



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Week 11

13th April 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past term. Together the teachers facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, self and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in giving so much that they truly receive.

I would like to extend to all of you wishes of happiness, relaxation and Christ's blessings over the holidays. Make and take time as a family to enjoy each other. The primary years are certainly precious and pass quickly. The time invested now is paid back ten fold in the quality of your child's relationships with you and others.

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to acknowledge everyone who has worked hard to make this term a great success. I know everyone here at school is in need of a break, especially the students.

Our school community has begun work in reviewing and re-imagining ways to ensure 'positive behaviour support', for all of our children.

This work will be based on our school data and will grow from our whole community being given an opportunity to share in the learning process.

St Francis has earned a reputation in our Diocese of inclusiveness and acceptance. Through the work of expert teachers, supported by system intervention we have ensured the growth of all our children.

All of us need to recognise that we are working with children aged between 5-12 years. These wonderful children require above all a 'trusting relationship', with caring and understanding adults. As members of the St Francis community I invite you to be active in seeing your role as caring for all in our community.

We need to understand that our children come to us with a wide range of needs. We need to recognise that our children do not come to school with all the necessary skills to maintain relationships, control fears and anxieties and to self-regulate. The support of these skills is part of our work with you.

In 2018 our 'Positive School Behaviour 4 Learning', will provide opportunity to confirm our whole school understanding of:

- Our motto and vision statement
- Behaviour expectations
- School Organisation such as:

1. Assemblies
2. Awards
3. Communication
4. Support networks
5. Supervision

Our reputation as a caring community is well recognised and valued, I believe PSB4L will strengthen our capacity ensuring that we all see our role in caring for ALL children.

Finally, if you need to share any thoughts around wellbeing and welfare I encourage you to meet with your child's teacher, Leader of Learning or if you prefer make an appointment to meet with me.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Jenny Bellenger



You're Invited



*Please join us in celebrating Mother's Day at
St Francis of Assisi Primary on Friday 11th May.*

8:15 am - Pancake breakfast

9:00am - Open Classrooms



Hope to see you there!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff will have a Staff Development Day on **Monday 30th April 2018** (Monday Week 1 Term 2).

This is a Pupil Free Day. **COSHC will be available on Monday 30th April 2018.** If you would like your child to attend COSHC on this day please see the office for an enrolment form.

Students will return to school for Term 2 on **Tuesday 1st May 2018.**



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2019

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8886 9600

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DATES COMING UP

- 13/4 Last Day of Term 1
- 25/4 ANZAC Day
- 30/4 Staff Development Day (no school)
- 01/5 Term 2 Resumes
- 11/5 Mothers Day Breakfast, Stall & Open Classrooms

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Curtis Boamah
KV	Damiil Jertdeski
1A	Zephaniah Vaoga
1B	Nathaniel Yousef
1M	Lakan Diestro
2B	Rajveer Singh
2C	Heaven Abdelmasih



3B	Kingston Mazzocchi
3D	Tahlia Clinch
4C	Hendrix Campbell
4R	Alex Rodriguez
5A	Jacob Gerken
5S	Jarrell Yusores
6B	Diesel Baker
6O	Andrew Klemenic

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Children should return in their **full winter uniform** on Tuesday 1st May 2018. We do understand if the weather is still warm that the full summer uniform would be more comfortable and may be worn. We expect the students to be in their complete winter uniform by Monday 15th May 2018.

The winter uniform is available for purchase for the students who need a new winter uniform.

The winter uniform includes:

FOR GIRLS

A checked tunic, yellow long sleeved shirt, tie and navy blue tights.

FOR BOYS

A yellow long sleeved shirt with the school logo, a tie and navy blue pants.

There is a blue jacket to go with the normal everyday uniform, and a green jacket for the sports uniform.

OZ FASHIONS—WINTER UNIFORM

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase. Please place your orders before next term to ensure you receive them on time. Orders can be placed via email to elle@ozfashions.com.au (order forms available from the school office or on the school website). Alternatively you can order via the QKR APP.

All size samples are at the school office for trying on if unsure of the size.

Please note: Uniforms cannot be purchased from OZ FASHIONS warehouse in Granville.

LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder to parents to label children's clothing. With the cooler weather coming, children will often take their jackets on and off and leave them on the playground.

Labelling ensures that the clothing is returned to the correct child.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Farrugia family (Tiennah 1M) on the birth of their little girl Livvy. We wish them all the best.



YEAR 6 CAMP

Year six camp to Wedderburn Christian Campsite was a memorable time for all. The camp leaders welcomed us and told us about all of the wonderful activities that were planned and prepared us for the fun we were about to embark on. The activities were a ton of fun! We enjoyed every moment of the camp, whether we were flying through the air on the flying fox, testing our archery skills, or pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone as we soared through the air and over the bushland on the giant swing.

We were lucky enough to have a big campfire where we had some time to chat with our friends before we went for a night walk through the bush on the hunt to find some koalas and other native wildlife. When we returned the camp leaders surprised us with some marshmallows to roast by the campfire.

The second day was just as good as the first! In the morning we had a variety of delicious foods to choose from to energise our bodies for the days activities. We were able to conquer our fears while participating in rock climbing, as well as sharing lots of laughter when playing fun games that helped us bond together as a class. Overall, this camp will be a memory that sticks with us for life. We all participated in some amazing activities and made friendships that we will treasure forever.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance this year has improved significantly, not only at our school, but right across the diocese. While there are still some schools in the diocese who are below target, there has been an improvement.

St Francis school is currently at 87.1% which is only 2.9% below the CEDP target. Looking back at our percentage for the same time last year, this is a huge improvement for our school.

Year 6 are currently at 97.8% which is well above the target and it is great to see so many students at school.

St Francis School currently has 139 students who have 100% attendance. What an amazing effort!



Mother's Day Stall
Friday 11th May 2018
Prepayment Form



The P & F has organised the Annual Mother's Day Stall and will have the following available for your child/ren to purchase

- Mother's Day Gifts for \$3, \$5 or \$7
- Nan/Grandmother Gifts for \$3, \$5 or \$7
- Mother's Day Gift Bags for \$1
- Mother's Day Cards for \$1

To make things a little easier on the day for everyone, the prepayment system will be operating a little differently this year. You are most welcome to send in a prepaid amount prior to the Mother's Day Stall using the form below. Your child will then be given this amount of money back on the day and they can then purchase their gifts along with students who decide bring their money along on the day.

Cut Here -----

PREPAYMENT: SHOULD YOU WISH TO PREPAY PRIOR TO 11TH MAY PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR MONEY TO THE SCHOOL

Childs Name	Year	Amount Prepaid

Thank you to every one who has already offered to help make this year's stall a success. If you would like to help on the day and have not yet advised the P & F please fill in your details below. Thank you ☺

NAME: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

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<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>



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