

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3

Week 8

8th September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Build a better world said God and I asked how?

The world is such a vast place and so complicated now I small and useless, what can I do?

God in all His wisdom said, "Just build a better you".

We are called to make a difference and each of us has the power to do this.

While the difference we make may be only to one person's life, it is a start and it helps to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Many of us know or have people in our lives who make a difference by just being the person that they are. One person can make a difference.

The Power of One

One song can spark a moment.

One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest.

One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship.

One handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can quide a ship at sea.

One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation.

One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes our darkness.

One laugh can conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey.

One word must start a prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits.

One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom.

One heart can know what is true.

One life can make a difference.



I will be taking leave from Wednesday next week to travel overseas with my husband and will be returning in Week 3 next Term. During my leave Ms Deb Sheridan will act in my place and Mrs Kate Owens will step into the Assistant Principal role. It is extremely reassuring knowing that the school will be well looked after under their leadership in my absence.

It is in partnership we can do great things together.

God bless

Jenny Bellenger

EVERY DAY COUNTS

At St Francis School our mission is to provide an engaging learning environment where all students reach their full potential. We believe our students deserve the very best education and the building blocks for the best education begins with students coming to school each and every day.

When students are regularly absent, arrive late or leave early from school, they miss out on learning fundamental skills that will set them up for future success. A recent educational study has shown that student's with high attendance rates, experience high academic success and feel happier at school. Although, we understand that there are times where students are absent from school such as illness, it is critical for students to return to school as soon as they are feeling better. If your child is away from school, please remember to provide your child's class teacher with a note explaining their absence upon their return.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping our students to be punctual in attending for their whole school day.

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.

CULTURAL DAY

On Thursday 14th September Kindergarten will be having a Cultural Day. Children can dress in their clothes or colours that represent their country of origin. They are also asked to bring a plate of food to share with the other students that is from the country they are representing.

INFANTS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 13th September we will be having our annual Infants Sports Carnival. Parents are welcome to attend and watch their children compete. The carnival will be held at Glendenning Reserve from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Children will need to bring their recess to school with them on the day as they will be taking it down to the reserve. They will be back at school in time for lunch. Could parents please complete the permission note and return it to the office.



CAPTIVATE DANCE PERFORMANCE

On Thursday the 21st September we will be celebrating St Francis Day. As part of our celebrations the Captivate Dance students will be performing at 2.30pm, here in the school hall. Please feel free to come along a watch this performance.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that our Staff Development Day will be on Friday 3rd November. There will be no supervision for students on this day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The St Francis staff will be working with Father Gerard on our formation goal.

KR	Chelsea Smith
KS	Erico Bueno
KV	Hunarpreet Gill
1B	Nathan Bastianello
1R	Heaven Abdelmasih
2C	Matilda Abdalla
2F	Ben Kennedy

RESPECT AWARDS





3A	Kaydence Wells			
3B	Trishala Sharma			
4B	Marcus Ribaya			
4C	Jacob Gerken			
5B	Jericho De Leon			
50	Diesel Baker			
6D	Anureet Pabla			
6S	Anthony Barukcic			

SOCIAL SKILL - FOCUS BEING A BALANCED STUDENT AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The pace of life is very fast. Getting the balance right is a difficult challenge. Most people are very busy and there are many demands on our time. However, each day has only 24 hours and each week has 7 days. At St Francis of Assisi we try to provide lots of opportunities for the students to develop academic skills like reading, writing, maths, science etc, but also sport, music, drama, art and most importantly their social and spiritual development. Our aim is a balanced program so that the students develop some skills and knowledge in all areas and find out what they love doing because they have an interest in it. Being balanced means having a range of interests. We work hard, rest, exercise, have a balanced diet and have fun. This applies to all of us to ensure that we lead a happy and fulfilling life, no matter what our age is. Take some time to think about your balanced lifestyle

Family Discussion Questions:

How many hours sleep are you getting?
What are your interests? Do we eat well?
Is there one thing we could improve?
What would we do on a TV/Technology free night?
Do we take time for the family to just sit and enjoy of

Do we take time for the family to just sit and enjoy conversation?

ATTENDANCE & FRANCIS BEAR

The St Francis of Assisi Primary School attendance this week was 76.9%. Don't forget the CEDP expected attendance is 90 to 95%.

Congratulations to 6D who were the home to Francis Bear this week for great attendance in Week 7. Keep a look out next week to see which class will win Francis Bear for the best attendance during Week 8.

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).



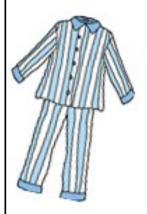
Term 3 Last Day Celebrations



Friday 22nd September

Come to school dressed in your favourite pyjamas

Normal school shoes or sports shoes are to be worn







Gold Coin Donation for all students participating: Funds to go towards purchasing furniture for our newly renovated library







(This fundraiser is being organised by the P&F)



St Francis of Assisi Primary School – Term 4, 2017



\$2.00 \$3.00

\$1.60

\$2.20 \$2.00 \$2.00

\$2.20

\$2.30 \$2.50

\$3.00

\$0.80 \$1.00 \$1.00 \$1.50

\$1.00 \$1.30 \$2.00

Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

Canteen Bento Box

Crackers, Seasonal Fruit & 2 Mini Muffins 1/2 Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00

CLASS RMM

Orders can be placed before 9:00am

Order Your Lunch Online

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ATERING

學 Visit the canteen for ice block specials 🕊

\$1.60 \$2.00

Scooby Chocolate, Banana or Caramel Looney Tunes Plain Ice Cream Cup

\$2.00

Slushie Cup

\$5.50

Chicken Caesar Salad

\$4.00 \$4.00 \$4.00 \$5.00

Fried Rice & Chicken Wings (2)

 Recess orders are to be PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.

PLEASE NOTE

\$5.00

 All ICE CREAMS ordered with lunch are given out when the LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO

THE CANTEEN.







Café Timor is back at St Francis

When - Next week Monday - Thursday (Week 9)

Serving Breakfast (From 8:20), Morning Tea and Lunch.

Parents are invited to join their child for breakfast.

Students are able to pre book their visit every day this week during recess and lunch outside the staffroom.

Please bring in either a \$1 or \$2 coin. (Extra Donations appreciated) Bookings will also be accepted next week when the café is open.

Breakfast \$1
Toast, Pikelets
(Tea or coffee \$1 extra **Adults
Only)
(No bookings taken for Breakfast)

Recess \$1 A selection of cakes, slices, fruit skewers

Lunch \$2 A selection of sandwiches, hot food and desserts.



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Catholic out of School
Hours Care (COSHC)
offers a stimulating
and structured
program within a safe
and caring environment

Opening hours:

6:45am-9am

2pm-6:30pm

Child care benefit and 50% rebate off fees is available

Contact 0438 108 543 for more information

Fun activities such as:

Cooking

Art and craft

Sports

Science

Drama shows

We are now accepting new enrolments for 2018!

Please note that COSHC's last day of operation for 2017 is Friday 15th December.

COSHC's Vacation Care Program will commence at Good Shepherd from Monday 8th

January to Thursday 25th January 2018.

COSHC will reopen on Tuesday 20th January, 2018 for normal operations at St Francis.



CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018.
 COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Christmas Closure

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

2. January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.



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 whist 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

