

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 2**

**Week 8**

**22nd June 2018**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past few weeks the St Francis community, alongside other Diocesan schools, has participated in the Tell Them From Me survey. The survey is designed to gauge student engagement and wellbeing, teacher input and parent feedback. It is a tool used to collect important data about our learning community. The survey is designed to capture the opinions of our key collaborators - parents and carers, staff and students. At St Francis, we take pride in being a warm and innovative learning community, which provides rich learning programs to students whilst nurturing their Catholic faith. Quality of education at St Francis is our core business in the Catholic context. With this in mind and in the interest of school improvement we have captured so far some key findings from the surveys at St Francis.

Results of the parent survey in relation to St Francis identified the following areas for celebration:

- inclusive community for all students and their needs
- school grounds are safe, the buildings and grounds are well maintained
- lovely and caring office staff
- active encouragement of family engagement
- improvements to play areas
- teachers are really nice and approachable
- children enjoy coming to school
- children learn to recognise God and learn about treating people with respect
- caring environment
- great education
- love that our school is small and strives for a feeling of a welcoming community

Results of the student survey in relation to teaching and learning, identified the following areas for celebration:

- students are interested and motivated to learn
- students value schooling outcomes
- clear expectations for success
- positive teacher and student relationships

We thank you for the time you took to respond to this survey. The survey findings will be shared with the community periodically over the next few months, as we continue to analyse the data presented. Our intention is to use this data for school improvement.

The Tell Them From Me survey instrument is administered by The Learning Bar. We look forward to continuing our ongoing work with you and The Learning Bar in ensuring improved student outcomes for everyone.

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

Jenny Bellenger

## DATES COMING UP

- 29/6 Primary Mufti disco
- 06/7 Whole School Assembly @2.30pm
- 06/7 Last day of school
- 23/7 Staff Development Day
- 24/7 School Resumes

## MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday 23rd July there will be a Staff Development Day. On this day there will be no children at school. Students will return to school on Tuesday 24th July.

COSHC will be available on this day if needed. If you require your child to go to COSHC on this day please see Paige to arrange this.

## GRIEVANCE POLICY

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can visit our school website, look under "About Us", "Policies & Procedures", "Catholic School Community", and you will find the complaints documents there, or you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

## REPORTS AND PARENT STUDENT INTERVIEWS

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Half Yearly Student Learning Reports sent home**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Parent Interviews commence this week**

The classroom teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps for learning.

**All students** are encouraged to attend the interviews as they can engage in a learning conversation with their parents and teacher about their learning and progress. So please make a time to book into the session that suits you the most.

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working with Children Check. Thank you for providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **NEW** to volunteering at the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Then click on 'Volunteer Form' (halfway down page).

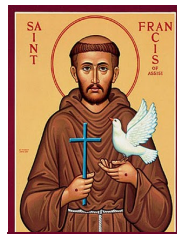
- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

## RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Nathanial Juat
KV	Jessica Kennedy
1A	Jordee Underhill
1B	Sienna Rouessart
1M	Venus Lalia
2B	Leo Price
2C	Holli Langely



3B	Natasha Noche
3D	Harlow Erceg
4C	Trishala Sharma
4R	Emma-Maree Stapleton
5A	Ruby Price
5S	Jharell Yusores
6B	Chelsey-Nicole Caraig
6O	Chelsy Evangelista

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews are now able to be booked online. The website is [schoolinterviews.com](http://schoolinterviews.com). The event code is **tmjct**. If you need any assistance booking your parent teacher interview please see Mrs Williams or Mrs Jackson in the office.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Thank you to everyone who voted for our mascot for our PBS4L framework. After student, staff and parent input the clear winner was Gubbio the Wolf.

Stay tuned for the design reveal next Term!

## PRIMARY MUFTI SCHOOL DISCO



*Friday 29th June 2018  
1pm to 2pm*

**\$5 Entry fee per child**

**Entry includes:**

Packet of Chips

Popper

Entry into lucky draw prize



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

By Daniella, Sienna and Zoe

St Vincent De Paul needs our help for the winter appeal. Their cabinets are getting empty. They need tinned food, long life food, long life milk and 2 minute noodles.

No peanut butter or nuts!!!

We need all the food by the end of the June. Year 3 will collect the food.



## COLOUR A-THON

On Friday 8th June we held our Colour a - thon fundraiser. The children had a wonderful day participating in all different activities, then taking part in the obstacle course where they were sprayed with all different coloured powder. The students, teachers and parent helpers all had a wonderful time. Don't forget that you have until next Tuesday 26th June to return your sponsorship cards and money.





## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL YEARS 3 TO 6

Yesterday students from Years 3 to 6 attended our Annual Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park. The children had a great time participating in the races and other events and even managed to get a dance or two in while waiting their turn in the grand stand.





# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*

### FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$183**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



### No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



### Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



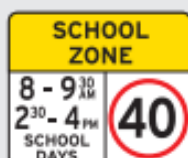
### Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$439**  
+ 4 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

### Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$192**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

### Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$439**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$330**  
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

### Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$330**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH  
CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

\*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.