

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

**Term 4**

**Week 3**

**28th October 2016**

***"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."***

## **Gospel Reading**

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

## **Family Connection**

In Sunday's Gospel, we see Jesus as a guest in the house of Zacchaeus. Talk about the various ways in which your family prepares when guests are expected in your home. Then read today's Gospel, Luke 19:1-10. Observe that Zacchaeus had not prepared to be Jesus' host that day. And yet, he welcomed Jesus better than anyone else because of his change of heart.

Discuss how your family might receive Jesus in your home and how you receive Jesus in the guests that you make welcome in your home. Pray together that your family will welcome guests into your home as you would welcome Jesus.

So, it doesn't matter if you are short or tall, when you meet Jesus, he has the power to transform your life too! Are you ready to meet Jesus?

Our Father, when we meet Jesus it is a life-changing experience. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.

## **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**

- Tues 01/11/16 All Saints Day
- Wed 02/11/16 All Souls Day
- Thu 03/11/16 Kinder transition begins
- Thu 10/11/16 Kinder transition
- Fri 11/11/16 Remembrance Day  
Staff Development Day

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORMS

(1st Reconciliation 2016/ 1st Holy Communion 2017)

Enrolment forms were sent home to children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Parent information session is on Sunday 30th October @10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Completed enrolment forms must accompany a **photocopy** of your child's Baptismal Certificate, and handed in at the 'Parent Information Sunday.'

NO blank forms will be handed out at the Parent Information Sunday.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 9832 4461.



## LOST PROPERTY

As the warmer weather approaches the students are taking their jackets off in the breaks. There is a lot of lost property at the moment as a result of this.

Please have a look at the items in lost property or have your child look for his/her jacket if they are missing.

## PARKING

Parents are also urged to obey the parking signs in our local area and be mindful of neighbours, especially not to park across driveways.

## LAST DAY OF TERM 4

**Term 4 concludes on Friday 16th December.**

(Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December are Pupil Free Days).



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

**KINDERGARTEN 2017 TRANSITION STARTS  
THIS THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER  
9AM TO 10.30AM.**

## 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.



## SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those families who have finalised their 2016 School Fees. If your account is still outstanding and you have not contacted Mrs Bellenger or you are not on an arrangement, you are requested to finalise the account before Wednesday 2nd, November 2016. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss fees with Mrs Bellenger.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please be reminded that your child's absence from school must be explained, as required by legislation, so that we can allocate the appropriate code to the electronic roll. This may be done in the following ways: send a written explanation to the class teacher on your child's return to school; contact the office by phone or email; or use the electronic form on the Skoolbag App.

Please note that it is not sufficient to say that your child is "away", there needs to be a reason specified so that we can allocate the corresponding code to the roll. Also, it would be appreciated if a medical certificate is provided when a visit to the doctor occurred.

Leave of 10 days or more must be requested by completing the form available in the school office and the school website.



**CONGRATULATIONS.....** to the Dowd family (Alyssa KA) on the birth of their little girl on Thursday morning.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM NOTES WENT HOME. CAN THESE PLEASE BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL ASAP.**





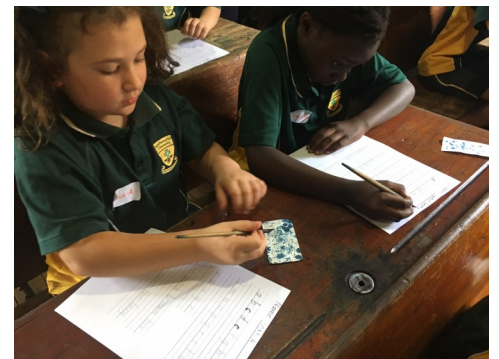
## YEAR 4 EXCURSION TO BREWONGLE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION CENTRE

As part of our Science and Geography Units based on human interactions with the environment, Year 4 travelled to the Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. The students had an amazing day where they were given the opportunity to engage in numerous fieldwork activities, such as testing the amount of oxygen and salt in water sources as well as pH levels in soils. The students became forensic investigators as they tried to solve the mystery of the 'Tawny Tragedy'. We were very proud of the way the students represented St Francis throughout the day.



## YEAR 2 EXCURSION FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM

Year 2 had an exciting day at the Fairfield City Museum of history yesterday. We were able to experience hands on what life was like in the past. Did you know that people boiled their washing... kept their meat in a meat safe outside... got the cane at school for being naughty? We learnt so many new facts on our excursion and had a really fun day.







## DIOCESAN BASKETBALL YEARS 3 TO 6

On Wednesday six teams from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 boys and girls went to the Basketball Gala day at Penrith. Each team played six games during the day. They all played well and achieved great results. The year 6 boys came back with a gold medal for coming first in their age group. All children are to be congratulated for their team work and sportsmanship. It was an enjoyable day.

Thank you also to the parents who came to help out on the day.



## Girl Guides meet near you!

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun...  
come and discover at Guiding what's done!

**Glendenning Girl Guides**  
For girls 6 - 14 years

**Tuesday November 1st 2016 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**We will be making friendship bracelets, learning guiding skills and making s'mores!**

**Glendenning Neighbourhood Centre**  
**48 Golding Drive, Glendenning**

**Please contact Meredith to register for this FREE event**

**Ph: 0402 944 010**



## A FAMILY CHECK UP: A NEW WAY TO PREVENT CHILD BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS

Join us on Wednesday 9 November when Macquarie University presents a public lecture by Professor Daniel Shaw on how to prevent serious antisocial behaviour in young people.

Drawing from his own 23-year study of toddlers with the potential to develop behavioural problems, the University of Pittsburgh's Professor Daniel Shaw will present the "Family Check-up", his innovative lecture that begins with identifying the early signs of antisocial behaviour and translating this knowledge to the world of prevention and early intervention.

Perfect for parents, teachers, and health professionals, this lecture offers a unique insight in how to create meaningful change for families with young children at-risk for future behavioural issues. Attendees will be able to take these strategies and learn how to incorporate them into their own personal, educational, health or social service settings.

It is sure to be an interesting and informative evening, and we hope you can join us.



**WHEN:**

Wednesday 9 November  
5.30pm - 7.30pm



**WHERE:**

Lecture Theatre 1.200  
Australian Hearing Hub  
16 University Avenue  
Macquarie University



**RSVP:**

Register by  
Wednesday 2 November 2016

If you are interested in attending this lecture please call  
Macquarie University on 9850 7111.

# TERM 4 OVERVIEW – 2016

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