



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 3

Week 7

27th August 2015

This week's Gospel comes from the Gospel of Mark

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge.

Jesus was trying to tell the people of the day that if the seed of God is planted within us then the intentions that come from our hearts will be good and loving.

In Jesus' time people would appear to be doing good, however, they had different motives, such as putting people in their debt. Jesus wants us to always think of why we do things and honour God with our actions.

It is up to you. Do you want to follow Jesus or not? What is in your heart?

FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating Father’s Day this year on Friday 4th September with a Sausage Sizzle

Breakfast at 8.20am. There will be a liturgy in the hall at 9.15am followed by the Fathers Day Stall.

We hope Dads, Grandfathers or Uncles can come along and join us.



HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate Alexis O’Neill, Myles O’Neill and Christopher Morgan who recently received their First Holy Communion at St Anthony’s Clovelly and Holy Family Emerton.

This Sacrament of Initiation allows these students to participate more fully in the ritual of Mass. We wish them the best as they continue their journey in faith.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR CHILD READ?

All parents are specially invited to attend a Reading Forum next Monday morning, 31st August at 9.15am, after the school assembly in the school library.

There will be tips on how to support your child in their Reading at home.

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.

**THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
DUE TO THE FATHERS DAY LITURGY & FLIP SPORTS**

DATES COMING UP

- Fri 04/9 Father’s Day Sausage Sizzle 8.20am, followed by a Liturgy and the P & F Father’s Day Stall.
- Fri 11/9 Year 3 Excursion to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre.
- Thu 17/9 Celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

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SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 Reminder letters were sent home this week. Your prompt payment is appreciated. If you require an extension or want to go on a payment plan for the remainder of the year, please contact the school office.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Leon Loau, Hazel Russell, Deykodah Gibbs-Ebsworth, Vinaal Lal, Zaine Nassar, Ryley Wilson and James Nacua who had the opportunity to represent our zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Friday at the Blacktown International Sportspark.

We are extremely proud to announce that LEON LOAU has made it through to the next level of competition in his shot put event. Leon will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Track & Field Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush on Monday 14th September. This is an outstanding achievement for Leon and our school. We wish you the best of luck Leon!!!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please be reminded that government regulations around the attendance of children at school requires notification to the school of absences, both full day and partial days. We ask that you follow the procedures for notification of absences outlined below:

- Children who are late to school, or who leave early, must be signed in / out by their parents – indicating on the slip the time they arrived / left and the reason. Please do not just drop off your children when they have arrived after the bell.
- Full day absences must be notified by a note – indicating the dates of absence and the reason.
- Leave of 5 days or more must be applied for using the form 'Application for Exemption from Attendance at School' available from the office or the school website (under forms). This is Principal approved leave and applies to all schools in NSW.
- Some of you will have noticed that if the school has not received a notification from parents and caregivers regarding a child's absence a separate note will be sent home requiring an explanation for this. Again, this is a legal requirement and assists us to ensure that our class rolls are complete.

We understand that notifying the school of children's absences can at times be inconvenient or forgotten. We very much appreciate your efforts in assisting us to maintain the appropriate legal records.

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**THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF CASES
IN WESTERN SYDNEY WHERE CHILDREN
HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY
STRANGERS. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR
CHILDREN ABOUT
"SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES"
AND ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT
SPEAKING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE
STRANGERS.**

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HELP NEEDED

- The P & F would like to invite you to attend our annual Father's Day Stall that is held for children at school. They also require some assistance in setting up the stall. If you are able to help on Friday 4th September, please contact the school office.



Nepean Speech &
Language Services

We provide speech therapy at school for your child.

If you would like to take advantage of your child's speech therapist having regular contact with their class teacher, please call Diana on **4721 4766**.



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