



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 1**  
**Week 9**  
**29th March 2019**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half way mark in Lent it is a good opportunity for us to reflect upon our understanding of repentance.

Repentance doesn't mean going through life with your head down, feeling remorseful for being so bad. It means start doing something good. Start practicing what you believe in.

"Repent" means start doing the things that you know you should do. If you are alienated from somebody, be reconciled. If you are self-righteous in relation to others, humble yourself. If you have been uncaring toward the poor, now is the time to get some moral imagination and put yourself in the plight of another human being. If you have been callous about prospects for peace in the world, now is the time for you to start praying and begin working for those things in your own neighbourhood that make for peace. If you have put your trust in the accumulation of things so that you are slave to a whole host of masters, now is the time for you to unload some of the stuff and to put your trust in God. And if you assumed to this point that you are going to be judged on your ability to avoid evil in this life, this is the time for you to hear that you are going to be judged on your courage to do the good.

Repentance is not some negative, life-denying gesture. In fact, repentance doesn't mean turning to a past way of thinking or doing at all. Repentance means turning to a new way. Repentance does not mean to change from what we are to what we were. It means to change from what we are to what we are going to be."

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

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

•	04/4	Year 6 Camp to Wedderburn leaving school at 8.55am	<b>MASS TIMES @ GOOD SHEPHERD</b>
•	05/4	Year 6 Returning from camp at 3pm	<b>Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6am &amp; 9am</b>
•	10/4	Easter Raffle tickets due	<b>Wed 6am &amp; 7.30pm (Novena)</b>
•	11/4	Easter Raffle drawn	<b>Sat 8am &amp; 6pm (Vigil)</b>
•	12/4	Last day of Term 1	<b>Sun 7am, 9am &amp; 6pm</b>
•	29/4	Staff Development Day	
•	30/4	Term 2 resumes - Students return in winter uniform	

## PRAYER

Through prayer we are being called into a dialogue with God. Lent is a time to focus on prayer, so we can build that relationship with God. A first step is that we need to make a commitment for a time and place to pray.

Dear Lord,  
Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength,  
and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself.  
As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person,  
let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart.  
Give me rest in you.  
Help me to accept others, showing them your great  
love instead of casting judgment.  
Stay with me and remind me that when I need comfort,  
solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.  
Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting  
and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.  
In your name I pray,  
Amen.

But how to pray? How to find God's voice inside our noisy minds and busy schedules? How to quiet down and listen?

'Lectio divina' is an ancient form of prayer that's accessible to all. The church provides daily Scripture readings that can be the gateway to prayer. Choose a daily reading and go through it slowly. Pause and recall a word or phrase that particularly speaks to you. Spend time reflecting on what moves you. Then slowly read the entire text again to put the phrase into context and explore deeper meaning.

## PRAYER AT ST FRANCIS

Parents, family members and friends of the St Francis community are invited to gather together in prayer as we reflect on serving others during Holy Week.

The prayer will be led by a small group of Year 5 students in the library at 9am on Wednesday 10th April. This prayer will be a great opportunity for you to take a moment in your busy lives to stop, reflect and be with Jesus.

The students are hoping for a big turn out. We look forward to praying with you.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

At Good Shepherd Church on 9th March, Aaleyah A, Theresa B, Aaron F, Akira K and Carlos T.

At St Andrews the Apostle Church on 24th March Taylor N, Natasha N and Tahlia C.



## WELLBEING

This term the students at St Francis have been doing the Wellbeing Program each Monday. On Monday 8th April parents can come along and watch their children. The times are:

Kindy: 2.10pm Year 1: 1.30pm Year 2: 12.00pm

Year 3: 11.20am Year 4: 9.35am Year 5: 8.55am Year 6: 10.15am

## SCHOOL LEAVE

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences. Parents are requested to complete an Application for Extended Leave form for absences of 5 school days or more. This form is on our website: Community/ School Notes/Administration Forms.

Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Bellenger.

Thank you for your assistance.

## 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. 2nd Rite Confession/Reconciliation—April 9 @7.30pm

### Holy Week Timetable

**9th April** 2nd Rite Reconciliation at 7.30pm in preparation for Easter

**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.





## NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Here are some photos of the Year 5 children using our new fitness equipment.



## CANTEEN ORDERS AND FLEXISCHOOLS

Just a reminder that online lunch orders need to be submitted by 8.30am on the day of the order. If you order after this time your child will not receive their order until the following day. You can order lunches in advance if ordering online. If you are ordering for a Friday, as this is a busy day, could parents please try and order the night before as sometimes the site gets overloaded with so many people trying to order for a Friday. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.



## EASTER EGG MUFTI DAY

Thank you to all the families who brought in an Easter Egg for Mufti Day. Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time to help collect the Easter eggs today. Vicky Maharaj, Tya Shen, Jennifer Dunk, Elizabeth Price, George Farrales, Florence Farrales, Christina de la Cruz, Storme Ambrose, Lili Dowd and Natasha Fernance.



## SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to families that school fees are now due. If you have not made a payment or organised a payment arrangement please contact the office to speak to Lee-Ann Falconer.



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday we were blessed with perfect running conditions for our annual cross country event. A group of students from years 3 to 6 took up the challenge to run either 2 or 3 km around our school grounds. The event is held each year to give the students an opportunity to qualify for the Diocesan Cross Country event that will be held next term at Sydney Motor Park. Congratulations to the following students who came first in their age group.

8/9 Boys Kyren M

8/9 Girls Belinda D

10 Boys Isaac L

10 Girls Layla D

11 Boys Adrienne A

11 Girls Kaydence W

12 Boys Drew W



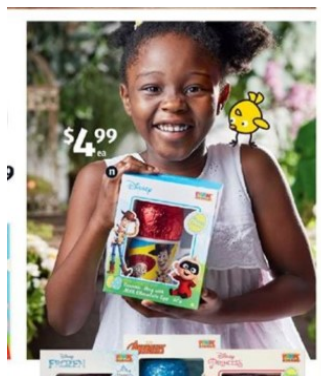
## SWIMMING TRIALS

Our champion swimmers Giselle V, Zoe S, Mia H and Zoe H competed at the Mackillop Trials on Wednesday at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, the location of the 2000 Olympics. This was an exciting event for the girls who competed in the Junior Girls 50m Freestyle Relay. Mia H also competed in the 200 Individual Medley and Zoe S raced in the 50m Individual Freestyle. Congratulations girls on a wonderful accomplishment.



## LOOK WHO IT IS!!

Exciting news! Our talented twins Kayla and Katelyn made an appearance in one of the latest Aldi catalogues.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sacraments@tpg.com.au)



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## Uniform Price List

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PRICE
<b>Unisex Sports</b>	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$30.00
Sport Short	\$30.00
Sport Pant	\$40.00
Sport Jacket	\$50.00
White Ankle Sock	\$5.00
<b>Girls Summer Uniform</b>	
Summer Dress	\$50.00
Scrunchy	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
White Turnover Socks	\$5.00
Curly Hair Tie – Lemon, Bottle, Navy	\$5.00
<b>Girls Winter Uniform</b>	
Winter Tunic	\$55.00
Lemon Long Sleeve Blouse	\$28.00
Navy Tights	\$15.00
Tab Tie	\$5.00
Scrunchy	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
Curly Hair Tie – Lemon, Bottle, Navy	\$5.00
<b>Boys Summer Uniform</b>	
Lemon Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00
Navy Dress Short	\$25.00
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.00
<b>Boys Winter Uniform</b>	
Lemon Long Sleeve Shirt	\$30.00
Navy Dress Trouser	\$40.00
Tie	\$17.00
Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.00
<b>Unisex</b>	
School Jacket	\$55.00
V-Neck Fleecy Jumper	\$30.00
<b>Accessories</b>	
School Bag	\$45.00
Library Satchel	\$15.00
Sun Hat	\$18.00
Lice off kit	\$6.00
Art Smock	\$15.00
Raincoat	\$25.00

## DELIVERY

Delivery is every Monday and Wednesday during the school term.

**Orders must be placed on the QKR App by:**

- 4:00pm Friday for delivery Monday and
- 4:00pm Tuesday for delivery Wednesday

Any further enquiries please contact Elle

[elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

0421 216 414



# TERM 1 OVERVIEW 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan 0	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> / 27 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Holiday
Feb 1	28 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Holiday	29 <sup>th</sup> Teachers Commence 9am	30 <sup>th</sup> Yrs 1 to 6 return	31 <sup>st</sup> Kindergarten Start	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Feb 2	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Parent Info Sessions Yr 1 & 2 @ 6.30 Primary @ 7.15	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Opening Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb Census	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup>
Feb 3	11 <sup>th</sup> Kindy BBQ & Information	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Zone swimming Priest Visit Yr 2	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>
Feb 4	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Infants Liturgy	22 <sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Swimming	23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup>
Feb/ March 5	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Priest Visit Yr 5	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>
March 6 Catholic Schools Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Athletics Carnival	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Class liturgies	7 <sup>th</sup> CSW Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> CSW Open Day 9.30-10.30am 1.30 – 2.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup>
March 7	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Priest Visit Yr 4	15 <sup>th</sup> National Day against Bullying and Violence	16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> St Patrick
March 8	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Feast Day	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> All Day Reconciliation	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup>
March 9	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Liturgy	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> / 31 <sup>st</sup>
April 10	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Priest Visit Year 6 Camp	5 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Camp	6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup>
April 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Program Parents invited to watch	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Holy Week Celebration	12 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term	13 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup>