



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3
Week 2
28th July 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all our children; you have returned to school after the school holidays energetic, eager to learn and proudly wearing your school uniforms. Thank you parents for attending to your children's uniform needs – a reminder that the school sports shoe is a basic white jogger with as little colour marking as possible and that school shoes only are to be worn with the school uniform and the sports shoe on sport uniform day.

Term 3 looks to be another exciting one and the children have already commenced their new learning units and their weekly gymnastics program.

The painting in the library was completed in the holidays and we are currently in the process of purchasing new furniture that will make it a vibrant and colourful learning space where students will be eager to learn. Astro turf outside the hall has been replaced and new table tops are now in the Year 5 and 6 learning spaces. We are constantly trying to make St Francis facilities the best they possibly can be for our community.

In partnership we can do great things for our children.

Jenny Bellenger

CENSUS DAY - FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary. If your child is absent on this day, please simply email the school or send a Skoolbag absent note by 9.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school. This email will then be forwarded to your child's teacher.

Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is essential for absences. This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

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?



DATES COMING UP

- 11/08 Year 4 Excursion
- 15/8 Mass for Feast of the Assumption
- 15/8 Blacktown Zone Athletics
- 23/8 Book Parade & Grandparents Day



REFLECTION

On a daily basis the teachers are guiding the children in ways that they can find Jesus in others. All they need to do is to look - A beautiful Christian ideal to have before us is that Jesus is present in my neighbour. Jesus is in the person next to me, the person behind me, in front of me, in the person with whom I live and work.

One person in recent history who lived this is Mother Teresa of Calcutta. When Mother Teresa accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 1979, part of her acceptance speech went like this:

“It is not enough for us to say: ‘I love God, but I do not love my neighbour.’ Saint John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you don’t love your neighbour. (1 John 4:20) How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live? And so this is very important for us to realise that love, to be true, has to hurt.”

How can we love like this? Where will we get the power to love Jesus in others? Mother Teresa gives the key to being able to see Jesus in others. The key to loving others is prayer. She wrote, “To be able to love one another, we must pray much, for prayer gives a clean heart and a clean heart can see God in our neighbour. If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another. If each person saw God in his neighbour, do you think we would need guns and bombs?”

Thinking like this means thinking in a new way, putting on a new mind, letting our brains be washed with the Gospel of Jesus. And as Mother Teresa said, it is through prayer that we will receive the grace to see others with this new mind of Jesus.

When we put on this new mind, the mind of Jesus, then His kingdom is coming in our world.

Like Mother Teresa we can reflect: -

Jesus is the Hungry - to be fed.

Jesus is the Thirsty - to be satiated.

Jesus is the Naked - to be clothed.

Jesus is the Homeless - to be taken in.

Jesus is the Sick - to be healed.

Jesus is the Lonely - to be loved.

Jesus is the Unwanted - to be wanted.

Jesus is the Leper - to wash his wounds.

Jesus is the Beggar - to give him a smile.

Jesus is the Drunkard - to listen to him.

Jesus is the Mental - to protect him.

Jesus is the Little One - to embrace him.

Jesus is the Blind - to lead him.

Jesus is the Dumb - to speak for him.

Jesus is the Crippled - to walk with him.

Jesus is the Drug Addict - to befriend him.

Jesus is the Prisoner - to be visited.

Jesus is the Old - to be served.

RESPECT AWARDS

KR	Lily Mansour
KS	Zoe Hampton
KV	Mikaela Evangelista
1B	Alia Naughton
1R	Esha Dayal
2C	Kingston Mazzocchi
2F	Tenei Magann



3A	Alex Rodriguez
3B	Rowena Kubik
4B	Ahsante Lalia
4C	Priscilla Kubik
5B	Isabella Alonso
5O	Brittney O'Connell
6D	Lucas Kimiora
6S	Claudia Canovo

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 26th July to Tuesday 19th 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

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Claudia Canovo, Andrew Klemenic, Madison Theobald and Patricia Tuazon who received the sacrament of confirmation on Monday 24th July at Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton. All students spent considerable time in preparation to receive the sacrament and were a credit to St Francis of Assisi. We welcome them as fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

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 or send an absentee note through the Skoolbag App.

LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder to label all of your child's clothing. With the cooler weather children are wearing extra layers and these do not have names on them making it hard for us to return these items to the rightful owner. If your child is missing clothing please check the green lost property tub at the end of the admin building.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

St Francis 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

TERM 3 OVERVIEW – 2017

Updated: 10/07/2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 JUL	17 th SCHOOL RESUMES	18 th	19 th	20 th Year 5 Reconciliation	21 st	22 nd 23 rd
2 JUL	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th Year 5 Mass	28 th	29 th 30 th
3 JUL AUG	31 st	1 st	2 nd	3 rd Stage 2 Reconciliation	4 th August Census	5 th 6 th
4 AUG	7 th	8 th St Mary Mackillop	9 th Voice of Youth school final in hall	10 th Stage 2 Mass	11 th Year 4 Excursion	12 th 13 th
5 AUG	14 th	15 th Feast of Assumption Mass at 10am Blacktown Zone Athletics - Blacktown	16 th Voice of Youth cluster final in hall	17 th BOOK FAIR ARRIVES	18 th	19 th 20 th
6 AUG	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Book Parade & Grandparent's Day	24 th Year 6 Reconciliation Kindy 2018 Parent Info Evening 7pm	25 th Diocesan Athletics Carnival - Blacktown	26 th 27 th
7 AUG SEP	28 th Staff Development Day	29 th Year 5 & 6 Soccer Carnival	30 th	31 st Year 3 excursion	1 st Fathers' Day Liturgy & Stall 9.15am	2 nd 3 rd Fathers' Day
8 SEP	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th Infants Liturgy of Word	8 th Blessed Virgin Mary B'day	9 th 10 th
9 SEP	11 th	12 th	13 th Voice of Youth semi final	14 th Primary Liturgy Infants Athletics Carnival	15 th	16 th 17 th
10 SEP	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st St Francis of Assisi Day	22 nd LAST DAY OF TERM 3	23 rd 24 th