

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week

11th May 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I have been extremely proud and impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and their positive attitude to learning. I hope that the holidays were a special time full of Christ's blessings. From the children's accounts, the break was an enjoyable time to just 'be' and to spend time with loved ones. We look forward to an exciting term ahead of faith, fun and learning.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

During the holidays new colourful seating was installed in the infants playground and more playground equipment was also purchased. Next week the area behind the current Year 1 classrooms will be refurbished, which will open up another fantastic area for the children.

We would like to welcome two new families to our school this week: Tahlia Burton (4C) and Reyhan Asghari (1A). We hope that your years here with us at St Francis will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

Jenny Bellenger

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (purely optional), we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes (nut free) or donuts. Cupcakes or donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to a multitude of allergies present, we ask that you do not send lollies, chocolates or other treats in. Similarly at Easter or Christmas, we ask that you do not send in lollies, chocolates or candy canes. Please note, although a lovely idea, ice blocks are not practical as we have limited freezer space, however, these can be organised for purchase through the canteen to be given to your child's class at the appropriate time. If your child has allergies, you are welcome to send some cakes in for your child, which we will be kept in the freezer in the staffroom and given out as necessary. Thank you for supporting us as we endeavour to keep all children safe and happy!

MUFTI DAY FOR FAMILY CATHOLIC CARE

The St Francis Community will celebrate Family Day on Friday 18th May. Family Day is a special time to celebrate and give thanks for families, especially our own family and all the families that make up our school family. It is a time to give thanks for the love, care and guidance our families provide each and every day.

On Friday 18th May, the students are invited to attend school in mufti (normal every day clothes), with a gold coin donation to raise funds for the ongoing work provided by CatholicCare in the Western Sydney area.

There will also be a liturgy in the hall on this day at 10.00am. All families are welcome.

DATES COMING UP

- 15/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- 16/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- 17/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- 18/5 Mufti Day for Family Catholic Care
- 25/5 Kindergarten excursion to Golden Ridge Farm

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm





ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2019

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WINTER UNIFORM

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Students should all be in their complete winter uniform by Monday 15th May 2018.

The winter uniform is available for purchase for the students who need a new winter uniform.

The winter uniform includes:

FOR GIRLS

A checked tunic, yellow long sleeved shirt, tie and navy blue tights.

FOR BOYS

A yellow long sleeved shirt with the school logo, a tie and navy blue pants.

There is a blue jacket to go with the normal everyday uniform, and a green jacket for the sports uniform.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the whole school this week is 83.4%. This has been a huge decline from last terms great attendance which was 87.1%.

Congratulations to KV, 4C, 5S and 6B who continue to have good attendance. A special mention to 3B who has had an improvement in attendance this week. They have had their first day of 100%. What a great effort!

MOTHERS' DAY THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to all the parents who helped out with the Mothers' Day Stall today. Natasha Soulsby, Jodie Elsholz, Lena Camilleri, Liz Price, Rebecca Sultana, Kylie Biki, Chris de la Cruz, Terise Dimacali, Brooke Chrichton, Linda Spagnol, Pauline Carvana, Belinda Rowan, Lili Dowd, Jennifer Dunk and Olivia Mankampus.



LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder to parents to label children's clothing. With the cooler weather coming, children will often take their jackets off and leave them on the playground. Labelling ensures that the clothing is returned to the correct child.

If you are looking for a lost item, the lost property is located at the back of the admin block near the staffroom entrance.



SPORTS UNIFORM

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

Kindy: Wednesday & Friday

Year 1: Monday & Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Wednesday & Friday

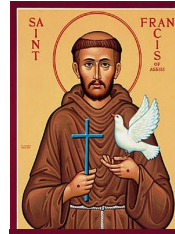
Year 4: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5: Thursday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Friday

RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Madison Bautista
KV	Madison Cruz
1A	Lily Mansour
1B	Katara Flores
1M	Isaiah Ponce
2B	Belinda D'Assuncao
2C	Mia-Rose Taveuveu



3B	Ethan Krishn
3D	Theresa Batara
4C	Giselle Velasco
4R	Kenzie Scibberas
5A	Aryan Prasad
5S	Ahsante Lalia
6B	Lilli Langley
6O	Ella Calura

RESPECT AWARD MORNING TEA

Each fortnight at our whole school assembly, a child from each class is presented with a Respect Award. To reward these children, they are given a morning tea by Mrs Bellenger. Below are some photos for the children who received a Respect Award in Term 1. The first photo are students from Kindergarten to Year 2. In the second photo are students from Year 3 to 6.



CONGRATULATIONS

On the weekend before school resumed, Allana from 5S travelled to Shell Cove to compete in a two day Illawarra Junior Masters Golf Tournament. Allana won the 11 Years and Under Division by 16 shots for her first Jack Newton Junior Golf victory. Well done Allana this is a fabulous achievement.





DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our five students who participated in the 2018 Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 1st May. Despite the heat, the students were enthusiastic and gave it their best representing the school in true St Francis spirit. Thank you to the supportive parents who were encouraging and cheering the students to the end.

Congratulations to:



Isaac Lalia (U8/9) our best placed runner who just missed out on a top 8 position to progress to the regional Cross Country Competition.

Yabserra Tekeste (U8/9) maintained a great pace throughout the run.

Hendrix Cambell (U8/9) improved 10 places from last year.

Layla Dimacali (U8/9) had a great run and finished home strong.

Andrew Klemenic (U12) had a tough field of runners and with hotter conditions by the afternoon, Andrew kept up with the front runners in his race.

Well done to all the participants in the 2018 Diocesan Cross Country.

CAR PICK UP

**STUDENT
DROP-OFF
AND
PICK-UP
AREA**

It's easy to forget how unpredictable children can be. Before and after school they are excited about seeing their friends or their parents and can easily forget how to keep themselves safe near traffic. As adults, it's our responsibility to be extra aware when driving around schools, especially at times when children might be about.

Community Law Enforcement Officers patrol our schools during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Police also keep an eye out around schools. We ask for your assistance by doing the right thing every time whether you are just driving through the area or are involved in dropping off or collecting children from school. We all need to work together to keep children safe as they travel to and from school. Be aware that some offences have higher fines in school zones than in other areas and some also include demerit points.

Please respect all families and carers who use our car 'Drop Off and Pick Up Bay' on Armitage Drive. This area is **NOT** to be used for parking and leaving your car. At all times, the driver needs to remain in the car to ensure the drop off and pick up works safely and efficiently.

A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers. See the flyer later in the newsletter for information regarding penalties and demerit points.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST



SCHOOL ZONE INFORMATION FOR DRIVERS

Below is information about the meaning of parking signs and the fines that apply if you disobey the signs. Some of the fines also have demerit points School Zones so make sure you understand the rules.

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



NO PARKING

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points

Double parking	\$330 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$330 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$439 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$549 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$330 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$330 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2017

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au