



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 4

Week 1

13th October 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 4. It was wonderful to see the students return with smiles on their faces and the excitement in the air as they joined their friends to play and learn together. Once again it will be a busy term, with excursions planned for Years 1 and 2, Kindy transition for 2018, swimming program, swimming carnival, Christmas carols and Year 6 Graduation. We look forward to the term ahead.

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of a king who invited people to the wedding of his son. Instead of taking up this invitation and enjoying the hospitality of the king, many just decided to refuse the invitation.

Put yourself in that same situation and imagine you were planning a birthday party. It was the party of your dreams. You made lots of great plans, invited all your favourite people and told them all about this terrific party you were having. Then, shortly before the party, people started calling and giving ridiculous excuses as to why they could not come. Think how that would make you feel.

When we invite people we care about, we feel badly when they can't come, even if they have a good excuse. It is just not as much fun when people we like aren't with us to enjoy something. But if we think they just don't want to come, that they really don't have a good excuse, that really makes us feel upset.

We are invited to God's banquet. Jesus is trying to show us that we are all invited to eternal life with him in heaven. Jesus really wants us to be with him in heaven. That is because he loves us and cares about us. He has planned this wonderful surprise for us. But will we accept the invitation?

The invitation has already come – all we have to do is accept it.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children should have returned to school this term in the **full summer uniform**. All students are expected to be in their full summer uniform by Monday 23rd October.

Uniforms can be bought from Oz Fashions. Order forms are available in the school office or on our website. There are sample sizes available for trying in the school office.

ATTENDANCE & FRANCIS BEAR

The St Francis of Assisi Primary School attendance this week was 78.5%. Don't forget the CEDP expected attendance is 90 to 95%. It is with great excitement that we congratulate Year 6 who reached the CEDP target in Week 10 of Term 3 with their grade attendance being 91.1%

Congratulations to 2F who have had the most improved attendance and will have Francis Bear visit their class next week because of their great attendance in Week 1.

DATES COMING UP

- 26/10 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mass @ 10am
- 27/10 Year 1 excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm
- 02/11 Whole School Mass @ 10am
- 03/11 Staff Development Day
- 09/11 Year 2 excursion to Fairfield Museum



SOCIAL SKILL - BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS

Here at St Francis we have been developing friendship skills, helping those in need and accepting each other. The words we speak and our actions towards each other relates to the way we communicate. Within our classrooms we have been reminding the children of the following skills:

- Think before you speak.
- Speak clearly and don't shout.
- Have a sense of humour.
- Consider your gestures and eye contact with others.
- Listen with understanding (put yourself in the place of the other person).

If our thought at the beginning of each day was to express kind words and kind actions to all we meet, we would have a positive outcome for the wellbeing of each individual in our community.

DIOCESAN BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 59 students participated in the Diocesan Basketball Gala Day. It was a tiring day for all students as they sweated it out playing up to 7 games each.

Out of the 40 games played on the day we won 21 of them with a couple of draws as well. This was a tremendous achievement. Congratulations to the 3/4 Boys team who came equal first. The students, many who had never played competitive basketball before, were outstanding. They displayed skill and determination as well as good sportsmanship. It is pleasing that they maintained St Francis school's high standard of representation.

Thank you to the parents who were able to support us on the day especially Mr & Mrs Russell and Mr Sinsay who assisted in supervising the teams.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

Year 5 students will be hosting the 9:00am Mass at Good Shepherd Church on Sunday November 5th. This is an opportunity for all families at St Francis of Assisi to come along and celebrate our faith together.

It is an ideal opportunity for us to gather as part of a vibrant worshipping community. If your child is participating in the Sacramental program this year, the first session is following this Mass at 10:30am.

Morning tea will follow the Mass – what a great opportunity for you have a cuppa and catch up with friends or even meet new friends.

All children from St Francis are invited to be part of the children's choir on the day – Fr Gerard will come beforehand to train them!

Please set aside the time to join us for what should be a wonderful celebration.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017/2018

Enrolment forms for Reconciliation 2017 and 1st Holy Communion 2018 are now available in the St Francis School office for collection. These forms need to be handed in at the 'Information Session' for parents. A photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate needs to accompany this form. Forms are available from the St Francis School Office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs Kate Owens the Religious Education Coordinator here at St Francis School.

The Information Session for parents regarding 1st Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 29th October @10:30am in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall.

Lesson dates are the 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November from 10.30am to 11.30am.

STUDENT BUS PASSES

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grades from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to Year 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Applications need to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure the students entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If the application is made after the expiry, the system will automatically cancel the card and new one will need to be issued.

PLEASE NOTE: if you are **NOT** changing from grade 2 to 3 and are staying at the same school you do not need to reapply.

Students in the Opal area who are applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement or the first time will receive their card a week or two before school starts in 2018.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

This term there has been a change in sports uniform days. Please see below to make sure your children are wearing their sports uniform on the correct day.

Tues: Year 1, 2, 5 & 6

Wed: Kindy, Year 3 and 4

Thurs: Year 5 & 6

Fri: Kindy, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that our Staff Development Day will be on Friday 3rd November. There will be no supervision for students on this day. COSHC will be providing care on this day, if you are interested please complete the COSHC form that is in this newsletter, or a copy is available from the school office and return to the COSHC by Friday 27th October.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The St Francis staff will be working with Father Gerard on our formation goal.

MISSION MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Today, the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated the Mission Mass. Students from all over the diocese came together to share the various ways that they create social justice opportunities. St Francis of Assisi were represented by Year 5 students who talked about their efforts at Café Timor. Many schools were impressed with the initiative that the students took on board. We are very proud of all their achievements.

All monies raised from Café Timor went to Mary Mackillop International. They will use this money to establish a mobile library which will allow students access to books and reading materials.



LOST PROPERTY

As the warmer weather approaches the students are taking their jackets off during the breaks. There are 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 it is missing.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Just a reminder to families that it is now a requirement that if your child is absent from school, the office needs to be notified by 9.30am. This can be done via phone call (02 8886 9600), email or the skoolbag app. If your child is unwell and absent for a long period of time a doctor's certificate is required.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

St Francis of Assisi. Pupil Free Day

As families may be aware, Friday 3rd November 2017 is a Pupil Free Day. COSHC at St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning is able to offer 40 places for care on this day. As places are limited, please ensure your form is returned as soon as possible.

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

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

Please complete the request slip below and return it to the school office or COSHC as soon as possible.

Applications close and will not be accepted after 4:00pm on Friday 27 October 2017.

Please note: If your child normally attends COSCH on a Friday and does not attend on this 3rd November, they will be marked as absent and their normal session fee will be charged.

Families will be notified if their request for care has been successful.

If you have any further enquires please contact me on 0438 108 543.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Mifsud

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COSCH Coordinator

PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM

I will require care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday 3rd November 2017 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 be charged.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

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Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use only

Received by: _____ Date received: _____





ORDER FORMS – email elle@ozfashions.com.au or PH: 0421 216 414

Saint Francis of Assisi Glendenning - Uniform Order Form

Parent's Name:

Child's Name:

Class:

Contact No:

Email:

UNIFORM ORDER DETAILS

Unisex	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
School Jacket										\$50.00	
Boys Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Short sleeve shirt										\$25.00	
Shorts										\$25.00	
Socks – Navy Turnover	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/			\$4.00	
Boys Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Long sleeve shirt										\$30.00	
Trousers										\$40.00	
Tie	S-Pre tied/		M-Pre tied/			L-Pre tied/				\$17.00	
Socks – Navy Turnover	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/			\$4.00	
Girls Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Summer Dress										\$45.00	
Socks – White Turnover	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/			\$4.00	
Scrunchy	O/S /									\$5.00	
Soft Headband	O/S /									\$5.00	
Hard Headband	O/S /									\$5.00	
Girls Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Winter Tunic										\$50.00	
Blouse										\$25.00	
Tights - Navy	4-6/	6-8/	8-10/	10-12/	12-14/	14-16/				\$15.00	
Tab Tie	O/S /									\$5.00	
Scrunchy	O/S /									\$5.00	
Soft Headband	O/S /									\$5.00	
Hard Headband	O/S /									\$5.00	
Sports	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Sport Polo – S/SL										\$30.00	
Sport Short										\$30.00	
Sport Track pant										\$40.00	
Sport Jacket										\$50.00	
Socks – White Ankle	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/			\$4.00	
Accessories	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		Qty	Price	Total
Backpack	O/S /									\$40.00	
Library Satchel	O/S /									\$15.00	
Sun hat	XS/		S/		M/		L/			\$18.00	
Lice Off Kit	O/S /									\$6.00	
Art Smock	4-6/				8-10					\$15.00	
Raincoat- Navy or Yellow	4-6 Colour:		8-10 Colour:			12-14 Colour:				\$25.00	
Grand Total										\$	

PAYMENT DETAILS

Option A. Cash		\$
Option B. Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	\$
Card No:		
Expiry Date:		
Name on Card:		
Signature:		
Option C. Direct Transfer		\$
Account Name: OZ Uniforms PTY LTD BSB Number: 062 174 Account Number: 1046 6652 Bank: Commonwealth		
If you choose to use this method we need a remittance receipt to process your order		