



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 2
Week 8
21st June 2019

In a few weeks time your child will be bringing home their Half Yearly Learning Report. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child. The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

- * There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated.
- * Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated.
- * It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- * The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.
- * Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1 -6.
- * The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the Board of Studies and are included in your report for you to reference.
- * Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 to supplement and further explain reports.

Each Year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days.

Our parent/ teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on and support the Reports.

I recently came across an interesting article regarding 'Perspective' that I thought I would share with you.

There will be occasions when children go through difficult times in their development and it is in these times that they rely on their parents not to give up on them but to be there for them.

"We, as parents need always to keep things in perspective, love our children at each stage of their lives and be open-minded to what might lie ahead. It could be said that, 'A difficulty can be likened to a pebble. Hold it too close to your eye and it fills the whole world and puts everything out of focus. Hold it at a proper distance and it can be properly examined. Throw it at your feet and it can be seen in its true setting, just one more bump in the pathway of life.'"

"When we examine a difficulty in its proper perspective, we might firstly ask if it is really a problem at all? Most of our children's difficulties, once they have a calm mind applied to them, tend to offer their own solutions and turn out to be less severe than they first seemed to be."

"Being empathetic to our children will show them that our concern for their situation is genuine. Empathy involves seeing things from our children's perspective so we can understand their emotions.

When we show empathy for our children's feelings, we teach them that we value their thoughts."

"Our perspective on how our own life's events can be will surely influence the perspectives our children have about their lives. 'If our children are mostly happy and sometimes talkative, then, we're doing all right as parents.'"

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Wed 26/6 Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Fri 28/6 School disco - Mufti Day
Mon 01/7 Parent teacher conferences start
Fri 05/7 Last Day of Term 2
Mon 22/7 Staff Development Day
Tues 23/7 Students return for Term 3



MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am
Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)
Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)
Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

St Francis of Assisi reports will be going home on Monday. Parent Teacher interviews will commence from Monday 1st July 2019. We will again be using the online booking system.

To book an interview with your child's class teacher you will need to go to the website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. On the home screen it will ask you to enter a code. This is **5tyb3**. Then all you need to do is follow the prompts.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on **Monday 22nd July 2019**

(Monday Week 1 Term 3).

This is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no students at school on this day.

COSHC will be available on this day. If you would like your child to attend COSHC on this day please see the office for an enrolment form.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Online Order link:

<https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=YVNME5LQ5>

Photographs can be purchased by following the link above for 7 days from the day photos are taken, after which late fees/additional charges will be incurred.

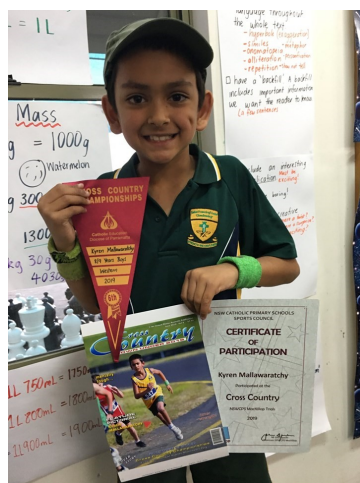
Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are available at **your school's advanced order site** (follow the link above).

Important Information:

- School photos purchased online **DO NOT** require envelopes returned to school*
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience please contact us at enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kyren M for his wonderful effort in the Mackillop State Trials for Cross Country. What a remarkable achievement to be running against some of the best long distance runners in the state. Well done Kyren!

ST FRANCIS BEAR



Congratulations to 4R. They received St Francis bear today. 4R have had the best attendance at St Francis School this week, with 91.7%, reaching the CEDP target for attendance. Keep up the great work!!



SCHOOL DISCO – MUFTI DAY

Friday 28th June 2019

K-2 Extended Recess & 3-6 Lunch Time

\$5 Entry Fee Includes

- Snack
- Drink
- Entry into lucky draw prize

EARN AND LEARN

DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR STICKERS WHEN YOU SHOP AT ANY WOOLWORTHS STORE.



THERE IS A BOX WITH OUR SCHOOL NAME ON IT AT WOOLWORTHS GREENWAY AND ALSO IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOYER AND NEAR THE STUDENT LETTERBOX.



STICKER SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2020

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TERM 2 OVERVIEW 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th Holy Thursday	19 th Good Friday	20 th / 21 st Easter Saturday
April	22 nd Easter Monday	23 rd	24 th	25 th ANZAC Day	26 th	27 th /28 th
May 1	29 th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	30 th Term 2 Resumes Winter Uniform	1 st May	2 nd Easter Season Mass		4 th /5 th
May 2	6 th	7 th Diocesan Cross Country	8 th	9 th	10 th Mother's Day B'fast and Liturgy 9am	11 th /12 th Mother's Day
May 3	13 th	14 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online Writing	15 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online Reading	16 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online Language Conventions	17 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	18 th /19 th
May 4	20 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	21 st Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online Maths	22 nd Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	23 rd Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	24 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	25 th /26 th
May / June 5	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st June/2 nd
June 6	3 rd Year 1 Excursion Sydney Olympic Park	4 th	5 th P & F Meeting and PBS4L Parent Forum @ 2pm	6 th	7 th	8 th /9 th Pentecost Sunday
June 7	10 th Queen's B'day	11 th	12 th	13 th All day reconciliation	14 th	15 th /16 th Holy Trinity
June 8	17 th School Photos	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd /23 rd Corpus Christi
June 9	24 th	25 th	26 th Stage 2 Soccer Boys & Girls	27 th	28 th Sacred Heart	29 th /30 th
July 10	1 st July Parent/student conferences this week	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th /7 th