

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 2

Week 8

16th June 2017

OB-A-THON

Our Code Cracking 'OB' A-thon

Was a success

The children had a wonderful day at our 'OB' A-thon and enjoyed so many mentally and physically challenging activities, one of which was the 25 metre inflatable obstacle course. They worked cooperatively with their team members and drew upon many skills to gain tokens to crack the final puzzle.

We would like to thank the children for the way in which they conducted themselves during the 'OB' A-thon. It was great to see so many excited, smiling faces on the day. A big thankyou to the teachers who worked hard to prepare fun activities for the children and to the parent helpers that assisted on the day. We can now started filling our barometer. St Francis has already raised over \$3800.00

All raised funds are due in by 23rd June.

We have been so lucky to have the support of so many wonderful companies and some St Francis families who been able to generously donate prizes and vouchers. This week were lucky enough to come into contact with the company

Aussie Canteen Express

Located at Arndell Park, Aussie Canteen Express generously helped out by supplying us with yummy contents to fill our barometer. Kaylene, Paul and Harry were so helpful and gave us everything and more that we needed to fill the barometer. We look forward to sending them a photo with our barometer winners.

I'm sure the children slept well after the A-thon.

We look forward to seeing our parents at the:

Prize Presentation Day
which will be held in the Hall on
Thursday 29th June
At 2.15pm

An invitation will be sent out closer to the date.

DATES COMING UP

- 22.6.17 Infants Liturgy
- 23.6.17 Primary Disco
- 26.6.17 to 29.6.17 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 29.6.17 Stage 2 Mass
- 30.6.17 Last Day of Term 2



OB-A-THON

WOW!!! What a great day was had by all the children yesterday at our Ob-a-thon. Here are some photos. We would like to thank Mrs Griffiths-Smith and Mr Andreatta who worked tirelessly to organise such a fun filled day.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Today our students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the athletics carnival. It was a beautiful day filled with so many excited and happy faces of students who just wanted to have fun. I watched with delight as students encouraged and congratulated each other. Their participation and great school spirit is something that our community should be proud of. Thank you to the parent helpers on the day and to Mr Daglis who was responsible for the smooth organisation on the day.








HALF YEARLY REPORTS COMING UP...

Next week, student progress reports will be arriving home. This mid year report outlines your child's progress and is followed by a family conference in the last week of the term.

The family conferences give an opportunity to talk further with the class teachers about the child's performance, strengths and areas for development. Any major problems or surprises should have been discussed by teachers and parents as the year evolved. This coming meeting between parents, teacher and child should encourage all the stakeholders to celebrate the many learning gains and review the learning challenges ahead. Praise and affirmation are very important as well as encouraging greater effort and growth.

The gradings of E to A are an indicator used by all schools in Australia to give parents an idea of how their child is going. The comparative data shows their learning in comparison to other students.

THE 'C' GRADING IS THE NORM AND SHOWS STUDENTS ACHIEVING AT THEIR EXPECTED LEVEL AT THIS TIME.

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix racer!
				

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

St Francis of Assisi reports will be going home on Monday. Parent Teacher interviews will commence from Monday 26th June to Thursday 29th June 2017. 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 **awxct**. Then all you need to do is follow the prompts.

CAPTIVATE

Over the next two weeks six students from Year 6 will showcase their talents over a series of performances at Nagle College. These students are a part of the band concert which was made up from schools throughout our diocese. We are very proud of their efforts and musical ability. These students could be our future musical stars!



FOODBANK

Once again Foodbank NSW are generously donating goods to our school. This time it will be on Monday 19th June and we will be getting pallets of watermelons, pumpkins and apples. Don't forget that they are **FREE** to whoever wants them. The gates on Gregory Street will be open at 2.30pm on Monday.



PRIMARY DISCO - FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

On Friday 23rd June there will be a disco held in our school hall for students in Years 3 to 6. The cost of the disco is \$5 and includes entry, a packet of chips, a popper and entry for the lucky door prize.

If your child is going to the disco they need to return the disco note and money to the student letter box. Children in Years 3 to 6 can come to school dressed in MUFTI clothes.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2018

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ATTENDANCE

St Francis of Assisi Primary School currently has a 83.1% attendance rate this week.

Congratulations to Year 6 who have 91.1% attendance again this week. Well done!!! Year 6 have met the CEDP's attendance target level.

Just a reminder to families to contact the school office by 9.30am by phone or email to explain your child's absence.

every day counts

Information courtesy of the Queensland Department of Education and Training



MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Ok reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disaster



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even **1 day** can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight

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Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten
It's where good habits begin



ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

each
1%
increase
in student
attendance

may relate to
2-3
NAPLAN
scale score
points*

*based on historical data



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Get involved
in your child's
school

Promote the
importance
of school

Get to know
the teacher

Go to

Read the

Be organised

Supervise
homework

Ask about
your child's
day

Volunteer
to help
at school

