

# St Francis of Assisi

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Dear Parents

Term 2 Week 9 - 18th June 2015

In last Sunday's gospel, we heard the parable of the mustard seed. Jesus used this parable to explain the Kingdom of God. Just like the tiniest seed, small actions we do can contribute to the kingdom of God, creating a church that is constantly growing. This is echoed in our community. The small things each of us do and say makes us a stronger community, which grows in love and understanding of each other.

We saw our community gather very successfully last Friday as we celebrated our Maths-a-thon. Parents and friends gathered in our classrooms to watch the children participate in using great strategies to solve problems. This was followed by a picnic lunch where parents helped their children doing number busting on the playground. Everyone from grandparents to toddlers enjoyed writing algorithms with chalk on the playground. We thank Mr Boyer and his team for leading us successfully on the day and we look forward to announcing the winners of our major prize draw to be held tomorrow in the hall at 2.40pm.

Thank you for your great support in this initiative. What a wonderful community we have here at St Francis Primary.

Deb Sheridan  
Acting Principal

## ST FRANCIS ANNUAL FETE

The P&F committee would like to announce that the Annual Fete will be held at St Francis Primary School on the 10th of October 2015 from 10am to 3pm.

We invite anyone who is interested in having a stall to contact St Francis Primary School on 9832 3062 or to contact a committee member via email: [stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au)

If you are able to assist with any of the organisation of the fete beforehand or are able to help out on the day of the fete, please contact St Francis Primary School on 9832 3062 or contact a committee member, via email: [stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au)



**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

St Francis reports went home yesterday.

Parent Teacher interviews will commence from Monday 22nd June 2015 to Thursday 25th June 2015.

We will again be using the online booking system. To book an appointment with your child's class teacher please go to the website [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter the event code: NVN9N

We look forward to talking to you about your child's learning and to set future directions.

**DATES COMING UP 2015**

Fri	19th June	CAPTIVATE band performing at Penrith.
Mon	22nd June	Confirmation Parent Teacher Interviews Commence
Wed	24th June	Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm.
Fri	26th June	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
Mon	13th July	<b>Term 3 Commences</b>

**MATHS-A-THON**

Last Friday's Maths-a-thon was a huge success. Thank you to the large number of parents and family members who were able to attend and support their children. The day was filled with hard mathematical thinking. The Maths Decathlon was very challenging for the students and some of the parents. The children tackled a variety of activities that required visualising, mental computation and problem solving. During lunch, the children and their parents were busy number busting a variety of numbers on the playground. The colourful representations of numbers sprawled across the pavers displayed our student's ability to mentally partition numbers. Following lunch, things were a bit calmer but still highly challenging as everyone in the school attempted to solve ancient Chinese tangram puzzles.

Congratulations to the students for a wonderful Maths-a-thon. We hope the parents appreciated witnessing the amazing thinking that happens by the students at St Francis Primary.

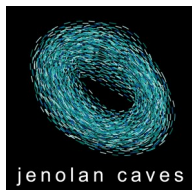
**MATHS-A-THON PRIZES**

Thank you to the families who have returned their Maths-a-thon sponsorship money. These people have been in the daily prize draw to win a selection of prizes.

We have currently raised just under \$7000. This is a tremendous result. For every \$5 returned by Friday the children will receive a ticket into our major prize draw. This will happen tomorrow after MMM at 2.40pm in the hall. Parents, you are welcome to attend this raffle.

On the back page is a photo from the Maths-a-thon and also comments from some of the parents of St Francis of Assisi Primary.

The St Francis community would like to thank our sponsors who have supported us.



**SICK BAY**

The office staff are now using a new program in the office and this includes electronically recording sick bay records. Children who are sent to sick bay will no longer get a slip to take home explaining why they were in sick bay. However, if your child is sent to sick bay and it is for a major injury then you will be notified by phone.

At the end of each week we will go back through our sick bay records and see if there are any children who have been seen in sick bay on a number of occasions or a pattern of behaviour is observed then you may receive a call regarding this.

**LATE ARRIVALS**

The school will begin using an electronic roll starting on Monday. As a result, the back gates will be locked at 8.55am which is the official time the school day begins. All children who arrive late will need to enter school through the office where they will be marked as partially absent for the day. We ask the parents that park on Gregory Street and leave through the back gates in the morning to vacate the premises before 8.55am so the gates can be locked. Thank you for your cooperation.

**WHOOPIING COUGH**

An incidence of Whooping Cough has been reported at St Francis of Assisi Primary.

Here are some frequently asked questions about whooping cough.

***Time of exposure to illness***

7 to 20 days

***What are the Symptoms of Whooping Cough?***

Starts with a runny nose, followed by a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

***Do I need to keep my child at home?***

Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic has been taken.

***How can I prevent spread?***

Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months and 4 years of age. A special antibiotic can be given for a patient and close contacts. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic is taken.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016  
ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

Throughout this term we have been very busy interviewing children for enrolment in Kindergarten for 2016. The feedback from the parents has been extremely positive which is due to the wonderful reputation of the St Francis community. Our school community includes our students, our parents who continue to support our school in so many ways and our dedicated and hard working staff who on a daily basis ensure the students have the best possible learning opportunities.

**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at the school assembly.

- KA Tahlia Clinch, Alor Koul & Saanvi Nanda
- KS Fatima Mani, Emmanuella Momoh & Riley Vella
- 1B Noah Winters & Trishala Sharma
- 1S Thyra-Jade Graham & Edward Bailey
- 2W Laura Taliman-Kuri & Billy Whyman
- 3A Jor Anyau & Chanelle Ponce
- 3Z Jesse Riley-Stewart & Faith Russell
- 4G Kiarrah Rentoy & Ferdinand Cordoba
- 4H Patrick Vincze & Anureet Pabla
- 5C Chantelle Marasigan & Justin Ghneim
- 5I Mathew Krishn & Angela Abouchaaya
- 6D Anthony Stevens & Vinaal Lal
- 6S Jericho Balagtas & Gracey Hannah

**BRONZE AWARDS**

- 3A Cooper Jansen, Arianna Tuineau & Isabella Alonso
- 3Z Andrew Klemenic
- 4G Fabio Andrade Sa, Isabella Espineda & Ferdinand Cordoba
- 4H Patrick Vincze & Jasmine Singh
- 6S Bridie O'Kelly



# MATHS-A-THON



I thought it was really good to come in and see what the kids can do.



There should be more teachers mixing learning with fun. Like the teachers here!!