



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 2
Week 6
28th May 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who were able to meet with their child's teacher and receive up-to-date information on the progress their child is making with their learning at this stage. Our intention in having the interviews before the reports come out is so that parents, teachers and students have the opportunity to discuss, not only their child's achievements, but also the challenges or gaps in their learning and then together setting their learning goals for the next semester. We believe that the discussion between parents, teachers and students is invaluable, particularly because this allows us to work together to improve learning outcomes without the necessity of having to wait until the end of Term 2 when the first semester report is published. It is important that together as partners in your child's education we consult on a regular basis, both formally and informally. Communication is vital to building strong relationships and as we know the success of your child involves all of us working together, communicating openly about your child's learning and their wellbeing at school.

Please keep in your prayers the people across the world and Melbourne who are still in the middle of a severe medical crisis due to the Covid Pandemic.

We extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to those families and their relatives here in Australia. In his book "Let us Dream" Pope Francis reminds us that a Christian's first duty is to live the Beatitudes, to serve others, especially the impoverished and the marginalised, just as Jesus did. The Pope reminds us that a society or an individual will be judged above all else by how we care for the marginalised and most vulnerable.

"Heavenly Father, you gave your very self to us in the person of your Son, Jesus. Help us to give ourselves back to you. Open our hands to share what we have with others just as you have shared all you have with us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

It is in partnership we can do great things for the children in our care.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

TELL THEM FROM ME

"We would love to hear from you to help us improve the education we provide".

In the coming weeks, every diocesan school will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online "Tell Them From Me" survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we value the role of parents within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Francis. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please keep an eye out for further information and the URL link to access the survey coming home soon.

DATES COMING UP

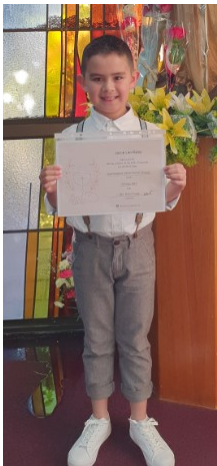
09/06 - Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

14/06 - Queen's birthday Public Holiday

21/06 - School Photos

HOLY COMMUNION

Over the past two weekends, some students from St Francis of Assisi Primary School received their First Holy Communion at Good Shepherd Church. Congratulations!



SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to families that the latest instalment of school fees were due on the 26th May. Reminder letters will be going home to families next week who have not finalised their fees or taken up a payment arrangement. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school office 8886 9600.

Mrs Falconer

SAFETY FOR ALL

Schools continue to be on alert for the signs of COVID. Please see the NSW Health Guidelines below for students returning to school after an illness (NB these guidelines have not changed):

- Students must not attend school if they are unwell. This includes even minor flu symptoms
- Should a student be absent due to a sore throat or flu like symptoms they must return a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before returning to school
- Schools must sight the negative COVID -19 test prior to allowing students to return to school
- If you do not wish your child to undertake a COVID -19 test or provide the school with a negative test result, the guidelines are that the student is to be excluded from school for a 10-day period. Additionally the student must be symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school
- If your child has complex health issues please have your child assessed by your medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring the safety of all students and staff at St Francis.

STAGE 3 SOCCER

Congratulations to the Stage 3 girls soccer team who represented St Francis at the gala day on Wednesday. They won 3 games, drew 2 games and lost 1 and placed 2nd overall in their pool. Well done girls! 🏆 🌟



SCHOOL BANKING - THURSDAY



School Banking has now started and our banking day is **Thursday**.

For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch for a replacement.

If your child doesn't have a Commonwealth Bank account you will need to open one before they can start banking. You can do this at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues are being sent home. Orders are due Monday 7th June 2021. Please order online using **the LOOP app** or you can order through scholastic: <http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP> We are no longer taking cash orders through our school office.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Jessica Kennedy from 3M. Jessica recently had her baseball presentation. Jessica was awarded the MVP award for the 3rd consecutive year and was acknowledged for her representative efforts. Along with her team winning their grand final, they were also awarded Braves team of the year!! Jessica had an amazing season and is looking forward to the next one!

SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Monday 21 June 2021

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

PLEASE DO NOT HAND YOUR PHOTO ENVELOPES INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

**THESE NEED TO BE HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE DAY OF
THE SCHOOL PHOTOS BY YOUR CHILD.**



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Performance Dates:

- Thursday 3rd June, - Friday 4th June,
- Saturday 5th June, - Thursday 10th June,
- Friday 11th June - Saturday 12th June

~ BENILDUS HALL 7.30pm ~