of like a second mum. St Francis staff will help your child to have a better education.
- \* We love doing maths
- \* Our families feel welcome
- \* We do beautiful art
- \* We love to read
- \* Excellent friends
- \* It is a caring environment
- \* Clean classrooms
- \* Helpful office people
- \* We learn how to pray





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