

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 6

8th June 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In a few weeks time your child will be bringing home their Half Yearly Learning Report. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child. The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

- * There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E achievement levels to be allocated.
- * Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated.
- * It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- * The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.
- * Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Years 1 -6.
- * The achievement levels / common grade scale are provided by the Board of Studies and included in your report for you to reference.
- * Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 to supplement and further explain reports.

Each Year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days.

Our parent/ teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on and support the Reports.

I recently came across an interesting article regarding 'Perspective' that I thought I would share with you.

There will be occasions when children go through difficult times in their development and it is in these times that they rely on their parents not to give up on them but to be there for them.

"We, as parents need always to keep things in perspective, love our children at each stage of their lives and be open-minded to what might lie ahead. It could be said that, 'A difficulty can be likened to a pebble. Hold it too close to your eye and it fills the whole world and puts everything out of focus. Hold it at a proper distance and it can be properly examined. Throw it at your feet and it can be seen in its true setting, just one more bump in the pathway of life.'"

"When we examine a difficulty in its proper perspective, we might firstly ask if it is really a problem at all? Most of our children's difficulties, once they have a calm mind applied to them, tend to offer their own solutions and turn out to be less severe than they first seemed to be."

"Being empathetic to our children will show them that our concern for their situation is genuine. Empathy involves seeing things from our children's perspective so we can understand their emotions.

When we show empathy for our children's feelings, we teach them that we value their thoughts."

"Our perspective on how our own life's events can be will surely influence the perspectives our children have about their lives. 'If our children are mostly happy and sometimes talkative, then, we're doing all right as parents.'"

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

DATES COMING UP

- 11/6 Queen's Birthday Holiday (no school)
- 15/6 Infants Mufti disco
- 21/6 Year 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival
- 29/6 Primary Mufti disco

MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)

Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



REFLECTION

A kind word or acknowledgment goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit. Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it's gone, but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on. Spreading, spreading from the centre, flowing on out to the sea, and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a careless, unkind word, and in a minute it is gone; but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on. They keep spreading, spreading, spreading, from the centre as they go and there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow. Drop a word of cheer and kindness; just a flash and it is gone; but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on. Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave, 'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you gave.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Information will be sent home soon regarding the online booking of parent/teacher interviews which will be held in the last week of the Term. The late night for interviews will be Tuesday 3rd July.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees were due on Wednesday 6th June. If you are not on an arrangement and have not paid your latest account, can you please do this as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties making this payment or have any questions regarding your account please contact Lee-Ann Falconer.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Remember back to Term 1 when we talked about PBS4L at St Francis? The staff and students are very excited about implementing this positive learning behaviour framework and would love your input. Look out for the note coming home next week where you can vote for a mascot which will play an important role in the framework.

We look forward to your participation!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

On Thursday 21st June the St Francis of Assisi Athletics Carnival will be held at Blacktown International Sportspark for children in Years 3 to 6.

The carnival commences at 10am and finishes at approximately 2pm.

ALL permission notes need to be returned ASAP.

Parents are welcome to attend. We are still looking for parent helpers to assist on the day. If you are able to help please contact the office. Volunteers will need to complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities' online training module.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2019

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8886 9600

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INFANTS DISCO

INFANTS MUFTI SCHOOL DISCO



Friday 15th June 2018
1pm to 2pm

\$5 Entry fee per child

Entry includes:

Packet of Chips

Popper

Entry into lucky draw prize



IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

A challenge for all parents is ascertaining whether a child is fit for school if they are not feeling well. A child who is feeling ill at school finds it difficult to learn but most importantly can put other children at risk, including the teacher. Our sick bay of late, has had plenty of action with children genuinely feeling and being ill.

ARE YOU A CONSIDERATE DRIVER? ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE ROAD RULES?

Always obey road rules and observe our 40km zone around school for the safety of our children. We have 'no parking' signs at the front of the school. These signs are there for the safety of our children and community. Talking on a phone whilst a car is moving, whether it is outside the school or inside the school gates, is not acceptable. Please be extra mindful and careful of children on our crossing in the morning. Thank you for your support in this area.

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL, LOST PROPERTY

We have many items in our lost property bin. Please ensure all items brought to school are marked with your child's name and that it is legible, so that property can be returned to students. Also, as items can sometimes get mixed with others during the day, please ensure that your items do belong to your child. Don't forget labels sometimes fall off and ink fades with time. Lost property is located at the back of the staffroom.




YEAR 5 AND 6 SOCCER GALA DAY

Our Year 5 and 6 boys soccer team braved the elements on Tuesday to participate in the diocesan gala day at Jamison Park. The boys displayed great sportsmanship showing true St Francis spirit. We are very proud of them.



ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Just a reminder to families that you can use the following app to purchase uniforms from Oz Fashions. You can still

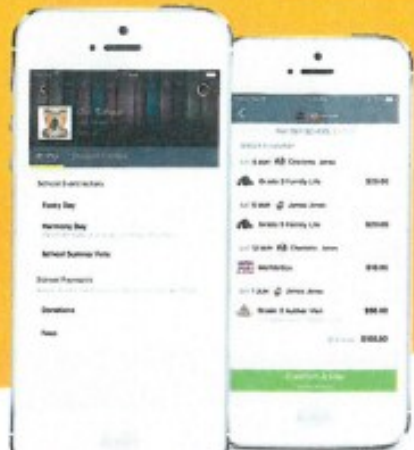


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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



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Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone, iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

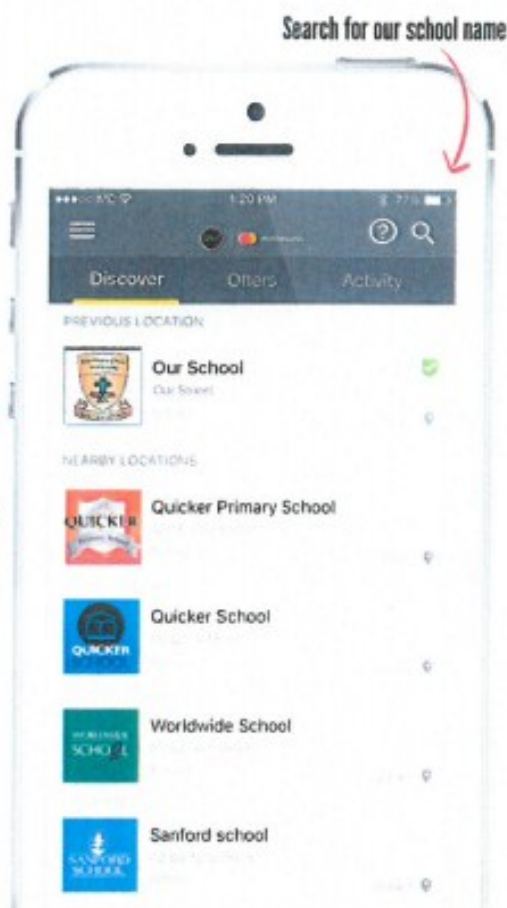
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.