ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 4

Week 5

10th November 2017

ATTENDANCE

We have had an excellent rate of attendance here at St Francis School this week. We have had multiple classes, on different days who have had all students at school. Well done everyone, particularly 4B & 5O who have had 4 days this week with every child at school.

The improvement in attendance this week has been remarkable. This week we have noticed a positive change in attendance with children making the decision to come to school and be a happy learner. We are striving for every student every day and on Wednesday there were only 10 children away across the whole school. You should be very proud of this effort.

Key Facts About School Attendance

- Attendance affects academic achievement. Every day of attendance contributes towards a child's learning and enhances academic achievement.
- Attendance has a strong relationship with student outcomes as measured by NAPLAN scores. Each percentage point increase in attendance is related to higher student outcomes by an average of 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points in numeracy, reading, spelling, writing and grammar and punctuation.
- Absence from school is associated with academic achievement in the current year as well as future years.
- If children do not attend school regularly they miss out on the chance to build a good attendance habit.
- Being absent for one day of school each fortnight (2 days a month) adds up to missing more than a year of learning over 10 years. This is called school absenteeism.
- Sporadic absences affect academic achievement as much as consecutive days.
- School attendance patterns are established early in Kindergarten and Year 1.

DATES COMING UP

- 16/11 2018 Kinder Transition starts @ 9.00am (Day 2)
- 23/11 2018 Kinder Transition starts @ 9.00am (Day 3)
- 23/11 2018 Kinder Parent information session in library @ 9am
- 24/11 Talent Quest at 11.30am in the hall
- 27/11 Swimming Program Begins for Kinder to Year 6

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 2 TO 5

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 12th December at Stanhope Leisure Centre. Permission notes for the carnival were sent home with your children. We are always looking for parent volunteers so if you are able to help please complete the volunteer section on the note. (All volunteers must have completed the online Building Child Safe Communities for Volunteers Form. Details on how to complete this are on the note).

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming Program notes have been sent home with all children. Please return these notes to school as soon as possible. The swimming program starts on Monday 27th November and finishes on Friday 8th December.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM

Year 2 had a fun day learning all about life in the past at Fairfield Museum. They got to experience what school was like, how to do the laundry, how to collect water and so much more. Wow, how things have changed!

SOCIAL SKILL - HELPING OTHERS IN NEED

Our first Australian saint Sr. Mary MacKillop said, “Never see a need without doing something about it”. This quote reminds us that if you help others they will help you. If we see someone in need we offer assistance or go to a teacher for help, this allows all of the children at St Francis of Assisi to feel safe and cared about. In using our friendship skills and working together and making sure that you do your part as well as you can, you not only help others in need, you help everyone in the school community and your home.

KINDER 2018 MORNING TEA

On Thursday 23rd November, the parents of our new Kindergarten children for 2018 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.

FACEBOOK

DON’T FORGET TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. YOU CAN BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE AT ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL. PHOTOS OR VIDEOS ARE OFTEN UPLOADED SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have finalised school fees for 2017. All families who are on an arrangement this year, your fees are to be finalised no later than the 13th November. If you are unsure on the amount owing, please contact the office for assistance. Reminder letters for remaining balances will be sent home in the coming weeks. We would appreciate your prompt payment so that preparation may begin for 2018.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please remember to take care and obey the road rules around our school. We have had some very near misses where parents and children have been almost hit by cars outside of our school while using the crossing on Stone Street.

Also a reminder to parents that if you are collecting your child from Gregory Street, you need to park your car and walk into the school. If you don’t want to leave your car, you need to change the arrangements for your child to car pick up so your child can enter the car safely and not in the middle of the road as some parents are allowing their children to do. We understand that after school, families have places to be but safety should always come first.

On the following page are some of the school zone offences and the fines that apply to these offences.

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

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

PENALTIES FROM $180 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

No Stopping

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You are not allowed to stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign.

PENALTIES FROM $325 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Bus Zone

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You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

PENALTIES FROM $325 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Mobile Phone Use

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

PENALTIES FROM $433 + 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.

SCHOOL ZONE
8 - 9:30 AM
2:30 - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS
40

PENALTIES FROM $ 189 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

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

PENALTIES FROM $433 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways

Do not park on or across a driveway.

PENALTIES FROM $180 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns

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

PENALTIES FROM $325 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

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

PENALTIES FROM $325 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

*Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

GREGORY STREET ROAD WORKS - 15TH NOVEMBER

To the Resident

Colas Solutions is to undertake asphalt pavement rejuvenation works for your local Council in various locations.

THE PRODUCT AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The product is a water based bitumen rejuvenation agent and is applied to the surface of the pavement by a pressure spray system. The product dries within about 2 to 4 hours of application, and can be trafficked immediately after drying. Our process aims to extend the life of the asphalt pavement before major rehabilitation or reconstruction of the roadway is necessary, thereby reducing council's maintenance costs and ultimately saving money for the ratepayers.

Our product and application process is environmentally friendly, and contains NO solvents or harmful chemicals, which may damage our environment or more importantly our health. The product dries to a rich dark black color leaving an aesthetically pleasing finish.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

During the works we will have local traffic diversions in place to assist you to negotiate around our work sites. However, we will need to close sections of your street to all traffic for up to Five hours to enable us to apply our product and for the product to dry. We will have our traffic controllers Door knock your property 15 mins prior to spraying. Immediately following drying, the roadway will be reopened for normal traffic use.

We request that you please obey our directions, which will ultimately speed up the works process and re-open the road for normal use sooner.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US!

We request that you ensure that all vehicles are parked OFF the roadway and that if vehicles are parked on your driveway or on the nature strip, that these vehicles are positioned at least 2 meters from the edge of the gutter. We would also request that sprinklers be positioned so that they do not spray the roads surface. Your help will ensure that we can carry on with the works without any untimely delays.

TIMING OF THE WORKS

Working times will generally be between 7:00am to 5:00pm, however these times may change dependant on the of section of roadway being worked on

We will be working in your street on

15 NOV 2017

Weather permitting.

If we are delayed by weather or other disruptions you will be re-notified.

COLAS Solutions thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

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St Francis annual

Talent Show!

Week 7
Friday 24th November

Calling all 'Little Big Shots'

AUDITIONS

Held Week 5 in class