



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 1
Week 11
12th April 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first term of learning, connecting and celebrating at St Francis and it really is hard to believe that eleven school weeks have passed by so quickly. As we reflect, we remember: Catholic Schools Week, Well-Being Programme, Kindy Welcome BBQ, Year 6 Camp, new fitness equipment opened, electronic practice of Naplan for Years 3 and 5 students, Cross Country and Athletics Carnival, Eater Raffle, PBS4L launch with our Gubbio mascot and awards introduced as well as excellent learning by all.

Thank you to you, our parents who have supported the children and teachers throughout the term. It is in partnership that we educate our young children to be faith filled, resilient and confident learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a lovely holiday break. I hope you are able to celebrate Easter with your loved ones, while celebrating the true meaning of this special time of year on the Christian calendar. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all our families the peace and joy of the risen Lord!

May God grant you always... A sunbeam to warm you, A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you.

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

Jenny Bellenger

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on **Monday 29th April 2019**
(Monday Week 1 Term 2).

This is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no students at school on this day.

COSHC will be available on Monday 29th April 2019. If you would like your child to attend COSHC on this day please see the office for an enrolment form.

Students will return to school for Term 2 on **Tuesday 30th April 2019.**

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

•	Fri 12/4	Last day of Term 1	
•	Mon 29/4	Staff Development Day (no students at school on this day)	
•	Tues 30/4	Term 2 resumes - Students return in winter uniform	MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD
•	Thur 02/5	Easter Season Mass	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am & 9am
•	Tues 07/5	Diocesan Cross Country	Wed 6am & 7.30pm (Novena)
•	Fri 10/5	Mothers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy 9am	Sat 8am & 6pm (Vigil)
•	Sun 12/5	Mothers' Day	Sun 7am, 9am & 6pm



Numeracy@HOME

Do you have a child starting school next year or would you like to support your child's early maths learning?

Explore this great website <https://www.numeracyathome.com/> to find activities, tips, and information to support young children's maths learning during everyday activities.

The numeracy@Home website resources are informed by the numeracy@HOME research project. Have fun learning together!

WINTER UNIFORM

All children return to school in full winter uniform - Often when we return to school after the term one break, the weather can still be warm. We expect that all the children will be wearing the winter uniform by week 3 (May 13th, 2019). This means that for the first two weeks of term two we will leave the decision to parents to decide which uniform you child should wear depending on the weather conditions.

TERM 2 OVERVIEW

Attached to this newsletter is the school calendar for Term 2. As you are aware the dates on this calendar are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please continue to refer to the current newsletter for the latest dates and information. The School Calendar can be found via:

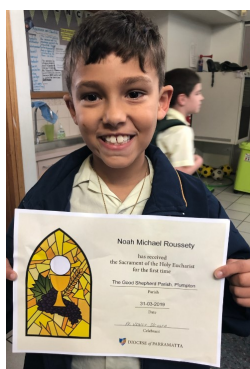
- the School Website
- the Skoolbag App
- Community Noticeboard near the school canteen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

At Good Shepherd Church on 9th March, Addyson M and Nicolas S.

Also at Good Shepherd Church on 31st March, Noah R.



YEAR 6 CAMP

Last Thursday and Friday Year 6 attended Wedderburn Christian Campsite. On their return to school both Year 6 classes wrote a poem about their flying fox and giant swing experience.

Flying Fox Experience by 6B

My palms sweaty, clammy with fear, I face the unknown
Is it my turn? Will I die in there?
My turn next - step up on the ladder.
Bag strapped on, harness firm, helmet secure
Legs of jelly, taste of salt
Ears drumming with my heartbeat
Shivers down my spine
Off the rungs
Let go!
Exhilaration!

The Giant Swing by 6A

Strapped in tight, harness secure, body tense, nerves on edge
Climb the ladder, holding on for dear life, terrified!
Ropes attached, one in hand, hold on tight
Classmates on the rope, trust or not
How high will I go?
Tempting to say, "Stop"
Are you ready?
Let go.
Drop!



P AND F EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to the major prize winners of the Easter Raffle. 1st prize Shirin S 2T, 2nd prize Jessica K 1C and 3rd prize Fa'amua KC. Congratulations to all the other prize winners. There were many prizes that went home with children yesterday.

Thank you to the P & F and their parent helpers for organising the Easter Raffle. They have raised an amazing amount of \$2090. The P & F and parent helpers also helped yesterday to cover readers and sort out the many prizes for the Easter Raffle.



CONGRATULATIONS

Last weekend Layla D from 4R competed in the State Championships for gymnastics. Layla won first place in balance dynamics and was the overall winner. Congratulations!!



SPORTS DAYS TERM 2

Kindy - Monday & Tuesday (except for the 1st week)
Year 1 - Monday & Thursday
Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 - Monday & Thursday
Year 5 - Wednesday & Friday
Year 6 - Monday & Wednesday

EVACUATION FIRE DRILL

As part of our WHS policy and procedure, last week the whole school practised our evacuation drill. The children performed their roles and responsibilities with efficiency and focus. The purpose of the drill is to ensure all processes are efficient and refine any issues that may arise from the drill.

EARN AND LEARN

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!!



KEEP A LOOK OUT AT YOUR LOCAL WOOLWORTHS

COLLECT YOUR STICKERS FROM 1 MAY TO 25 JUNE

WE WILL HAVE A BOX NEAR THE OFFICE TO PUT YOUR STICKER SHEETS IN

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2020

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8886 9600

OR EMAIL stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au



RAISING A CONCERN

A reminder for our school community. If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, Leaders of Learning, Ms Deb Sheridan or Mrs Jenny Bellenger, to identify your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the school website <http://www.stfrancisglendenning.catholic.edu.au/>

ABSENCES AT SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school, parents and carers are required to contact the school by 9.30am on the first day of their absence with either a skoolbag notification, email or phone call. Every Friday a letter will be sent home regarding an absence if it remains unexplained. Could you please sign the letter, add the reason to explain this absence and return it to the student letterbox. This letter will continue to be sent home if the absence remains unexplained. From time to time the letter may not have been received by the office once signed by a parent, so a second letter may be sent home. Thank you for your understanding.

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to our parents for your support in complying with the school's policies and procedures. The safety and wellbeing of our students are our first priority and everyone's responsibility. Just a reminder that haircuts need to be neat and tidy with no extremes of fashion. We ask that shaved designs be kept for holiday periods so it has grown out by the time your child resumes school.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Earlier this term all primary students attended our annual athletics carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark. The children participated in many events from the 100m sprints to shot put and long jump. It was great to see lots of enthusiasm, encouragement and sportsmanship from our students, despite the blistering heat on the day.

I would like to thank the parent helpers that assisted on the day, the carnival would not have run so smoothly without your help.

If you are interested in representing the school in high jump (Diocesan Carnival) or discus (Zone Carnival) please speak to Mr Daglis as soon as possible. You will need to show Mr Daglis your PB (Personal Best) from Little Athletics to see if you are able to qualify for each event.

2019 Age Champions

Junior Boys Age Champions: Isaac Lalia

Junior Boys Runner Up: Ryan Cordoba

Junior Girls Age Champions: Shante' Iosefa-Ahfa

Junior Girls Runner Up: Matilda Abdalla

11yrs Boys Age Champions: Bol Diing

11yrs Boys Runner Up: Arien Atienza

11yrs Girls Age Champions: Kaydence Wells

11yrs Girls Runner Up: Evelyn Kuwendu

Senior Boys Age Champions: Heinz Lemoto

Senior Boys Runner Up: Jarrell Yusores

Senior Girls Age Champions: Matilda Spearpoint

Senior Girls Runner Up: Cameron Nacua

Winning House: Deane (Blue)



PARISH NEWS

Saturday Mornings of Lent

'Morning Prayer' (from the Divine Office) commencing at 7.30am followed by Mass at 8am. Anointing of the Sick every 1st Saturday of the month.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday at 7.30pm followed by Reconciliation. Mass on the First Friday. Reconciliation as usual on Saturdays from 11.00am to 12.00pm.

Holy Week Timetable

17th April Chrism Mass Parramatta at 7.30pm

18th April Commemoration of Last Supper at 7.30pm. At this Mass the Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes for Caritas Australia are handed in.

19th April Good Friday - Passion Play at 10.00am in front of Church. At 3.00pm 'Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion' in the Church.



Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Schedule for the Sacrament of Confirmation - 2019

Parent Information Sheet

Parent Information night and registration

April 29, Monday @ 7:30pm at the Church

Note: Completed registration form and copy of Baptism certificate must be submitted on this night. *Registration form can be collected from St Francis School office.*

Confirmation classes – 2019 – all to be held at Good Shepherd School:

Attendance is a MUST:

May 05 – First lesson @ 10:30 to 11:30am

May 12 – Second lesson @ 10:30 to 11:30am

May 19 – Third lesson @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

May 26 – Fourth lesson @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Rehearsal with Sponsors:

June 01, 2019 – Saturday @ 1:00- 4:00pm

Rite of Confirmation:

June 02, 2019 – Sunday @ 2pm

Sponsor:

Must be baptised, practicing catholic, 18 years and over. Godparents and siblings can be sponsors.

Main celebrant:

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD

Bishop of Parramatta

Age of Children:

Must be 10 years of age by May 2019. Please note: if your child is over 10 years old and just received their 1st Holy Communion in 2019, Confirmation must be deferred to 2020. It is a requirement by the Diocese that children can receive One Sacrament per year.

Fees: Contribution of \$20 per child to cover lesson materials and certificate.

For further details, please send email to sacraments@tpg.com.au

TERM 2 OVERVIEW 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th Holy Thursday	19 th Good Friday	20 th / 21 st Easter Saturday
April	22 nd Easter Monday	23 rd	24 th	25 th ANZAC Day	26 th	27 th /28 th
May 1	29 th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	30 th Term 2 Resumes Winter Uniform	1 st May	2 nd Easter Season Mass		4 th /5 th
May 2	6 th	7 th Diocesan Cross Country	8 th	9 th	10 th Mother's Day B'fast and Liturgy 9am	11 th /12 th Mother's Day
May 3	13 th	14 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	15 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	16 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	17 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	18 th /19 th
May 4	20 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	21 st Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	22 nd Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	23 rd Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	24 th Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online	25 th /26 th
May / June 5	27 th	28 th	29 th Stage 3 Girls Soccer	30 th	31 st WHS Inspection	1 st June/2 nd
June 6	3 rd Year 2 Excursion Sydney Olympic Park	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th /9 th Pentecost Sunday
June 7	10 th Queen's B'day	11 th	12 th	13 th All day reconciliation	14 th	15 th /16 th Holy Trinity
June 8	17 th School Photos	18 th	19 th Stage 3 Boys Soccer	20 th	21 st	22 nd /23 rd Corpus Christi
June 9	24 th	25 th	26 th Stage 2 Soccer Boys & Girls	27 th Grandparents Day Liturgy	28 th Sacred Heart	29 th /30 th
July 10	1 st July Parent/student conferences this week	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th /7 th

Good Shepherd Catholic Church



We are looking
for a Logo
Design to
promote our
Parish Expo.

Demonstrate to us your
creative design skills
and win a prize!

DEADLINE

APRIL 30, 2019

SUBMISSION

Submit your design to
parishof@tpg.com.au

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Reflect the Parish focus for 2019, *"Rise up and Renew Gods house"*
- ✓ Use colour
- ✓ Simple & Symbolic

PRIZE

1ST- \$50 GIFT CARD
2nd - \$20 GIFT CARD



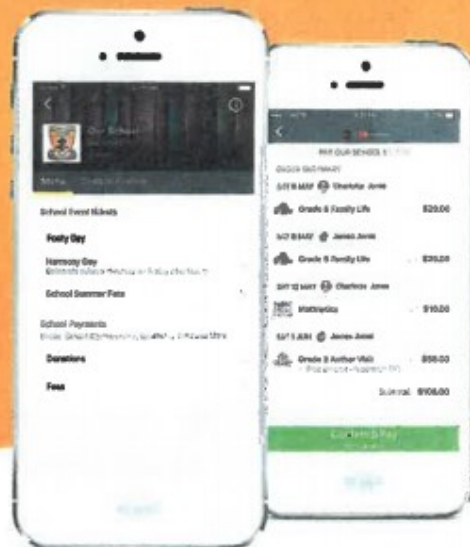
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Step 2 Register

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.

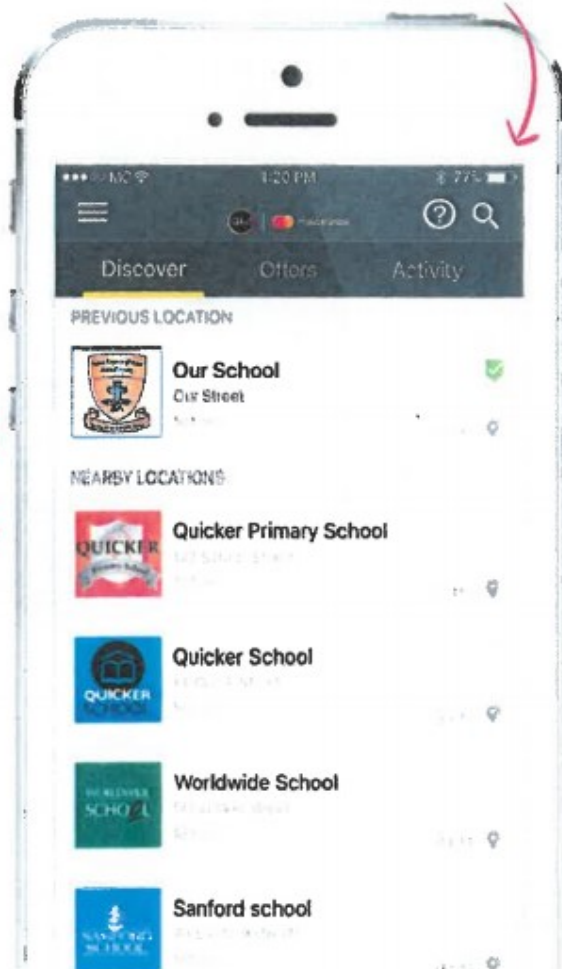
Step 4 Register your children

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'

Search for our school name





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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 pa



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.