



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Term 4

Week 4

4th November 2016

Gospel Reading

[Luke 20:27-38](#)

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.

Family Connection

Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight. When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight. Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. In this month of 'All Souls' pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying today's Psalm.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

A reminder that our Staff Development Day will be on Friday 11th November. There will be no supervision for students on this day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The St Francis staff will be working with Father Gerard on our formation goal.

DATES COMING UP

- Wed 09/11/16 P & F Exec Meeting
- Thu 10/11/16 Kinder transition
- Fri 11/11/16 Remembrance Day
Staff Development Day
- Thu 17/11/16 Kinder transition
Year 3 Mass at 10am
- Fri 18/11/16 Year 3 Excursion to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Fri 25/11/16 Talent Quest

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This will take place in the St Francis playground. Activities include Slip N Slide, Water Slides and other water activities. Permission notes were sent home last week.

We have had a few payments with no permission notes or names. If you have handed in your payment in an envelope or plastic bag with no name can you please contact the office.

SWIMMING PROGRAM NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT HOME. CAN THESE PLEASE BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL ASAP.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 2 TO 5

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th December at Stanhope Leisure Centre. Permission notes for the carnival will be going home next week.

MISSING FITBIT

There has been an unfortunate incident in Year 2 this week resulting in a child's FitBit missing. On Wednesday it appears that the FitBit was removed from the teacher's desk. We would ask for your help in resolving this matter. Could you please check that your child has not inadvertently brought it home? As you can appreciate this is an expensive item and the child is upset at its loss.

UNIFORM DAY CHANGES KINDER & YEAR 3

Due to the Kinder 2017 transition, there are a couple of uniform changes. Kinder will have their sports day on Thursday with Year 3 having their sports day on Wednesday.

BOOK AMNESTY

If you have any library books, home readers that you are no longer using or any sort of book at home that belongs to St Francis School can you please return them to the library before the end of Week 7. There will be a box in the library for all of these books to be returned.



KINDERGARTEN 2017 TRANSITION

THIS THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

9.00AM TO 10.30AM

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Ms Annabelle Howse, is at St Francis on Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. Ms Howse works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Bellenger or your child's class teacher.

TALENT QUEST 2016

**THIS WILL BE HELD HERE AT
ST FRANCIS ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
AT 1:30PM IN THE HALL.**

**AUDITIONS FOR THE TALENT QUEST WILL BE
HELD IN CLASS DURING WEEK 6.**

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Term 4 concludes on Friday 16th December.
(Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December are Pupil Free Days).

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

When dropping your child to school please **DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS**. We receive many complaints from our neighbours in Gregory Street and Armitage Drive about parents parking in their driveways and across their driveways blocking them in. Please be considerate of our neighbours.



WELCOME 2017 KINDERGARTEN TO TRANSITION

Yesterday we had lots of new visitors to our school as we welcomed our 2017 Kindergarten families to our school community. Starting school is an important milestone for a child. A positive experience has long term benefits for future learning and relationships. The transition often marks a time of great excitement for families, and many children settle well into school. Other children may experience some adjustment difficulties during the transition period.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Francis of Assisi in 2017 please advise the school and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office. You are reminded that concerns regarding financial difficulties is not a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Francis of Assisi can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise. We have healthy enrolments for most classes in 2017, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools. If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at St Francis of Assisi from 2017, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION

REFLECTION

As always, parents teach by example:

- ◆ Notice your own attitudes.
- ◆ Remember that children are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes.
- ◆ Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully.
- ◆ Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media.
- ◆ Answer children's questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- ◆ Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family. Demonstrate acceptance of your children's differing abilities, interests, and styles. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family.
- ◆ Help your children feel good about themselves.
- ◆ Honour your family's traditions and teach them to your children.

KA	Devasaya Nanda
KS	Michelle Gulati
1B	Ryan Cordoba
1O	Teghbir Khehra
2C	Evelyn Kuwendu
2R	Charli Baker
3A	Chloe Khamphet

RESPECT AWARDS



3B	Billy Whyman
4B	Hope Alcantara
4C	Marcia Chua
5B	Kiarrah Rentoy
5W	Benjamin Barukcic
6D	Katelyn Taylor
6S	Holly Summers

WHY IS MY CHILD'S TEACHER OUT OF CLASS?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in areas such as technology. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching and learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave etc., sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ellah-Rose Thornberry of 6D and Mia Hampton of 2R are part of the Emerton Swim Club.

Ellah-Rose swims in the Senior Side Under 16's and was the Club Winner as well as the Winter Champion and the Highest Point Scorer.

Mia swims in the Junior Side Under 12's and was the Club Runner Up.

What an excellent achievement!!!





catholic out of school hours care

Tuesday, 2nd November

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday, 11th October 2016** is a Pupil Free Day at **St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at St Francis of Assisi is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6:45am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Fridays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday, 11th November

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Tuesday, 8th November 2016.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Friday and do not attend on this Friday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0438 108 543 or coshestfrancisofassisi@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM –Friday, 11th November, 2016

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday, 11th November 2016 at COSHC St Francis of Assisi. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the pupil-day fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.

TERM 4 OVERVIEW – 2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 OCT	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th Year 6 – Reconciliation	14 th	15 th St Francis of Assisi Annual Fete 16 th
2 OCT	17 th	18 th Way of Mercy 12:30pm – 3pm	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd 23 rd Parish celebration for Dedication of Good Shepherd Church
3 OCT	24 th	25 th	26 th Diocesan	27 th Year 4 Reconciliation Year 2 Excursion	28 th World Teachers Day	29 th 30 th
4 OCT/ NOV	31 st	1 st ALL SAINTS Melbourne Cup	2 nd ALL SOULS	3 rd Year 4-Mass Kinder 2017 Transition	4 th	5 th 6 th
5 Nov	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th Year 3 Reconciliation Kinder 2017 Transition	11 th <i>SDD Spirituality</i>	12 th 13 th
6 NOV	14 th	15 th Band Concert for Parents Grade 4,5 & 6	16 th	17 th Year 3 Mass Kinder 2017 Transition	18 th Year 3 excursion	19 th 20 th
7 NOV	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th Year 5 Reconciliation Kinder 2017 Transition	25 th	26 th 27 th
8 NOV DEC	28 th Swimming Program Begins (2 weeks)	29 th	30 th	1 st Year 5 Mass	2 nd	3 rd 4 th
9 DEC	5 th Swimming program continues	6 th	7 th	8 th Feast of Mary Immaculate	9 th Christmas Carols Reports go home	10 th 11 th
10 DEC	12 th Principals Morning Tea	13 th Swimming Carnival	14 th	15 th Thanksgiving Mass Year 6 Graduation Liturgy 7pm	16 th Year 6 Fun Day K-5 Water Day School Closes	17 th 18 th
11 DEC	19 th SDD	20 th SDD	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	Have a wonderful Christmas