



# St Francis of Assisi

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## DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) APPEAL

Term 2 Week 5 - 21st May 2015

### Mufti Day Friday 29th May

On Friday 29th May we will hold a gold coin mufti day in order to join with all schools in the diocese in raising money for the Diocesan Works Fund. The DWF Appeal is a Diocesan pastoral care appeal held three times a year in parishes to fund a number of works and ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta.

### **Grace's Story**

Grace went to a primary public school in the Blue Mountains and looked forward each week to the religion class on Tuesday morning.

When she went on to a Catholic High School and in Year 11 Grace was invited to be a catechist in the local public school once a fortnight. Grace remembered her early years and volunteered to be trained as a Special Religious Educator. Grace deepened her faith through the sacraments, study, fellowship and leadership development and found that this assisted her in her teaching.

Grace went on to University to train as a school teacher and reflected on the valuable experience as a catechist. She now has the confidence and skills to live out her faith, and is excited about what people her age can do to help make the world a better place.



Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a big difference to other young people like Grace and older SRE teachers working in public schools as part of Catholic Catechists (CCD).

*'But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my words will show you may faith'. James 2:18*

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016. Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or downloaded from our website. Please inform neighbours, family or friends if they have children who are ready for starting school. Spread the word!





### CHANGE OF SCHOOL TIMES

A reminder to families that there has been a change to the start and finish times at St Francis Primary School.

School starts at 8.55am and students will line up ready to go straight into class to commence their learning. Please ensure your child is at school before 8.55am ready to start the school day.

School finishes at 3.00pm and students are then able to move to their designated pick up areas. It is extremely important that children are picked up at the correct time.

If you are unable to collect your children straight after dismissal or when car pick is closed please make alternative arrangements.

### TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

A reminder to families that Term 2 School Fees are due this Monday, 25th May.

If you are unable to meet this obligation, please contact the school office to organise a payment arrangement.

*Holy Family Primary School  
Luddenham  
25th Anniversary  
Mass & Morning Tea  
Friday 12th June  
9.15am in the Church  
Followed by Morning Tea in the  
School Hall*

*RSVP—22nd May to  
Marie, Monica or Despina  
in the School Office*

*For further information contact the  
School Office on 4773 4485  
Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au*

### DATES COMING UP 2015

Fri	29th May	MUFTI DAY—Bring a gold coin to participate.
Mon	8th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queens B'Day Weekend
Fri	12th June	Maths-a-thon from 11.20am

### CAR PICK UP

Tomorrow we will be sending a home a laminated name card that we would like parents to use if they pick their children up in the Car Pick Up Bay. If you could please place this in the front window of your car when collecting your child, it will assist the St Francis Staff in identifying families who are collecting their children and will enable the process of picking up your children to be more efficient.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Pictured below is Jessica Stuart of Year 1, with her Little Athletics Achievements. Jessica received Under 6 Age Champion, Junior Overall Club Champion, Winner of the Gift Race Title in which she raced with children up to the age of 12, and Champion of Championship Day for being the highest scoring child in the entire club. Well done Jessica, you have done a fantastic job in your first year at Little Athletics.



**MATHS-A-THON NEWS**

St Francis of Assisi will be having a Maths-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

**When?** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 11:20pm onwards

**What?** Parents are invited to join their children in their classrooms to help them solve a variety of exciting Maths problems. Parents are then invited to stay for a picnic lunch which will be followed by a whole school Maths challenge!

A sponsorship card and note will be coming home this 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!

**GIRLS STOCKINGS**

Just a reminder to families that girls bottle green stockings are available from the school office for \$8.00 a pair. We are running low on some sizes and are placing an order within the next week. If you require stockings for your child please see the office to advise how many pairs and what size you would like and we can order them in. Once we receive the order we will advise families and these can then be collected from the office.

**INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BECOME CATHOLICS**

Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic, or who wants to know more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps it's a family member who was never baptised, or a friend at work or school. The Good Shepherd Parish inquiry nights begin in July. The inquiry nights (5) are an introduction to the Catholic Faith designed to help inquirers to see if this is what they want. For those who wish to continue, this is followed by a period of catechesis leading to the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

**AFTERNOON DISMISSAL**

Each afternoon staff are on duty supervising all students to ensure that they are safely dismissed and then often attend meetings. Therefore, parents are reminded that if they would like to discuss any issues with the class teachers they will need to either wait until all students are safely dismissed or alternatively make an appointment to meet with the class teacher.

**MOTHERS' DAY STALL**

On Friday 8th May the P & F held a Mothers' Day Stall and it was very successful. If your child was given an envelope to make payment for a gift at the Mothers' Day stall could you please return it to the office by Friday 29th May.

**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

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

- KA Leif Eriksson, Taylor Vella & Kobi Wandless
- KS Sienna Ribaya, Ella Rodriguez & Jayden Caparas
- 1B Isaac Lalia & Giselle Velasco
- 1S Joshua Contemplacion & Kaitlin Clarke
- 2W Gabriella Camilleri & Kenneth Cordoba
- 3A Thomas Delauney & Maria Bullen
- 3Z Drew Wasylinka & Sharnie Clinch
- 4G Caitlyn Dela Cruz & Fabio Andrade Sa
- 4H Emily Gawthorne & Madison Theobald
- 5C Madison Bain & Ariel Bailey
- 5I Ellah-Rose Thornberry & Abby Wasylinka
- 6D Vinaal Lal & Isabella Turnowsky
- 6S Jiro Canlas & Justine Toledo

**BRONZE AWARDS**

- 1S Paul Naughton, Avriella Jimenez, Alex Rodriguez, Kaydence Wells & Hendrix Campbell
- 4G Louise Caramoan
- 5I Nelson Lowa & Hailey Magat
- 5C Sheryn Lucas, Justin Ghneim & Paul Taveuveu





## TREE DONATION

As you may be aware, Blacktown City Council allocates two free trees to each household every financial year. If you do not wish to use your allocation, you are able to sign it over to St Francis Primary School. In order to do this, all you need to do is fill out and sign the slip below and return it to school.

### TREE DONATION SLIP

I ..... of .....  
(name) (address)

have not collected my 2 free trees from Blacktown Council this financial year and would like to donate them to St Francis of Assisi Primary School for planting in the school grounds.

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(signed) (date)

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