

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 6

31st August 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fathers Day is a good time to stop and appreciate a unique person that God has put into our lives - our father.

On this special day we are given the opportunity to particularly recall and affirm the special gifts that our fathers bring to our families - protection, a sense of humour, words of guidance and wisdom, helpfulness, security, forgiveness, compassion, strength and courage to name just a few.

When we think of Fathers we think especially of our own dads and grandfathers and the other male father figures we have in our lives – including Father Vincy D'Costa and Father Joshy Parappully. We especially remember and pray for those fathers who have passed away and who we remember so lovingly. Grant them eternal rest.

It is easy to take our fathers for granted but on a day such as Fathers Day we can thank our dads for providing for our physical needs- the house we live in, the food we eat, the clothes we wear. We can thank them for the wisdom they share- even though they may not always have all the answers. Finally, we can thank them for setting a good example for us to follow.

We wish all the fathers in our St Francis community a Happy Fathers Day and we pray: -

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that you help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

I am taking Long Service Leave for the last three weeks of this term. Whilst I am on leave CEDP has appointed Mrs Monica Fitzalan from St Angela's Castle Hill to be Acting Principal. Mrs Fitzalan is currently the Assistant Principal at St Angela's and has held several leadership roles and has acted in the principal role. Previously, when I have taken leave Ms Sheridan has taken on my role but due to the fact she is currently training in Reading Recovery this is not possible, on this occasion.

I am confident you will all welcome Mrs Fitzalan and she will have the support of the Leadership Team to ensure St Francis is well looked after in my absence.

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

Jenny Bellenger

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Due to a new science syllabus in 2019, teachers will be having a professional learning day on Monday 17th September. We will be trialling the new syllabus next term. We apologise for the late notice. On this day there will be NO STUDENTS at school. COSHC will be available on this day if needed.

DATES COMING UP

- 04/09 - Dental visit Kindy, Years 2, 4 & 6
- 05/09 - Years 5 & 6 at St Clare's musical
- 06/09 - Stage 2 Mass
- 13/09 - Infants Athletics Carnival
- 14/09 - Year 3 Excursion to Muru Mittigar
- 14/09 - Year 4 Excursion to Brewongle
- 17/09 - Staff Development Day

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



DROUGHT RELIEF

COMING SOON: Years 2, 4 and 5 will be hosing their mission fundraiser on Friday 21st September, Week 9. All students will be encouraged to come to school dressed as a farmer and can participate in some fun activities. Start putting your spare change aside now. More information will be coming home soon.

STAFF LEAVE

From time to time various staff members access leave entitlements. This can be in order to attend professional learning courses or compulsory compliance training. It can also be due to sickness or due to accessing other leave entitlements such as carer's leave, bereavement leave, or long service leave. In all these instances, relief staff is employed and work closely with regular staff to implement programs and cover responsibilities otherwise fulfilled by the staff member on leave.

PARKING

Thank you to all those parents who abide by the road rules when parking in the surrounding streets of the school. Please be reminded not to park in or across our neighbour's driveways even for just a brief moment. Neighbours entering or leaving their property must be able to do so unimpeded.

Also another reminder about parking at the BP. When there is an event at school, can you please make sure you do not park in front of the BP or at the petrol bowlers. We have had two events at school recently and have had the BP contact us on both occasions as parents and family members are parking out the front. This leaves no room for BP customers.

Thank you for being considerate and respectful drivers.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can visit our school website, look under "About Us", "Policies & Procedures", "Catholic School Community", and you will find the complaints documents there, or you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

On Friday 24th August we had several students represent our school and the Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Carnival. Our Junior Girls relay team placed 5th in their heat, while Evelyn Kuwendu competed against the best athletes in long jump.

We are proud to announce Matilda Abdalla and Heinz Lemoto have progressed to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Mary MacKillop trials. Matilda ran 3rd in the 100m and Heinz placed 2nd in Shot Put.

Well done to all these amazing athletes!

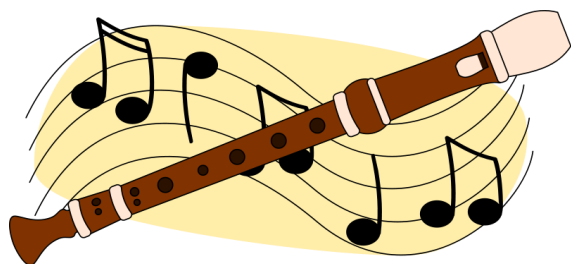


INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 13th September. This will now be held here at school and not at Glendenning Reserve as previously advised on the note. The council are doing maintenance on the reserve so we are unable to have it there this year.

CAPTIVATE

Last week six students from Year 6 performed at the 10th Anniversary Captivate Concert. These musicians were outstanding representatives of St Francis Primary School. We are very proud of them.



EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

This is the attendance percentage for each class for Thursday 30th August. Year 6 are the only grade currently meeting the CEDP target but 2C, 3D, 5A and KS with a little improvement will also reach this target.

Homeroom	Sch Yr Attendance Level %		
1A	70.0%	4R	78.5%
1B	79.2%	5A	85.0%
1M	66.7%	5S	84.2%
2B	73.9%	6B	100.0%
2C	85.8%	6O	91.0%
3B	76.2%	KS	85.2%
3D	85.2%	KV	77.9%

CONGRATULATIONS

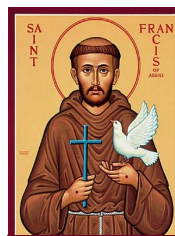


Kayden Underhill was invited to attend the Blacktown City Sports Awards last Friday. Kayden was nominated for a sportsman of the month award and won this award for the category, Junior Sportsperson, in a tough field of nominations from all over the Blacktown region.

Kayden will now attend a Gala Dinner in February with a chance to win Junior Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations to Kayden and we wish him all the best.

RESPECT AWARDS

KS	Jericho Siamani
KV	Jaynie Tarona
1A	Camille De la Cruz
1B	Samson Roberts
1M	Isabella Restuccia
2B	Elijah Moloney
2C	Avichai Ennam



3B	Jayden Caparas
3D	Aaron Forneste
4C	John Tuineau
4R	Georgina Akol
5A	Agnes Bobby
5S	Aldrych Lee
6B	Mikko Tiongson
6O	Chloe Winters

FATHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to all the families who attended our Fathers' Day celebrations today. It was great to see so many dads, grandfathers and uncles.

Thank you to the P and F for organising the Father's Day Stall and the following family members who volunteered their time to assist: Natasha Soulsby, Leonie Soulsby, Brooke Crichton, Tya Shen, Vicky Maharaj, Joy Adan, Rebecca Sultana, Kylie Biki, Jodie Elsholz, Christina De la Cruz, Jennifer Dunk, Nikita Dalwadi, Samira Girn and Yazmine Resmi.



PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.



St Francis of Assisi Primary School

Uniform and Grooming Policy

We take pride in our school uniform and encourage the children to do so too. It is important that the children wear the appropriate uniform on the correct day to suit the activities planned.

Parents are asked to ensure their children wear the correct uniform and not deviate from the items mentioned in the list.

School Bag

St Francis of Assisi school bag is compulsory for all students.

Jewellery

- Students with pierced ears are to wear only one set of plain gold or silver sleepers or studs.
 - Nail polish and / or make up is not to be worn.
 - Only signet rings may be worn to school, no other rings may be worn by students.
 - Only medical bracelets may be worn. Ornamental bangles, bracelets, charity bands or anklets are not to be worn.
- A single necklace of religious nature may be worn underneath the student's school uniform.

Hair

- Hairstyles are to be neat and simple and devoid of any cosmetic colouring or bleaching.
- Boy's haircuts are not to be multilayered (such as pronounced undercuts, designs or steps), or below the collar in length (including rats tails) unless there are religious or cultural reasons.
- Girls or boys with shoulder-length hair or longer are to have it tied back away from the face and eyes. This is for hygiene reasons and to allow clear vision.

All hair accessories worn by girls are to be in plain school colours of green and yellow or students may wear white or black hair accessories.

Shoes

- School shoes are to be black and polishable.
 - Sports shoes should be appropriate runners or joggers and does not include high-tops, mid-cut shoes, slip-ons or trend shoes. This is to provide appropriate adequate support during physical activity.
- Sports shoes are to be predominantly white or predominantly black and devoid of bright colours, patterns or slogans.

School hats

- Students are to wear the correct school hat every day, regardless of weather. If students do not have a hat, they will be directed to remain in the designated shaded areas.
 - Hats are to be worn correctly, with the flap down and the peak of the cap pointing forward.
 - Hats should be in good condition and should not be drawn on or have stickers placed on them.
- Old or torn hats should be replaced as quickly as possible.

Basis of discretion

- Families who cannot purchase the correct uniform due to financial reasons are encouraged to use the uniform pool or speak to the principal.
- On fitness days, students are to bring their sports shoes to school in a bag. They must change back into school shoes after Fitness.
- Year 6 students are allowed to wear their souvenir graduation polo shirt on sports days.
- Parents should submit an explanatory letter informing the school about an incorrect clothing item being worn.

Classroom teachers are responsible for maintaining and checking that the correct uniform is being worn. If there is no parent explanation supplied about a student's incorrect uniform, a uniform note, from the class administration folders, will be sent home to parents.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's full name. Shoes should be marked on the inside. The school accepts no responsibility for items which have been lost.

If for any reason, including religious reasons, a child is unable to wear correct uniform parents are required to supply a letter of explanation.