

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 4

Week 6

17th November 2017

CLASSES FOR 2018

Teachers are now finalising their class lists for 2018. They take into account the academic abilities, behavioural needs, social issues and learning needs of ALL children. I'm sure you can understand that this is a complex and lengthy process which the teachers put a great deal of thought into. They make the best decisions that they can regarding all the children in our school and ensure a fair and equitable process is followed. If parents have any concerns about their child's placement in a class, they need to put their concerns in writing to Mrs Bellenger.

KINDER 2018 MORNING TEA

On Thursday 23rd November, the parents of our new Kindergarten children for 2018 will be attending St Francis for a meeting and morning tea. As is customary at St Francis, the current Kindergarten children are asked to bring something in for the morning tea that the parents can share (eg cake, biscuits, slice, fruit). Could you please send something for morning tea with your child on this day. All morning tea items will need to be dropped off at the library before school.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thursday 7th December, 5pm till 8 pm

Food available from 5pm. Carols start at 6pm

It's the time of year when we will all come together to celebrate our annual Christmas Carols.

This year we would like to offer **guaranteed front row seats** to those who volunteer to help while your children perform. There will be a limit of front row seats available for each class, so make sure you hand in your form ASAP. Allocation of front row seats will be given to those who hand in their form first, from each year.



TERM 4 CONCLUDES

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FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

(Monday 18th December and
Tuesday 19th December are Pupil Free Days).

TERM 1 2018 START DATES

**STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 TO 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018**

**KINDERGARTEN 2018 START ON
THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**

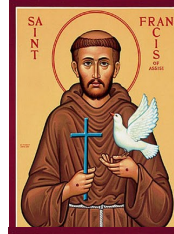
DATES COMING UP

- 23/11 2018 Kinder Transition starts @ 9.00am (Day 3)
- 23/11 2018 Kinder Parent information session in library @ 9am
- 24/11 Talent Quest at 11.30am in the hall
- 27/11 Swimming Program Begins for Kinder to Year 6 @ Blacktown Swimming Pool
- 12/12 Swimming Carnival Years 2 to 5 @ Stanhope Leisure Centre



RESPECT AWARDS

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| KR | Joshua Chandler |
| KS | Hayley Carr |
| KV | Charlisse Sue-Fong |
| 1B | Lavanya Nanda |
| 1R | Caleb Hogan |
| 2C | Yabsera Tekeste |
| 2F | Taylor Vella |



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| 3A | Caidence Tompkin-French |
| 3B | Kenzie Scibberas |
| 4B | Ruby Price |
| 4C | Samar Ummat |
| 5B | Arianna Tuineau |
| 5O | Tisya Nayak |
| 6D | Samara Purvis |
| 6S | Jasmine Singh |

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Neha and Kevin Kurian who have been attending classes on the weekend to learn Malayam. Keep up the great work.

OFFICE ROLLOVER

Due to a change in finance systems, the school office can not be accepting payments after Tuesday 12th December. If you have any money to be paid, please make sure you do this before Tuesday 12th December.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 2 TO 5

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 12th December at Stanhope Leisure Centre. Permission notes for the carnival were sent home with your children. We are always looking for parent volunteers so if you are able to help please complete the volunteer section on the note. (All volunteers must have completed the online Building Child Safe Communities for Volunteers Form. Details on how to complete this are on the note).

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming Program notes have been sent home with all children. Please return these notes to school as soon as possible. The swimming program starts on Monday 27th November and finishes on Friday 8th December.



SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have finalised school fees for 2017. Arrangements have now been finalised. Reminder letters for remaining balances will be sent home in the coming weeks. We would appreciate your prompt payment so that preparation may begin for 2018.

SOCIAL SKILL - BEING A CARING STUDENT

Caring is about giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. You treat them gently and with respect. Caring people think about how others are feeling. They don't just think about themselves. At St Francis of Assisi we are caring towards all those we come in contact with. We do kind things. We think about other's feelings and show we are concerned by what we say and do. We are sensitive to how other people are feeling. We know when others are upset or need assistance. We want to help the other person feel better. Learning about the beliefs and opinions of others can help us to understand all people at our school. Caring people at St Francis of Assisi are tolerant to those who are different to us.

Family Discussion Questions:

How well do we know our neighbours?

What is the kindest thing that anybody has done for you?

What is the kindest thing that you have done for someone else?

Show an act of kindness towards someone you know, let them know that you care.

P & F - BUS SHOPPING TOUR



A great day was had by all who joined us on the Bus Shopping trip on the 21st of October. Lots of bargains were found.

Thank you to everyone for coming and supporting our school.

NEW PARISH PRIEST @ GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

This week the Capuchin Friars met as a chapter and have appointed Father Gerard as Provincial Head. As he takes on this new and challenging position there is the need for a new parish priest at Good Shepherd Plumpton. We are pleased to announce that the new parish priest is Father Vincy. Father Vincy has worked in the parish previously and we welcome him to his new role.



ROAD SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please remember to take care and obey the road rules around our school. We have had some very near misses where parents and children have been almost hit by cars outside of our school while using the crossing on Stone Street.

Also a reminder to parents that if you are collecting your child from Gregory Street, you need to park your car and walk into the school. If you don't want to leave your car, you need to change the arrangements for your child to car pick up so your child can enter the car safely and not in the middle of the road as some parents are allowing their children to do. We understand that after school, families have places to be but safety should always come first.



On the following page are some of the school zone offences and the fines that apply to these offences.

Dear Parents,

As we enter the season of Advent, we are all very busy making preparations for our family Christmas celebrations. Some families around us struggle at this time to make ends meet. The St Vincent de Paul Society does great work to help provide these families with Christmas hampers.



You can help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for their Christmas Appeal Hampers. Hampers are distributed through our local Conference members. Please send your donation in to your child's classroom before Tuesday next week. Please ensure that all food items are in date with several months until expiry.

Below is a list of suggestions

Long life custard/cream/milk

Tins of fruit

Biscuits (assorted sweet and savoury)

Drinks (eg. soft drink, fruit juice, cordial)

Rice

Jam/honey/vegemite

Coffee, tea, sugar

Hot chocolate/Milo

Pasta and pasta sauces

Tins of salmon/tuna

Tinned meat

Tinned soup

Tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes)

Instant noodles

Cereals



Thank you

Mrs Kate Owens



St Francis annual

***Talent
Show!***

**Week 7
Friday 24th November**