



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 2

Week 5

26th May 2017

## THE ASCENSION

Dear Parents

This Sunday our church celebrates the feast of the Ascension. This is when Jesus said goodbye to the apostles and went to join his Father in heaven. The apostles must have felt upset, knowing that Jesus would no longer be amongst them. They would have felt anxious and grief-stricken that they were losing their good friend. Jesus knew how they were feeling and comforted them with the words...

*"I am with you always, yes until the end of time"*

In a special way, Jesus is with us whenever we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. This is the Sacrament he instituted for us to remember him. Just as the apostles felt closer to Jesus when they 'broke bread' so do we when we gather at Mass.

Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus also promised to send an advocate, who we know as the Holy Spirit. Once the apostles said goodbye to Jesus, they eagerly awaited the Holy Spirit to give them the strength to go and make disciples from all nations. We too await the feast of Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit will help us to show the love of Jesus to all we meet.

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2018

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8886 9600

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## ATTENDANCE

St Francis of Assisi Primary School currently has a 82.2% attendance rate this week.

Year 6 are currently at 88.9% attendance. Well done!!! With a 1.1% improvement, Year 6 will meet the CEDP's attendance target level.

Hot on their heels are Year 5 with 86.9%.

## DATES COMING UP

- 30.5.17 School Photos - Full winter uniform
- 01.6.17 Whole School Mass
- 02.6.17 Whole School Assembly & Infants Disco
- 09.6.17 A-thon
- 16.6.17 Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6
- 03.6.17 Primary Disco



## SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2017



**ALL children must wear their FULL winter uniform for the photos.**

Photo envelopes have been sent home. Payment for school photos can be made online at [www.advancelifephotography.com.au](http://www.advancelifephotography.com.au). If you order online you do not need to return the envelope to school. If you are unable to order online please send in your envelope to the office with the correct money enclosed.

### FAMILY PHOTOS (OPTIONAL)

Brother/sister photos will be taken on photo day. Pre-pay envelopes are available on request from the office. Use this envelope (or order online before the actual photo day) if you wish to place an order for a family photo of your children. ***(Only those attending the school - no pre-schoolers)***

## MENTAL TOUGHNESS PARENT INFO SESSION

St Francis School will be holding another 'Mental Toughness Session' on Friday 2nd June at 9am in the library.

If there are any parents who are interested in attending could you please call the office on 8886 9600 so we know how many parents to expect on the day.

If there are any parents who attended the previous session and would like a copy of the powerpoint presentation from the night, please contact the office and we will be able to arrange a copy for you.

### SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to parents that school fees are due prior to Monday 29th May.

If you have not received your statement or have any queries regarding your arrangement please contact Debby James in the office.

### 2ND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have any uniforms that your children are no longer wearing that are in good condition our second hand clothing pool would be grateful for any donations.

## GOOD SHEPHERD - CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on Monday 24th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

If you wish to have your child confirmed, forms are ready for collection from the parish office for those children (10yrs and upwards by the 22nd June). Instructional lessons will begin on Sunday 25th June to 23rd July inclusive at 10.30am.



### MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On Wednesday, the feast of Mary Help of Christians, a small group of Year 5 students visited Good Shepherd Plumpton to celebrate Mass. At the church was a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which has travelled from Portugal and is visiting parishes throughout Australia. This statue has been blessed by Pope Francis and celebrates the centenary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three young shepherd children. Our students represented our school with great reverence.

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT IS FAST APPROACHING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HAVING A  
**CODE CRACKING 'OB' A-THON**

Friday 9th June 2017

Can you  
conquer  
the  
course ?

*crack the code*  
complete the puzzle



## GREAT PRIZES



## School Disco

Friday 2nd June 1pm to 2pm Infants (Kindy to Year 2)

Friday 23rd June 1pm to 2pm Primary (Years 3 to 6)

Come to school on your disco day dressed in mufti clothes.

**\$5 entry fee to be prepaid and includes:**

- packet of chips
- popper
- entry to lucky door prize

**Please return your form with \$5 per child if your child will be attending.**

# TERM 2 OVERVIEW – 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 APR	24 <sup>th</sup> STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	25 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY	26 <sup>th</sup> TERM 2 RESUMES  WINTER UNIFORM	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>  30 <sup>th</sup>
2 MAY	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>  Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Reconciliation	5 <sup>th</sup>  CBA – talk to students at assembly	6 <sup>th</sup>  7 <sup>th</sup>
3 MAY	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN Spelling, Writing & Grammar	10 <sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN Reading	11 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Mass  NAPLAN Numeracy	12 <sup>th</sup>  Mothers' Day Liturgy and Stall 9.15am	13 <sup>th</sup>  14 <sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
4 MAY	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>  P & F 7pm Wellbeing	18 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Reconciliation	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>  21 <sup>st</sup>
5 MAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Mass	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>  28 <sup>th</sup>
6 MAY JUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>  School Photos	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>  Whole School Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup>  Infants Disco	3 <sup>rd</sup>  4 <sup>th</sup>
7 JUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>  Stage 2 Reconciliation	9 <sup>th</sup>  A-Thon	10 <sup>th</sup>  11 <sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity
8 JUN	12 <sup>th</sup> QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua	16 <sup>th</sup>  ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	17 <sup>th</sup>  18 <sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi
9 JUN	19 <sup>th</sup>  Reports go home	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Stage 2 Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart  Primary Disco	24 <sup>th</sup>  25 <sup>th</sup>
10 JUN JUL	26 <sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences this week	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Infants Liturgy of Word (Saints Peter & Paul)	30 <sup>th</sup>  Last day of term 2	1 <sup>st</sup>  2 <sup>nd</sup>