

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3

Week 7

1st September 2017

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

Dear Parents,

Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads!

This morning we celebrated a delicious Fathers' Day barbeque breakfast and a beautiful liturgy followed by a visit to the classrooms where the children shared their work. A great morning was enjoyed by all the children.

Fathers' Day gives us an opportunity to recall and affirm the particular gifts that fathers bring to families. This includes our personal fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important father figures in our lives. Whether it is their sense of humour, ability to see the positive side of difficult situations, patience, even when they are tired, or their wise words of encouragement and love, this Sunday we hope that all the St Francis dads, grand dads and uncles enjoy a wonderful day.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so,

He called it ... Dad

It is in partnership we can do great things for our children.



DATES COMING UP

- 07/9 Dentist Visit Kinder, Years 2, 4 & 6
- 13/9 Infants Carnival
- 15/9 Year 5 Excursion to Penrith Observatory
- 21/9 St Francis Day



SCHOOL CANTEEN

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the current canteen will be finishing up at St Francis next Thursday. Therefore, there will be **NO** canteen available on Friday 8th September and this also includes lunch orders. A new canteen operator will commence on Monday 11th September. They use the same online ordering system so that won't cause any problem for families.

The new canteen operators come highly recommended and have been operating in school canteens for a very long time.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

ARE YOU MOVING?

To estimate enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Francis at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that the CEDP policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances.

DENTAL ASSESSMENT NOTES

School dental assessment notes were sent home to students in Kinder, Year 2, 4 and 6. The dental assessment will be done here at school on Thursday 7th September.

If you would like your child's teeth checked the note must be returned to school. Without this note the dental assessment cannot be done. The consent form must be ticked "Yes" and the Medicare number must be filled in for the assessment to be done.

A letter indicating how the parent should follow up the assessment will be sent home with each child on the assessment day.



ATTENDANCE & FRANCIS BEAR

The St Francis of Assisi Primary School attendance this week was 78.8%. Don't forget the CEDP expected attendance is 90 to 95%.

Congratulations to 5B who were the home to Francis Bear this week for great attendance in Week 6. Keep a look out next week to see which class will win Francis Bear for the best attendance during Week 7.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Don't forget that Woolworths Earn and Learn is still on. This will continue until Tuesday 19th September (while stock lasts). Collect your stickers from Woolworths each time you shop. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at school outside the staffroom. (Near student letterbox).

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



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?

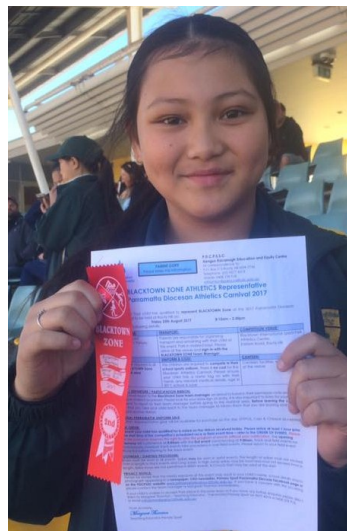
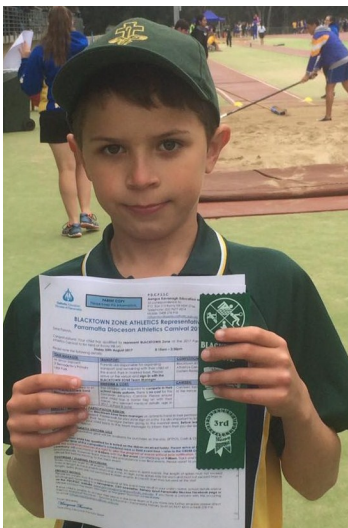
Show an act of kindness towards someone you know, let them know that you care.

ZONE ATHLETICS

St Francis of Assisi were represented by 45 enthusiastic athletes at our Blacktown Zone Carnival. Everyone of the 45 students tried their very best. We were extremely excited to see four of our students make it into the Diocesan Carnival. Well done to Kiarrah Rentoy, Drew White, Hokafonu Lemoto and Heinz Lemoto. Heinz Lemoto was also the Junior Boys Age Champion Runners up at the Zone Athletics Carnival!!

These four students went on to represent our school and the Blacktown Zone last week. Heinz Lemoto has remarkably placed 3rd in Shot Put and will now progress to the Mackillop Carnival. What a tremendous achievement! We congratulate Kiarrah, Drew and Hokafonu on their performances to make the Diocesan carnival and wish Heinz all the best in the Mackillop Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to Elaine Sciberras and Ben Venturato for giving up their time to support our school at the Zone Carnival. We appreciate your contribution and willingness to support our school.



THANK YOU

Over the last few weeks classes have been collecting food stuffs to give to St Vincent de Paul. This will then be distributed to needy families in our community. Thank you for your participation. We know that these families are very appreciative that we are thinking of them during their hardship.

FATHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to all the dads, mums, uncles, grandparents and friends who visited us this morning. There were so many happy faces both from children and visitors. Thank you for your attendance.

Thank you also to the P & F Group for organising and selling at the Fathers' Day Stall. What a wonderful community we have here at St Francis Primary.



WANDERERS CUP

This week our mixed Year 5 and 6 soccer team competed in the Wanderers Cup held at Blacktown Football Park. We had five gruelling games against some very tough opposition. We managed to win one and were competitive in the others. All in all, I was very proud to see the 'never say die' attitude in the team and their excellent sportsmanship.

The Year 5 and 6 Soccer team: Jaylen Mallawaratchy, Drew Wasylinka, Anthony Barukcic, Sava Tagiloa, Nicholas Velasco, Dominic Habil, Chloe Winters, Chelsey-Nicole Caraig, Rowan Moloney, Brodie Kasprzycki and Hokafonu Lemoto.





St Francis Shopping Tour Fundraiser

Saturday 21st October, 2017
\$55-\$60 Per Person


Have a great day out with friends and get your Christmas shopping done all whilst raising money for our school. Sounds fantastic doesn't it! Price includes a two course meal for lunch and at least 10 warehouse stops ensuring everyone's needs are catered for whilst saving up to a massive 70% on rrp!

We will depart from the St Francis of Assisi drop off bay at **7am** sharp and will return to the same location at approximately **6:30pm**.

Seats are limited so to avoid disappointment don't delay in completing the form below and paying your \$25 deposit to guarantee your seat. Balance is due by **21st September**

NAME
CONTACT NO
(PLEASE CIRCLE) CASH OR CARD \$25 deposit per person
CARD NUMBER
EXPIRY DATE
CVV
NAME ON CARD
SIGNATURE ON CARD

Stay tuned to our FB page for more information and details of the shops we will be visiting

 <https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Glendenning-Fun-Fundraising>

