



# St Francis of Assisi

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**Term 2 Week 2 - 30th April 2015**

This week's Gospel is about "choice". I have a choice: to remain united with Jesus, or to turn and look and live in another direction. G.K. Chesterton once said: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried." To be a Christian is very hard, extremely difficult. In order to be a Christian, we "must accept the Incarnation with all its consequences." (Blessed Columba Marmion). God became human. The Son of God took on human flesh like ours. He asks that we remain united with Him, and love as He loved!

## ANZAC 2015

On Monday morning we had a special assembly to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our nation. We also paid our respects to those who lived, yet sacrificed part of their lives in service of Australia. Many still carry with them the tragedies and hardships, which are not often seen by others. In particular, the landing at Gallipoli, by the original Anzacs is a heritage that our children need to honour and remember. Not because war is good in any way.....it is not... but because the freedoms and privileges that we now enjoy were fought for through the sacrifices of many.

It is a day that we cherish to say THANKS to those Anzacs from the past and the present who served to defend our rights, liberties and safety.

God bless all of our dads and mums who are Anzacs.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

**An important reminder that next week both Monday 4th May and Tuesday 5th May are PUPIL FREE DAYS. Care is available through COSHC.**

**Please contact Vanessa on 0438 108 543 if you require care for your children on these two days.**



## MOTHERS' DAY

On Friday 8th May, Week 3, we celebrate Mothers Day for all of our mums.... natural mums, foster mums, grandmums, step mums, etc.



We hope to acknowledge and celebrate the crucial role mothers play in the life of their children.

I hope you are free to join us as for a Pancake Breakfast at 8.15am.

We will also have a Liturgy asking for God's blessings on mothers at 9.15am in the school hall. At the conclusion of the Liturgy the Parent Group will sell gifts for children to purchase for their mothers.

Please keep this date free.

## SCHOOL FEES—TERM 2

Accounts for Term 2 School Fees were sent out in the holidays. Families would have only received a statement if they are NOT on an arrangement.

**Payment is due on or before 25th May 2015.**



## CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder to families that the school times have changed. The school day will commence at **8:55am** and conclude at **3pm**. In

order for this to work within the legal Board of Studies requirements, recess will be reduced by 5 minutes.

The first morning bell will ring at 8:53am to remind students it is time to either line up for Monday morning assembly or on other days go straight into class to commence their learning.

In the afternoon a warning bell will go a couple of minutes before 3pm to alert students to get ready to go home. Then at 3pm the bell will go to indicate to students it is time to move to their designated pick up area.

Car pick up will close at 3.15pm.

## DATES COMING UP 2015

Mon	4th May	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues	5th May	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Cross Country @ Eastern Creek
Fri	8th May	Mothers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy.
Sun	10th May	Mothers' Day
Tues	12th May	NAPLAN - Spelling, Writing & Grammar
Wed	13th May	NAPLAN - Reading
Thur	14th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy

## The National Assessment Program 2015

Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

It provides a short 'snapshot' of the students progress.

**The dates for NAPLAN are May 12, 13 & 14.**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

Parents, please collect an enrolment form from the church after Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. No enrolment forms will be given out after the 9th/10th May.

Rehearsals for Confirmation will be on Saturday 20th June between 1pm and 3pm in the church.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS?



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Learning Forum on Tuesday night. There was a great turn out.

There will be another Parent Learning Forum for those who couldn't make it on Tuesday. This will be held next Monday morning, 11th May, after the morning Assembly in the school library.

There will be tips on how to support your child in their Maths learning at home and there will be a free take home kit full of great resources to support you at home.



.....Congratulations to Rowan Moloney (3A) and family on the arrival of their little girl Harpar Nicole on Wednesday.

## 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!



St Francis is now on Twitter. Follow us @SFAGlendenning

Everyone is welcome to post pictures or comments displaying numeracy that they see in their environment.

We look forward to getting lots of followers and receiving lots of Tweets.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

On behalf of St Francis Community we would like to give enormous thanks to Nadia Tajhya who has been the president of the P & F for the last 2 years. We would thank her for her hard work and commitment. We would also like to thank Chantal Williams for her role as secretary on the P & F for the last two years also. Both ladies have decided to stand down from their positions due to other commitments.

Congratulations to our new P & F Group.

President: Lena Camilleri  
Secretary: Sapna Mehta

Vice President: Kaylene Johnson  
Treasurer: Gaurav Nanda

Thank you to the people who volunteered for these positions. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising.

We are also looking for a Grade representative for the following grades, Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6. Thank you to Anna, Alison & Kaylene for volunteering to be grade representatives for Kindy, Yr 2 and Yr 3.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE ST FRANCIS PARENT GROUP?

Please fill in your details below if you are interested and return this slip to the school office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to be a Grade representative

☐ I would like to assist with fundraising

# St Clare's Catholic High School

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## YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 ♦ 9:00 am – 3:00pm**



St Clare's Catholic High School will conduct enrolment interviews of applicants for Year 7 2016 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

*Enrolment positions are still available.* Applications are available from the school office (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) or may be downloaded from our website.

Catholic education is affordable for every family. If you have concerns regarding fees, please contact the Principal, Mr Robert Muscat. For all enquiries, please contact the school office.



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