

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 4

Week 7

24th November 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, which is always celebrated the Sunday before Advent begins.

This feast reminds us that Jesus' kingdom is not based on power or control, but love. Jesus came to show us the right way to live. While everyone is invited to be part of his kingdom, not all will enter it. Our actions will decide if we will be part of the kingdom.

Jesus said that when we see...

- someone hungry we need to feed them;
- someone thirsty we need to give them a drink
- a stranger we need to welcome them;
- someone without clothes we clothe them

someone sick or in prison we need to go and see them

Jesus said that, "as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Each of us needs to look out for people who are disadvantaged and treat them with kindness.

As we enter into the festive season we can do our little bit by sending donations into school for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal.



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 group.



DATES COMING UP

- 27/11 Swimming Program Begins for Kinder to Year 6 @ Blacktown Swimming Pool
- 07/12 Christmas Carols @ 5pm
- 12/12 Swimming Carnival Years 2 to 5 @ Stanhope Leisure Centre
- 15/12 Last day of term 4



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 show a caring attitude 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.

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.

Year 3 will be the first grade to swim each day and need to be at school ready to swim and on time to ensure they are here to get on the bus.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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).

YEARLY LEARNING REPORTS

The teachers are in the process of writing reports for your child that will let you know about your child's learning during the second half of this year.

Reports will be sent home on Friday 9th December. We do not have an official parent-teacher interview at this time of the year, however, once you have received your child's report, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to see them.

TERM 4 CONCLUDES

**TERM 4 CONCLUDES ON
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**

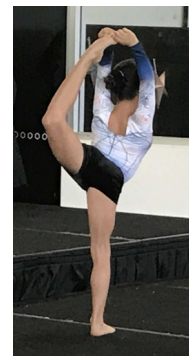
**KINDERGARTEN 2018 START ON
THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**

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.

ANNUAL TALENT QUEST

Today we saw many superstars of the future at our Annual Talent Quest. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of the school so we commend all the participants and thank them for their efforts. Thank you also to Miss Chemouni, Mrs Facey and Mrs Battikha who helped organise and lead practices for the participants.



KINDERGARTEN 2018 TRANSITION

Yesterday we welcomed both parents and students for the last Kindy 2018 transition program. It was a wonderful turn out. Some parents were seasoned professionals, having sent their children to St Francis in past years, while some parents were a little apprehensive about sending their first child along to the scary world of BIG school. It is a privilege to be part of this exciting journey that the children will undertake. We wish both students and parents the best as they start the long road ahead of school life.

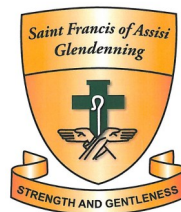


Welcome to
Kindergarten!



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