

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3

Week 10

22nd September 2017

MISS SHERIDAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Today brings to an end a very busy term. The students have worked hard and should be very proud of themselves and all their achievements.

We have heard fabulous speeches from all our students K-6. Each student spoke with confidence and are to be commended. It is not easy to stand in front of an audience and deliver a speech.

The children have enjoyed excursions to Brewongle to learn about sustainability, to Muru Mittigar to learn about indigenous culture and to the observatory at Penrith, where they gazed at the galaxy.

This term has also seen our students participate in sporting endeavours. The students enjoyed the Gymnastics program and were able to show parents on Tuesday all that they had learnt. We also saw some students represent the school at the zone carnival, with one student going on to represent the diocese at the MacKillop level. A team of expert soccer players enjoyed a gala day while our infant students had great fun at the infant's carnival.

Everyone got into the spirit and dressed up as their favourite book character for book week. During this week, we were able to purchase reading material from the Book Fair and celebrate with our Grandparents liturgy.

This term, students were asked to think about social justice and raise money for those in great need. Lots of classes collected food and items that St Vincent De Paul and the Jesuit Refugee Centre were able to distribute. We saw crazy foot wear everywhere on one day and got to sit back and enjoy the delights of Café Timor, where Year 5 students cooked and waited on us for breakfast, recess and lunch.

If all this was not enough we had our Bishop pop in to talk about his life and today we had a visit from Ed Husic our local federal member.

What a great term!

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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

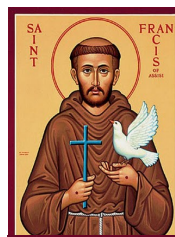
DATES COMING UP

- 09/10 School Resumes - students return in their summer uniform
- 11/10 Diocesan Basketball



RESPECT AWARDS

KR	Venus Lalia
KS	Dominic Juat
KV	Kevin Kurian
1B	Winston Wells
1R	Rosemary Shaba
2C	Summer Jackson-Pace
2F	Natasha Noche



3A	Emma Stapleton
3B	Melissa Ghneim
4B	Ayak Adup
4C	Attila Somogyi
5B	Faith Russell
5O	Marcus Sinsay
6D	Kristina Manay
6S	Abil Adup

ATTENDANCE & FRANCIS BEAR

The St Francis of Assisi Primary School attendance this week was 76.5%. Don't forget the CEDP expected attendance is 90 to 95%.

The overall school attendance has been quite low over the past weeks due to many illnesses and families leaving early for holidays. Lets hope Term 4 sees a huge improvement. We have 175 students who have had 95% or better attendance and 11 students who still have 100% attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Heinz Lemoto in Year 4 who competed at the 2017 MacKillop Athletics Championships in shot put. Heinz smashed his previous record by 3m to achieve 1st place. He will now represent MacKillop at the NSWPSA Championships in October. Go Heinz!



EVERY DAY COUNTS

At St Francis School our mission is to provide an engaging learning environment where all students reach their full potential. We believe our students deserve the very best education and the building blocks for the best education begins with students coming to school each and every day.

When students are regularly absent, arrive late or leave early from school, they miss out on learning fundamental skills that will set them up for future success. A recent educational study has shown that students with high attendance rates, experience high academic success and feel happier at school. Although we understand that there are times where students are absent from school such as illness, it is critical for students to return to school as soon as they are feeling better. If your child is away from school, please remember to provide your child's class teacher with a note explaining their absence upon their return.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping our students to be punctual in attending for their whole school day.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children should return in Term 4 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.

ED HUSIC'S VISIT

Today St Francis had a visit from our local federal member Mr Ed Husic. He spoke to Year 5 about his experiences before and after becoming a member of parliament. Year 5 asked lots of interesting questions and were a brilliant audience.



PYJAMA DAY

Today lots of children forgot to get dressed in their uniform and arrived to school in their pyjamas. This was a fundraising exercise to raise money for our new furniture in the library. The children will be ready for bedtime once they arrive home.



50 PIZZA PARTY

Today 50 received their pizza party which was a prize for the class that raised the most money for our Obathon. Both teachers and children enjoyed every morsel.



SOCIAL SKILL - BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS

Over the past month we have been developing friendship skills, helping those in need and accepting each other at St Francis of Assisi. The words we speak and our actions towards each other relate 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.

ST FRANCIS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday our school community celebrated the feast of St Francis of Assisi. It was fabulous to see many of our ex students return to join in the celebration. The celebrations started with a Mass, followed by a tenacious game of newcombe ball. The teacher's team was triumphant against the hopeful high schools. Age sometimes does triumph. The children then participated in various activities throughout the school ranging from cooking to table tennis. In the afternoon we saw a sensational dance display put on by our students who have been attending captivate dance every Thursday. What a great day was had by all!



MORE ST FRANCIS DAY PHOTOS



PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Today we celebrated the great work children have done throughout the term. All children who received a Respect Award got to visit our staffroom and participate in the Principal's morning tea. The students had a great time chatting and pretending they were staff members making plans for the rest of the day. What a delightful morning tea was had by all.



TERM 4 OVERVIEW – 2017

4TH OCTOBER FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

Updated: 18/09/17

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
OCT			Diocesan Basketball	Stage 2 Reconciliation	Mission Mass St Patrick's Cathedral Yr 5 students	15 th
2	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
OCT				Year 5 Reconciliation		22 nd
3	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
OCT				Year 5 Mass	Year 1 Excursion World Teachers Day	St Francis Mass @ Good Shepherd
4	30 th	31 st	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
OCT/ NOV		Basketball	All Saints Day	Whole School Mass All Souls Day	Staff Development Day	5 th
5	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
Nov		Melbourne Cup		Kindy Transition 9am – 10.45am Year 2 Fairfield Excursion		12 th
6	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
NOV				Kindy Transition 9am – 10.45am Year 6 Reconciliation		19 th
7	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
NOV				Kindy Transition 9am – 10.45am Year 6 Mass		26 th Christ the King
8	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st	2 nd
NOV DEC	Swimming Program Begins					3 rd 1 st Sunday Advent
9	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
DEC				Christmas Concert Stage 2 Reconciliation	Reports go home Swimming Program Finishes Immaculate Conception	10 th 2 nd Sunday Advent
10	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
DEC		Swimming Carnival for Years 2 to 5		Thanksgiving Mass Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm	School closes	17 th 3 rd Sunday Advent
11	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
DEC	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day				24 th 4 th Sunday Advent

STAFF RETURN : 29 JANUARY, 2018

STUDENTS RETURN: 30 JANUARY, 2018