



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 4
Week 2
25th October 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

In this Sunday's gospel we hear Jesus tell a story to warn us about people with great pride. In his parable two men are in the temple praying. One man is very self-righteous and in the action of praying he tells God how good he is and that he is better than the tax collector. In essence he is saying that he doesn't need God. His pride stops him from seeing his own faults. At the same time another man, a tax collector recognises himself as a sinner and prays to God for mercy. In his humility he says how much he needs God. Jesus tells us that God hears the prayers of the humble and is merciful to them.

It is up to us to respond to Sunday's Gospel and live a life of humility asking for mercy and showing that same mercy to those we meet. This is not an easy task. Good luck this week living out the Gospel!



In 1994, UNESCO established a World Teacher's Day. This day is celebrated in Australia today.

The day provides the occasion to celebrate and thank teachers for the important role they play in the learning journey of students. Everyday teachers make a positive difference – creating opportunities for their students, empowering minds of young people and proudly teaching our country's future leaders, innovators and influencers. Teachers here at St Francis, constantly strive to do their best and care for each child in their care. We wish them all a happy day and thank them for all they do.

Miss Deb Sheridan
Assistant Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be a staff development day on Friday 1st November 2019.

Teachers will be participating in professional learning on this day.

There will be NO STUDENTS at school.

COSHC will be available on this day if needed.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Thur 31/10 All Saints Day Mass
Fri 01/11 Staff Development Day
Mon 11/11 Remembrance Day
Fri 29/11 Year 1 Loreto Pantomime
Mon 02/12 Swimming program begins
Wed 11/12 Christmas Concert



MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am
Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)
Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)
Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children should have returned in **full summer uniform**. All students are now expected to be in the full summer uniform. Uniforms can be bought from Oz Fashions. The new sports uniform is also available to purchase. Order forms are available in the school office. There are sample sizes available for trying in the school office.

ST FRANCIS NEW SPORT UNIFORM



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Salesi (KC) and his family on the birth of his sister Soraya. We wish them all the very best.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee statements were sent last week, to any families who still have outstanding fees. These outstanding fees are now due. If you are on an arrangement please ensure your payments are finalised by the 24th November. If you have any questions please contact the office and speak to Mrs Falconer.

BUSWAYS BUSES IN WESTERN SYDNEY ARE GOING CASHLESS

From Monday October 28 2019, Busways' Western Sydney buses will no longer accept cash payments.

- Students can use their School Opal card to get to and from their destination during the week. On the weekend, they will need to use their Child/Youth Opal card to pay for their journey.
- Parents of the students and friends of the school can pay using their Opal card, credit card, debit card or linked device. Travel benefits apply to all when using the same card consistently.
- Opal cards are available online and over the counter from retailers including most newsagents, post offices, convenience stores and supermarkets.
- Remember to separate your cards so your preferred card is charged when tapping on and tapping off.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

Year 2 enjoyed their 'blast into the past' excursion at the Powerhouse Museum.

This term Year 2 are learning about how technology has evolved from the past to the present. During the excursion they were able to learn about transport from the past and how it has changed throughout time.

Year 2 also learnt how to use 'Scratch JR' which is a coding system that helps students create a story.

Year 2 also had a glimpse of the Apollo 11 exhibition and the Wiggles exhibition. They cannot wait to share their experiences with the St Francis community!



When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



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TERM 4 OVERVIEW 2019

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
|------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Oct | 30 th Public Holiday | 1 st Oct | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th Feast of St Francis | 5 th / 6 th |
| Oct | 7 th | 8 th | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th / 13 th |
| Oct 1 | 14 th | 15 th | 16 th | 17 th | 18 th | 19 th / 20 th |
| Oct 2 | 21 st | 22 nd Year 2 Excursion | 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th World Teachers Day | 26 th / 27 th |
| Oct/ Nov 3 | 28 th | 29 th | 30 th | 31 st All Saints Day Mass | 1 st November Staff Development Day | 2 nd / 3 rd |
| Nov 4 | 4 th | 5 th Melbourne Cup | 6 th | 7 th Kindy 2020 Transition | 8 th | 9 th / 10 th |
| Nov 5 | 11 th Liturgy / Ceremony Remembrance Day | 12 th | 13 th | 14 th All Day Reconciliation Kindy 2020 Transition | 15 th | 16 th / 17 th |
| Nov 6 | 18 th | 19 th | 20 th | 21 st Kindy 2020 Transition | 22 nd | 23 rd / 24 th Christ the King |
| Nov/ Dec 7 | 25 th | 26 th | 27 th | 28 th | 29 th Year 1 Loretto Pantomime | 30 th / 1 st Dec |
| Dec 8 | 2 nd Swimming Program starts | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th Chinese Principal's Visit | 6 th Chinese Principal's Visit | 7 th / 8 th |
| Dec 9 | 9 th Swimming Program Continues | 10 th | 11 th Christmas Concert | 12 th End of Year Mass | 13 th | 14 th / 15 th |
| Dec 10 | 16 th Swimming Carnival Years 2-5 | 17 th Year 6 Graduation | 18 th Water Fun Day Luna Park Year 6 | 19 th SDD | 20 th SDD | 21 st / 22 nd |