

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 4

9th November 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Christians we know that love and service go hand in hand - it is through offering help to others that we truly are following the example of Jesus himself. Love is the mark of a disciple; reaching out in compassion, care, listening and service.

It is love that influences how we treat the people we meet every day, how we think of other groups like the less fortunate, refugees, asylum-seekers, and any other group of people whose differences cause prejudice. Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus.

How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? Some would say that it is spending a long time at prayer, obeying a lot of rules, fasting and alms giving. The real test is in the few lines of the scripture, about loving one another. Prayer is a means to love, but not an end in itself.

One way of growing in love is to be grateful for love in our lives. A prayer each night can be to think back over the day and thank God for love we received in the day, in small and big ways. We can thank God also for love we have been able to offer to others. The love within us is God's gift to us.

Words are taken away by the wind! It is more important to give than to receive. The one who loves, gives to God and to others' (Pope Francis).

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership we can do great things for the children in our care.

Jenny Bellenger

KINDERGARTEN 2019 TRANSITION

Welcome to all the families who brought their children to attend the Kindergarten 2019 transition. It was lovely to see so many families here today. The children all had a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing you all next Thursday 15th November at 9am. On Thursday 22nd November transition continues. On this day parents can join us for morning tea, and we will be holding an information session in our library. We hope to see you all there.

KINDERGARTEN 2019 MORNING TEA

On **Thursday 22nd November**, the parents of our new Kindergarten children for 2019 will be attending St Francis for a meeting and morning tea. As is customary at St Francis, the current Kindergarten children are asked to bring something in for the morning tea that the parents can share (eg cake, biscuits, slice, fruit). Could you please send something for morning tea with your child on this day. All morning tea items will need to be dropped off at the library before school.



DATES COMING UP

- 15/11 - Kindergarten 2019 Transition
- 22/11 - Kindergarten 2019 Transition & parent information session
- 03/12 - Swimming Program begins

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

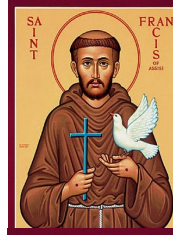
Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Swara Dalwadi
KV	Emily Calura
1A	Sione Ahokava
1B	Samson Roberts
1M	Tiannah Farrugia
2B	Alia Naughton
2C	Noah Daglis



3B	Aashna Prasad
3D	William Duff
4C	Jasnoor Randhawa
4R	Logan Crane
5A	Georgene Ghneim
5S	Shaurya Thakur
6B	
6O	Alessandra Guevarra

CONGRATULATIONS



Jaylen Mallawaratchy (6B) was selected to represent the Mackillop Invitational Team at the NSW PSSA State Cricket Carnival in Barooga from 23rd to 26th October. The team showed courage and passion during the tournament.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to KS who had 100% attendance in Week 1. What a great effort.

This week 1B have had a great improvement with their attendance also.

Year 6 continue to show great leadership with high attendance percentages. Francis bear will look forward to spending next week in 1B.

PRIVACY

As a Catholic school, we have Jesus as our role model – we strive to be like him, but the nature of our humanity means that sometimes we make mistakes from which we are able to learn. Each day is a new day and a new beginning for everyone in our community.

As much as we all love our own children, it is important to accept that they will make mistakes along the way. They may blame others for something they have done so as not to get into trouble. They may exclude others from their games and conversations, thus causing another child to feel hurt. They may even make up stories about another child to get your attention. It is really important that you listen to what your child tells you and realise that there are always two sides to every story. Talk about it, and give them some positive strategies to be able to move on and allow them to develop their social skills by building resilience and practice solving problems by themselves.

Being part of a positive learning community which is based on Gospel values, allows us all to build and practice the skills of resilience, problem solving and respect for others.

Discussing any child other than your own with other parents, is never appropriate – you wouldn't want to find out that your child has been the topic of social media posts or judgemental gossip. As parents, it is important that we model forgiveness and acceptance.

Always remember that the classroom teachers are your first point of call with any issues which may need clarification or for any area of concern.

MEAL GOOD FEEL GOOD FESTIVAL

Thank you to the many families, past students and families, friends and neighbours who attended our awesome Festival last Friday. It was an amazing community event that truly represented the hard work and collaboration of the Parents and Friends, teachers, students and wider community. The children can't stop talking about the wonderful evening.

We are extremely pleased to advise that the total amount raised from the Meal Good Feel Good Festival was \$12257.00.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive committee who worked tirelessly to ensure it was the BEST ever Festival. The committee consisted of Ms Natasha Soulsby, Mrs Lisa Clarke and Mrs Toni Baker; they were supported by two of our teaching staff Mrs Patreece Griffiths-Smith and Mr Matt Andreatta.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who also contributed in any way prior to the event and on the day.

Special thanks also to all of the St Francis staff who volunteered their services to assist with the many rides, slides and side alley events.



THE GREATEST SHOW



St Francis annual
Talent Quest!

**Friday 30th November
2018**

AUDITIONS
Held Week 5 in class

Did you know

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.

every learner
every day 



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