

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 2

Week 4

20th May 2016

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen comes to the Diocese with a rich understanding of the challenges and opportunities of multiculturalism in Western Sydney.

The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in GiaKiem, Vietnam. In 1972, he joined the diocesan minor seminary which was later disbanded by the communist Government. In 1980 he left Vietnam to begin a new life in Australia.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome for further studies.

He was elected Superior of Conventual Franciscans in Australia in 2005 and appointed as Assistant General of the same Order and transferred to Rome in 2008. Bishop Long was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 20 May 2011.

'I feel a sense of responsibility and honour to be appointed to the Diocese of Parramatta. I accepted the appointment by Pope Francis with humility,' Bishop Long said following the announcement.

'This appointment comes with great care for the people of Parramatta and for the Church locally,' he said. 'My immediate priority is to get to know the clergy and the people across the diocese.'

Executive Director of Schools Greg Whitby warmly welcomed Bishop Long to the Diocese.

'Bishop Long's diverse life experiences will enrich the Western Sydney community,' Greg said. 'He is familiar with our Diocese, having been parish priest at Our Lady of the Rosary at Kellyville in 1998-2002.'

'I'm sure everyone of our Catholic schools are looking forward to getting to know our new Bishop and to share with him the good work they do as part of the Mission of the Church,' he said.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

Family Connection

Think of the last time you witnessed an act of selfless love in your family. Parents and caregivers of all kinds are called upon to act selflessly every day. Family life calls us to share selfless love with one another.

God is the model for us of selfless love. There was no need for God to create our planet or the creatures that inhabit it; it was an act of selfless love. There was also no need for God to send his only Son to save us. That too was an act of selfless love.

As we draw closer to God and the mystery of the Trinity, we learn about God's love. God has lavished us with love in the persons of the Son and the Spirit, who in turn nurture in us the desire to do the same. When we open ourselves to be filled with an awareness of the divine life within us, we participate in the endless spiral of love that leads to eternal life. Whenever we share selfless love in the family, we are sharing in the life of the Trinity.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past fourteen months there have been many changes to St Francis school to improve the aesthetics, safety, teaching and learning for all the children, staff and parents. The following is a list of some of these improvements:

- Astro Turf
- Trees removed due to safety reasons
- Timber seating replaced by aluminium seating
- Soccer nets purchased
- Pavers levelled
- New carpet tiles installed in grades 1, 2 and 3
- Painting of the outside buildings and garden beds
- Playground line markings
- Thousands of dollars have been spent purchasing good literature
- Approximately 50 chrome books purchased for grades 5 and 6
- 23 new iPads for infants classes
- Each grade has an Apple TV to support the teaching and learning
- CEDP organised replacement of all the fibre cable to the school to improve the efficiency and speed of the internet
- Signage currently being organised for hall facing Richmond Road
- 4 new air conditioners in grades 1, 5 and 6
- Currently the administration building is undergoing a refurbishment of recarpeting, painting and improvements to the functionality of the building
- Greening Australia have planted 1000 plants in the school so far this term with a further 1000 plants to come
- A trampoline is currently being erected for students use



GOOD LUCK AND FAREWELL



Yesterday we farewelled Mrs Janet Fitzgerald who is leaving St Francis of Assisi Primary after working here for the past 20 years. We thank her for all her dedication and hard work towards all of her students.

We wish her all the best for her future journey.

VISA STATUS

Could you please ensure the school has the most up to date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if status has changed, your child is now an Australian Citizen or a passport has expired and a new one has been reissued.

SCHOOL FEES - TERM 2

Accounts for Term 2 School Fees are due prior or on Monday 30th May.

If you are on an arrangement, please ensure these payments are kept up to date, it is up to the family to keep track of this.

If you are requiring an extension or need to discuss your fees at any time please contact the Office and ask to speak to Mrs Lee-Ann Falconer who will be able to assist you.

WINTER UNIFORM

With the continued warm/ mild weather, there has been no need for the heavier winter clothing so far.

So we will continue with the present summer uniform for now and plan to transition over the next few weeks until it starts to get chilly.

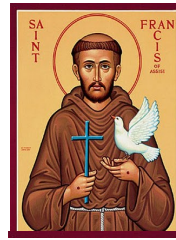
Parents are free to decide when they need to start dressing students in winter uniforms in the weeks ahead and we will be all be in this uniform by the end of the month.

**THE SMALLER SIZE 4 GIRLS UNIFORM
IS NOW AVAILABLE**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
FRIDAY 3RD JUNE.
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
ON THIS DAY**

RESPECT AWARDS

KA	Caleb Hogan
KS	Esha Dayal
1B	Theresa Batara
1O	Zoe Suarez-Walsh
2C	Ashlee Gardiner
2R	Hendrix Campbell
3A	Zoe Duff



3B	Rafael Bueno
4B	Chloe Winters
4C	Alyssandra Guevarra
5B	Kristina Manay
5W	Dominic Habil
6D	Abby Wasylinka
6S	Brandon Wilson

KINDER 2017... YES... it's that time already!

We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2017. We hope you can tell friends and relatives that they can obtain the enrolment forms from our website or from the school office.

READ-A-THON NEWS

St Francis of Assisi will be having a Read-a-thon to raise some much needed funds for a variety of educational resources for our school. Here are the details:



Where? St. Francis of Assisi Primary School

When? Friday 24th June 2016.

A sponsorship card will be going home next week with more details. If you or someone you know, is able to help with donating prizes, please see Mrs Jackson in our school office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Have you already received First Holy Communion and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?



Enrolment forms are available from the church after each of the weekend masses. They are on the table at the back of the church.

Lessons will commence on the 12th June at 10.30am in the classrooms of Good Shepherd Primary.

Confirmation will take place on the 18th July at 7.30pm.

LIBRARY DAYS TERM 2

Below is a table showing what uniform the children should wear each day:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Class	Year 4	Kindy & Yr 5 & 6	Year 1	Year 3	Year 2

UNIFORM DAYS TERM 2

Below is a table showing what uniform the children should wear each day.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Dress	ALL SCHOOL	Kindy, Year 3, 4 and 5	Year 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6	Kindy, Year 1, 2 and 3	Year 6
Sport		Year 1, 2 & 6	Kindy, Year 3	Year 4, 5 and 6	Kindy, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Lost Property



LOST PROPERTY

Parents, please remember to label all of your children's items, especially drink bottles, lunch boxes, jackets and hats. These items are what usually

end up in the lost property bin. If they are lost in the classroom and have a name on them the teacher will return the item to the child. If there are no names on your child's items we do not know who to return them too.

TERM 2 OVERVIEW - 2016

EVENT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 APR MAY	25 th ANZAC DAY	26 th School Resumes Anzac Ceremony Winter Uniform	27 th	28 th Year 4 Reconciliation St Peter Chanel	29 th	30 th 1 st
2 APR MAY	2 nd	3 rd Diocesan Cross Country	4 th	5 th Feast of the Ascension Mass Year 4	6 th Mother's Day Liturgy & Stall	7 th 8 th Mothers' Day
3 MAY	9 th	10 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	11 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	12 th Year 2 – Priest class visit Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN	13 th Whole School Photo	14 th 15 th PENTECOST
4 MAY	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Year 3 Reconciliation	20 th	21 st 22 nd
5 MAY	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th Year 3 Mass	27 th	28 th 29 th
6 MAY JUN	30 th	31 st	1 st	2 nd Whole School Mass to celebrate Feast of Sacred Heart	3 rd Staff Development Day. Feast of Sacred Heart	4 th 5 th
7 JUN	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th Kindy – Priest class visit	10 th	11 th 12 th
8 JUN	13 th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	14 th	15 th	16 th Athletics Carnival Cluster Meeting 8am-12pm	17 th	18 th 19 th
9 JUN	20 th Reports sent home	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Year 6 Reconciliation	24 th Read-a-thon	25 th 26 th
10 JUN JUL	27 th Family conferences this week	28 th	29 th	30 th Year 6 Mass	1 st Last day of term	2 nd 3 rd