

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4 19th February 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a roughly 6-week period (not including Sundays) dedicated to *prayer*, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Your children will have had the opportunity to learn more about the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday with a special classroom liturgy.

Just as the season of Advent is a time of waiting before Christmas, a joyful and expectant time when Christians prepare for the birth of Christ, Lent is also a time of waiting immediately before Easter, but it is a solemn and expectant time as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made in giving His life for all humanity. The timing of Lent reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, hungry and tempted by the devil.

Your children may come home talking about what they have 'given up' (fasting/abstinence) during the 40 days of Lent. You may like to give up something as a family. No matter how you choose to observe Lent with your children, the key is that you actually do it. Talk to your children about Jesus, about His sacrifice, about their Saviour.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

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WEEK 5 - MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

COSHC WILL BE PROVIDING CARE ON THIS DAY IF NEEDED.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK OPEN DAY - KINDERGARTEN 2022

Prospective parents are invited to attend our Open Day & Enrolment Day for Kindergarten 2022 on Tuesday 9th March from 9.30am - 10.30am.

This will give you the opportunity to find out about our school and also meet our Principal. Enrolment packs will be available on the day or are available from our website. Enrolment forms are being accepted now and are available to download from our website

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Staff Development Day - Gospel of Mark

Formation of staff in Catholic schools is crucial to giving students the best possible education. It is also essential as a means of refreshing the staff's calling to educate, whilst also reinvigorating the whole learning community.

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On Monday our staff will engage in intentional formation focused around the Gospel of Mark. The Sacred Scriptures, which will be explored during 2021, come from the Gospel of Mark.

Carmen Cassar, St Francis' Mission Leader, will be leading our day. The intention of the day is to deepen staff's understanding of the Gospel writer and the Gospel itself. For teaching staff, this will be beneficial when unpacking and delivering the Sacred Scriptures to the students in the classroom.

The day will also provide opportunities for personal reflection through prayer and contemplation on the

Scriptures from the Gospel of Mark.



Pope Francis (Oct 2017)

BLACKTOWN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday, our St Francis swim team represented our school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. They displayed great determination in all their races. We were lucky enough to receive many ribbons throughout the day, with four of our swimmers (Zoe, Aaron, Noah and Riley) progressing to the Diocesan Carnival. Well done and congratulations to our six swimming champions!

Some special achievements:

Zoe Suarez-Walsh - Zone 11 years girls age champion Aaron Forneste - Zone 11 years boys runner up Noah Sinclair - Zone Junior boys runner up





SCHOOL FEES

Statements for school fees have now been posted out. Payments are due by Wednesday 17th March. If your arrangement was stopped or cancelled for 2020 you will receive Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) documents with your first 2021 school fees statement. Billing periods for 2021 are as follows:

Invoiced 15th February 27/1/21 - 15/5/21

Invoiced 26th April 16/5/21 - 31/8/21

Invoiced 19th July 01/9/21 - 17/12/21

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2021

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SHROVE TUESDAY

Earlier this week Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. They were delicious!













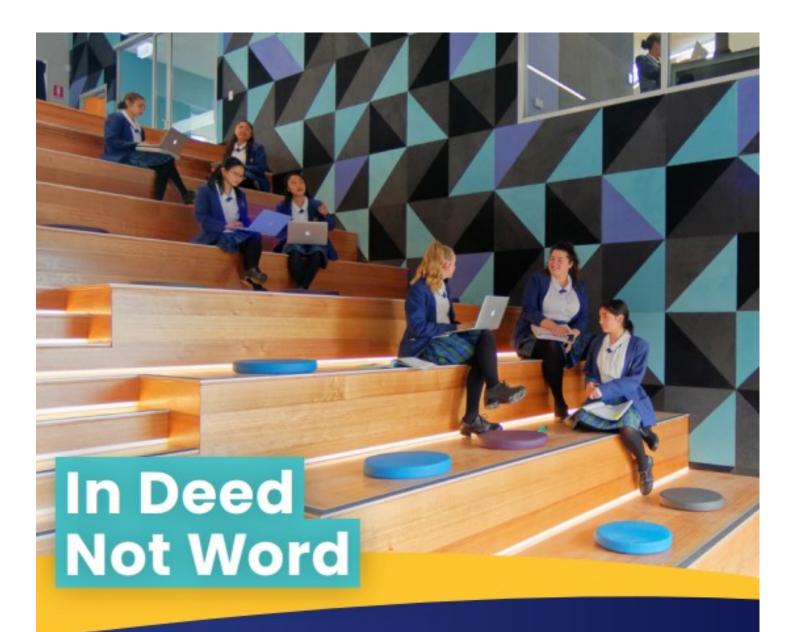


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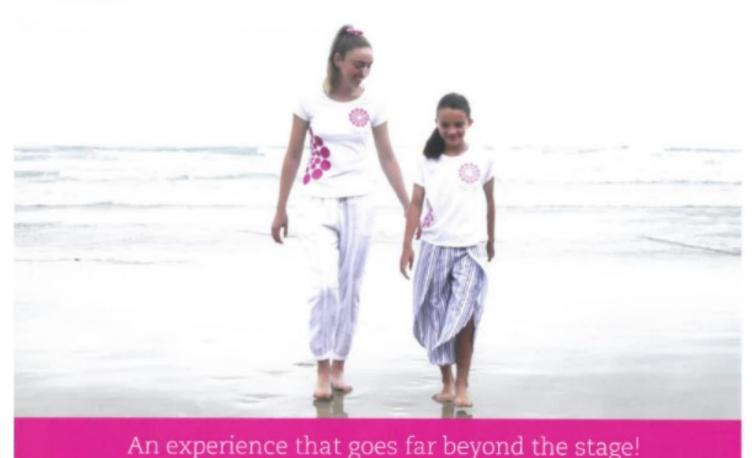
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Over 200 girls recently shared the stage with Hugh Jackman in The Man. The Music. The Show. Arena Tour to sold-out audiences around the country. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertisements and at live events for the past 20 years.

Now accepting 2021 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives and Waverley.



Join us at our free OPEN DAY on February 13 or 20 Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/febopenday or phone 1800 338 142



