

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

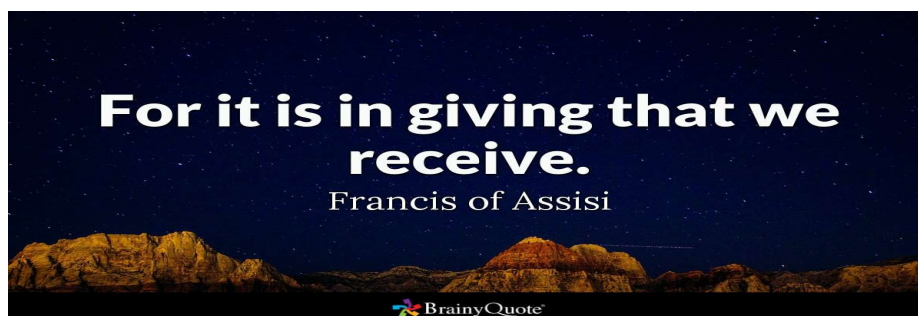
Term 3

Week 10

28th September 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today we celebrated our wonderful school community, on 'St. Francis of Assisi Day.'
It was a special celebration of the learning, fun and community spirit that is so evident to all.



Congratulations to all of the Staff and students for a wonderful Term of learning at St. Francis of Assisi Primary. Thank you to the parents for giving your time and your support to our community. Thank you to the teachers for your commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you to the students for your great attendance, your dedicated work and your energy! It is in giving to each other every day, that we receive!

On Wednesday, I was delighted to celebrate a special Morning Tea with the children who received RESPECT Awards this term. Self respect, respect for others and respect for the community are certainly qualities that we all strive to demonstrate. Well done!



May God bless you all during the school holidays.

Parenting is a challenge for each one of us. The holidays can often be a time for reflecting on this important role. The extract on the next page is worth a read.

It has been a privilege being part of your beautiful community while Mrs Bellenger has been on leave. May God bless you all.

Monica Fitzalan, Acting Principal

DATES COMING UP

- 28/09 - Last day of Term 3
- 15/10 - Students return for Term 4 in Summer Uniform
- 26/10 - School Photos re shoot

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF PARENTING

These twelve principles are the basis of successful parenting as presented by Michael Grose - one of Australia's foremost parenting experts:

1. Treat children as you want to be treated at all times - with love, respect and human dignity.
2. Manage children's behaviour by managing yourself first and focusing on your own behaviour.
3. As children learn what they live, model the attitudes and behaviours you want them to learn. In particular, model optimism, generosity, persistence and forgiveness of self and others.
4. Mirror back to your children that they are competent and capable. They see themselves in the same way as significant adults in their lives see them.
5. Build happy childhood memories by having plenty of positive one-on-one interactions and enjoyable family times. Build a strong family upon the building blocks of tolerance, rituals and open communication.
6. Children feel secure when there are limits and boundaries but they also like a say in setting some of those boundaries. Use behavioural consequences to teach children to be responsible for their actions.
7. Childhood is to be protected, treasured and preserved as long as humanly possible. Childhood is something children need to grow into, not out of.
8. Give responsibility, invite co-operation and expect participation in all aspects of family life.
9. Develop resilience in children by promoting independence, problem-solving and real participation in family life. Ensure you look after yourself so you have perspective and energy to look after your children.
10. Surround yourself and your children with healthy, positive adults who look out for you and your children.
11. Foster your children's passions and interest so that they can find something that they can excel at.
12. Treat your children as if you have many. That way, you can give them the space to grow away and be themselves.

HELP A FARMER DAY

Last Friday we held a mufti day where children were able to dress up as a farmer. They were asked to bring their spare change to participate in activities, with the money raised going towards help for our drought stricken farmers. We can proudly say that the community of St Francis came together and we were able to raise \$1724.10.



RESPECT AWARDS

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| KS | Jessica Fung |
| KV | Alannah Rodriguez |
| 1A | Keanu Mazzocchi |
| 1B | Kayla Duah |
| 1M | Aquilina Bacha |
| 2B | Isabella Fernance |
| 2C | Jade Klemenic |



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| 3B | Latu Tuineau |
| 3D | Noah Roussety |
| 4C | Jeiden Yusores |
| 4R | Isaac Lalia |
| 5A | Kenneth Cordoba |
| 5S | Matilda Spearpoint |
| 6B | Rayden Rodriguez |
| 6O | Alyssandra Jimenez |

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 29th October.

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

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.

GOOD LUCK!

Caidence and Kenzie from 4R will be competing in the National Club Championships for gymnastics. We wish them the best of luck.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check the lost property before the holidays. We will keep it until the first week back next term. If it isn't claimed then it will go into our second hand clothing pool.

PARKING NEAR AND AROUND SCHOOL

Please remember to be considerate of our neighbours when parking in surrounding streets to pick up or drop off your children. We have had a number of complaints that parents are parking across driveways which is making it difficult for the neighbours to drive in and out of their own property.



ST FRANCIS DAY CELEBRATIONS



TERM 4 OVERVIEW 2018

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Oct | 1 st Public Holiday | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th Feast of St Francis of Assisi | 5 th | 6 th /7 th |
| Oct | 8 th | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | 13 th /14 th |
| Oct 1 | 15 th School resumes Summer Uniform | 16 th | 17 th | 18 th | 19 th | 20 th /21 st |
| Oct 2 | 22 nd | 23 rd | 24 th St Clare's Orientation | 25 th Education Mass | 26 th World Teachers Day School Photos | 27 th /28 th |
| Nov 3 | 29 th | 30 th | 31 st | 1 st November All Saints Day | 2 nd All Souls Day Meal Good Festival | 3 rd /4 th |
| Nov 4 | 5 th | 6 th Melbourne Cup | 7 th | 8 th Kinder 19 Transition | 9 th | 10 th /11 th Remembrance Day |
| Nov 5 | 12 th | 13 th | 14 th | 15 th Kinder 19 Transition | 16 th | 17 th /18 th |
| Nov 6 | 19 th | 20 th | 21 st Mass | 22 nd Kinder 19 Transition | 23 rd | 24 th /25 th Christ The King |
| Nov/ Dec 7 | 26 th | 27 th | 28 th | 29 th | 30 th Clare College Open Day | 1 st /2 nd December 1 st Sunday Advent |
| Dec 8 | 3 rd Swimming Program Begins | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th /9 th 2 nd Sunday Advent |
| Dec 9 | 10 th Swimming Program Continues | 11 th | 12 th | 13 th Thanksgiving Mass Yr 6 Graduation | 14 th | 15 th /16 th 3 rd Sunday Advent |
| Dec 10 | 17 th Swimming Carnival | 18 th | 19 th SCHOOL CLOSES | 20 th SDD | 21 st SDD | 22 nd /23 rd 4 th Sunday Advent |