

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 3

Week 2

29th July 2016

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21 A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Family Connection

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor.

DIVERSITY SUPPORT (Learning Support)

At St Francis of Assisi we have an understanding that all students are individuals, hence learn at different rates and present with differing levels of ability. Whether our students are Validated (diagnosed) with learning, mental health or speech and language issues, or not, ALL our staff are aware of and have an understanding of how best to differentiate the curriculum for all students in our care. The contemporary Learning Support Model focuses on making adjustments for students all day, every day, as opposed to students waiting for support once a week (old model). This means that our students are catered for on a daily basis with the support of their classroom teacher.

Adjustments may include, but are certainly not limited to things like: repeating and rephrasing instructions, providing more visual prompts, reading with or to a student each day, allowing students to access writing tasks on technology devices instead of handwriting, providing personalised reward schedules to encourage task completion, providing motor/sensory breaks, using timers to help with organisation, task analysis with students, post-it note reminders, one to one support in the classroom, specific social and playground options to alleviate stress or anxiety in the playground and encourage peer relationships, reducing task load, and assessing at different levels. Often, the students themselves are also consulted as to what would work best for them.

If you have a question about how your child is being catered for in the learning space please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher. Studies show that children achieve the best learning outcomes when parents and teachers work in partnership together.

DATES COMING UP

- 30/07 Laura Jean Photography Fundraiser
- 05/08 Infants Disco - Mufti Day for infants only
- 11/08 Grandparents Day & Book Week Parade
- 19/08 Primary Disco - Mufti Day for primary only

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NEW SCHOOL ENTRY

As you would have noticed we now have a new gate entry and a new front office. Once the gate has been closed of a morning, parents will need to push the button on the gate to enter the school . If your child is late you will need to bring them in to the school office to sign them in. Please do not go to the classroom with your child.

The student letter box is now located at the staffroom entrance. Please place any student banking, absent notes, permission notes etc. in the student letter box and not to the front office.

SCHOOL DISCOS

This year there will be two school discos, one for infant students and one for primary students.

The **infants disco** will be held on
Friday 5th August at 1pm.

The **primary disco** will be held on
Friday 19th August at 1pm.

Children are able to come to school in
Mufti dress on the day of their disco.

Cost is \$5 and includes:

Entry, a packet of chips, a popper and entry into the lucky draw prize.

Please return the permission note with \$5 to the office if your child is attending.

Forms were sent home yesterday.

GRANDPARENTS DAY & BOOK WEEK PARADE

Theme: Australia Story Country

St Francis of Assisi Primary school will be celebrating Grandparents Day and the Book Week Parade on Thursday 11th August 2016.

Events on the day include:

- * Open classrooms at 9.15am
- * Whole School Mass at 10.00am
- * Morning tea in the hall 10.55am - 11.20am.
- * Book Character parade 11.30am

Book Fair will be open in the Library before school, during recess and after the parade.

We look forward to seeing our Grandparents and families on this special day.



LAURA JEAN PHOTOGRAPHY HERE TOMORROW AT SCHOOL. IF YOU HAVE BOOKED A SITTING, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARRIVE ON TIME AS THERE WILL BE OTHER FAMILIES AFTER YOU.

NEW SIGN IN PROCESS

A new digital Visitor's Sign-In register has now been installed in our front office that uses an iPad to register people's presences at the school. This iPad is situated on the front counter in the reception area for visitors to sign in and out when on the school premises. Prior to this procedure we have been using sign on sheets.

This electronic sign-on process commenced yesterday.

Any person on site must now sign in digitally recording their essential identification details. Except when we have whole school events such as Monday morning assembly, dropping off and collecting children before and after school.

Having this information will assist in the event of an evacuation or lockdown procedure as well as contributing to Child Protection requirements. The implementation of this procedure is to correlate with Work Health and Safety requirements and is being instigated by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) at all diocesan schools.

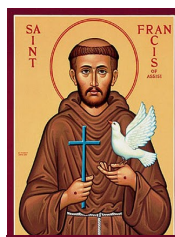
The initial process will require some patience. When a visitor has signed in once, the ensuing signing-in will be much simpler.

Remember, parents attending assemblies, liturgies or similar will not be required to sign in. Parents dropping off and picking children up at before and after school care are not required to sign on and off.

Thank you for your support with this new procedure.

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| KA | Hannah Haddad |
| KS | Gabrielle Clarke |
| 1B | Tenei Magann |
| 1O | Alor Koul |
| 2C | Melissa Ghneim |
| 2R | Jaxson Jansen |
| 3A | Isaiah Pineda |

RESPECT AWARDS



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| 3B | Billy Whyman |
| 4B | Andrew Klemenic |
| 4C | Faith Russell |
| 5B | Corriene Real |
| 5W | Patrick Vincze |
| 6D | Mathew Krishn |
| 6S | Billy Bain |

SCHOOL FEES—TERM 3

All families should have now received Term 3 school fee accounts in the mail. If you haven't please contact the office immediately so a copy can be sent home with your child.

PAYMENT IS DUE PRIOR TO MONDAY AUGUST 22

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2016

Just a reminder to families of St Francis that if you have a child who is starting kinder next year, or know of someone, please see the office to get an enrolment form. Spaces are very limited and we need the enrolment forms submitted ASAP.

1 WINNER EVERY WEEK

WIN

TERM 3 COMPETITION

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TERM 3 OVERVIEW – 2016

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
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| 1 JUL | 18 th School Resumes | 19 th | 20 th | 21 st Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am | 22 nd | 23 rd 24 th |
| 2 JUL | 25 th World youth Day begins | 26 th | 27 th | 28 th Year 4 and Year 6 Mass | 29 th | 30 th Laura Jean Portraits 31 st |
| 3 AUG | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th Year 2 – Priest class visit | 5 th Infants Disco August Census | 6 th 7 th |
| 4 AUG | 8 th Feast of Mary Mackillop | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th Book Fair & Parade Whole School Mass – St Clare Grandparents Day | 12 th | 13 th 14 th |
| 5 AUG | 15 th Feast of the Assumption Year 6 VOY | 16 th Blacktown Zone Athletics | 17 th | 18 th Year 3 Reconciliation End of Book Fair | 19 th Primary Disco | 20 th 21 st |
| 6 AUG | 22 nd | 23 rd Voice of Youth Year 6 Cluster Final | 24 th Dental Check Up K, 2, 4 & 6 | 25 th Year 3 Mass | 26 th Diocesan Athletics | 27 th 28 th |
| 7 AUG SEP | 29 th | 30 th | 31 st World Youth Day ends | 1 st Year 5 Reconciliation | 2 nd Fathers' Day Celebration | 3 rd 4 th Fathers' Day |
| 8 SEP | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th Year 5 – Mass | 9 th Crazy Hair Day for Annual Fete | 10 th 11 th |
| 9 SEP | 12 th | 13 th | 14 th | 15 th Our Lady of Sorrows Year 1 – Priest class visit | 16 th | 17 th 18 th |
| 10 SEP | 19 th Principals Morning Tea for Respect Awards | 20 th | 21 st | 22 nd 25th Anniversary St Francis Day Celebration/Mass | 23 rd Last day of Term | 24 th 25 th |