



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3

Week 1

21st July 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus told a parable about a farmer who sowed his crop, only to have a thief come and spread weeds amongst his seeds. The farmer is in a dilemma – should he pull out the weeds, which might destroy his crop or wait until both weeds and his crop have grown and then harvest both. The farmer chose to wait and let both the weeds and wheat grow.

This parable reminds us that in our world, there are wonderful acts of selflessness and love, which occur alongside some awful acts of violence and terror. These are the weeds and wheat to which Jesus refers to. We are called to live the values of the kingdom of God in this world. We need to pray for the strength to continue to live out our lives following Jesus' message of love.



## SCHOOL DROP OFF



In the morning when dropping your child at school using the Armitage Drive "drop off" area, please make sure that you do not leave your vehicle. You must remain with your car at all times. This is an area to drop your child off so they can walk into school by themselves. If you want to walk your child into school you will need to park your car elsewhere. Leaving your car parked in the bus bay unattended causes a bank up of traffic making this area unsafe. There is street parking available on Armitage Drive and Gregory Street and also limited spots next to the BP Service Station (not at the shop front).

Please also remember that the carpark on school grounds are for staff only. Parents are using the carpark near the office and this is strictly for staff only. Students are at risk of being hit by a car with parents driving in and out.

## SPORTS UNIFORM

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on the following days.

Tuesday: ALL STUDENTS

Wednesday: Kindy, Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday: Year 5 and Year 6

Friday: Year 1 and Year 2

## ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder to parents that if your child is going to be absent from school you need to notify the office. You can do this by phoning the office, sending an email to [stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au) or send an absentee note through the Skoolbag App.

## DATES COMING UP

- 24/07 Confirmation @ Good Shepherd
- 26/07 Book Club is due. No late orders accepted
- 27/07 Year 5 Mass
- 11/08 Year 4 Excursion



## SOCIAL SKILL - BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

The purpose of communication is to pass information from one person to another. Good communicators get their message across and understand what others are communicating as well. At St Francis our goal is to be a good listener and speaker ensuring that we can be understood in the classroom and on the playground. It is important that we can both get our message across to others as well as receiving and understanding what others are communicating with us. Being able to communicate is essential within our school environment ensuring that everyone is listened to and understood. We all have a voice, it is how we use it that is important.

### Family Discussion Starters:

How has written communication changed in your lifetime?

What are the different forms of communication?

Is the internet good for families?

What are the good points and the bad points?

Communication involves TWO sides.

Are you a good communicator getting your message across and understanding what others are communicating as well?



## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN IS BACK

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (while stock lasts) we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. 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 in the library.

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](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



**Details:**  
23rd & 30th July  
10am-2pm

**FREE Sausage Sandwich**  
for active participants

**Address:**  
Alroy Park  
Bottles Rd, Plumpton



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All lunch orders are to be dropped off to the canteen by 9.15am the latest. Any lunch orders that come in after this time cannot be guaranteed to have the lunch they specifically ordered.

With a number of schools now having their lunch at 11am instead of 1pm, this becomes quite difficult when lunch orders are still arriving at 10.30am.

As we are a healthy canteen and everything is made fresh on the premises, we make to order.

Those schools, that we have introduced the Online Ordering System – Flexi Schools, we suggest to avoid disappointment that you order online.

To order online, please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au), you will need to register your details. As this is a third party to our company, we do not have access to your account.

We ask if all staff can make sure the lunch basket is dropped in to the canteen at 9am each morning.

Hot Noodles, drinks, slushies, milkshakes and ice blocks that are ordered with your lunch order are only placed in lunch baskets for the kindergarten students but all other students in year 1-6 will need to come back to the canteen with their lunch bag that is placed in the lunch basket to pick up these items. This is due to OH&S health and safety regulations as hot and cold cannot be placed together.

### **Just to fill you in a little about what we have on offer for you;**

- We are starting a new competition at all our canteens called "Lucky Lunch Bag". A child will be randomly selected each day and they will receive a second lunch bag which will contain a Mel's Tasty Bites Surprise. It can vary from stickers, skipping ropes, books, and other cool school and sport stuff.
- We also have an account system, where it runs on credit, you can leave minimum \$25 or more on your own personal account at the canteen, that way your child will never have to miss out on recess or a treat at lunch time. You can also let us know if there are certain items you do not wish your child to purchase. This is a separate account to Flexi Schools.
- We have a Loyalty Card System, every time your child places a lunch order at the canteen over \$4.00, they will receive a stamp on their card, once they reach 10 stamps, they will receive a **FREE** lunch to the value of \$5.00... How cool is that? So be sure to pick up your loyalty card with your first lunch order at the canteen. Just note that the card is the parent's responsibility as they are not recorded at each canteen as it is impossible for us to do.
- If your child has an allergy, you will find on our website home page, a link at the bottom of the page where you can download a copy of the foods we have on offer if your child has a certain allergy.

### **Not sure what to do for your child's upcoming birthday?**

- We make fresh and homemade cupcakes for your special birthday girl or boy to share their special day with their friends at school. Place your order within 72 hours and a gorgeous tray of cupcakes will be ready for pick up for your little ones special day.
- In summer, we also have a birthday bucket filled with '99% Fruit Juice Ice sticks' for a Student to share with their class on their special day...

We offer many more services, and have specials throughout the week so be sure to stay tuned by Liking our Facebook Page and visiting our website often.

**Mel x**