

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 8

14th September 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

***'Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven? In truth I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And so, the one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Anyone who welcomes one little child like this in my name, welcomes me.'* Matthew 18: 1-5**

It has been a pleasure meeting the students, staff and parents of the St. Francis, Glendenning community this week. I feel privileged to be joining you until the end of Term 3. It was lovely meeting many of you at the Infant's Carnival and I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis, with a special mass being held on Thursday 27th September at 10am. The special sense of 'Welcome' that I have felt, has come so beautifully, from your children.

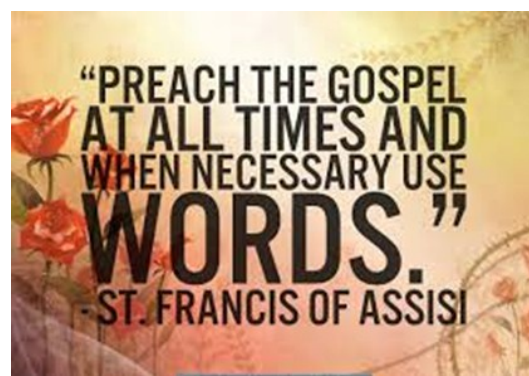
The following '10 Steps to Remember' is something you might like to share with your children this coming week.

I have been very impressed by the RESPECT shown to each other and to teachers, by your children.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful to all.
5. Speak and act as if everything you do is a pleasure.
6. Be interested in people - you can like everyone if you try!
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of others' feelings.
9. Be thoughtful of others' opinions.
10. Serve others! What counts most in life, is what we do for others.

Have a wonderful week. Your support is appreciated.

Mrs Monica Fitzalan



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Due to a new science syllabus in 2019, teachers will be having a professional learning day on Monday 17th September. We will be trialling the new syllabus next term. On this day there will be NO STUDENTS at school. COSHC will be available on this day if needed.

DATES COMING UP

- 17/09 - Staff Development Day
- 27/09 - St Francis Day
- 28/09 - Last day of Term 3
- 15/10 - Students return for Term 4 in Summer Uniform

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

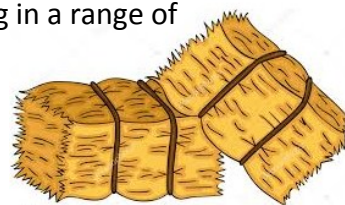
Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE

On Friday 21st September all students are invited to come dressed to school as a farmer. Please start collecting your spare change now to help raise money to support our drought affected farmers. On this day children will be invited to spend their spare change in exchange for participating in a range of activities. The more spare change children bring the more activities they can participate in.

Years 2, 4 and 5 appreciate your support for their mission fundraising efforts.



WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your sold or any unsold tickets to St Francis of Assisi Primary School by Wednesday 19th September. The draw will be on the 27th October.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. Parents and carers, you can do this by either calling the school on 8886 9600, sending an email to stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au or by using the Absentee Form on the Skoolbag App. Your assistance is appreciated.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL

If you are leaving St Francis of Assisi School please remember that a pro-rata fee based on weeks enrolled or the year is payable for enrolments commencing part way during a term. If a student leaves the school during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless a full term's notice in writing is given to the principal before removal of the student from school.

As we have limited places, this allows us to give new families on our waiting list an opportunity to have this place.

CONGRATULATIONS JAYLEN

I was selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in cricket. On the 6th and 7th of September I travelled to Wagga Wagga to attend the trials. Out of 58 children who tried out, only 24 got selected to fill the two teams. I have been selected into the Mackillop Invitational team and we will be competing in the NSW PSSA state cricket carnival in Barooga from the 23rd - 26th of October. I am extremely proud to represent St Francis and the diocese.

Thank you for supporting me St Francis!



HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday 8th September Tiarna Smith, Kenzie Scibberas, Mia Hampton and Malia Latu from Year 4 made their First Holy Communion at Holy Family Catholic Church. Congratulations on receiving this important sacrament of initiation in your faith journey.

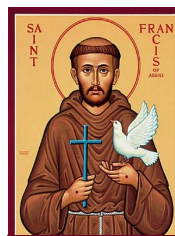


NAPLAN

NAPLAN results for Years 5 and 3 have arrived. These results will be sent home today with your child in an envelope.

RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Abigail DeLeon
KV	Kashvi Mistry
1A	Reyhan Asghari
1B	Stella Biermann
1M	Samdeesh Singh
2B	Theodis Robillo
2C	Nathan Bastianello



3B	At excursion
3D	At excursion
4C	At excursion
4R	At excursion
5A	Amanat Kaur
5S	Sylvia Unaeze
6B	Cooper Jansen
6O	Ryan Ferrer

INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday, we had our annual Infant's Athletics Carnival at school. It was a great day with lots of children enjoying the wide range of activities on offer. It was terrific to see so many parents, grandparents and friends come to support the children. We were very lucky with the weather and can't wait til next year. Well done to all involved! Keep a look out on our Facebook page for more photos.



YEAR 4 EXCURSION

Today Year 4 went on their excursion to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. The students had a great time outdoors checking out the wonders of nature around them.



Term 3 Last Day Celebrations

Friday 28th September



Come to school dressed in your FAVOURITE COLOUR

(Normal school shoes or sports shoes are to be worn)

In return the P&F Committee would appreciate the following donations from participating students. We are aiming for variety as these donations will be used for Spinning Wheel Prizes at the School Festival in November

INFANTS - NEW Toys or NEW Household Items

PRIMARY - Cosmetic/Personal Care Gift Packs or Pantry Items

INFANTS AND PRIMARY - Gift

Cards or Vouchers with at least 6

Months Expiry Date



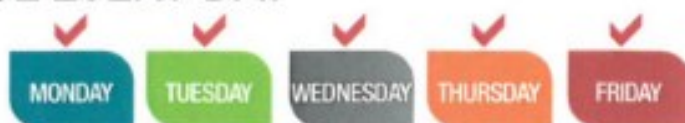
every day counts

Information courtesy of the Queensland Department of Education and Training



MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day



Ok reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disaster



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even **1 day** can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight

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Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten
It's where good habits begin



ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

each
1%
increase
in student
attendance

may relate to
2-3
NAPLAN
scale score
points*

*Based on NAPLAN data



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Get involved
in your child's
school

Promote the
importance
of school

Get to know
the teacher

Go to
school
events

Read the
school
newsletter

Be organised
at home

Supervise
homework

Ask about
your child's
day

Volunteer
to help
at school