



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 3
Week 10
25th September 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our last newsletter for this term. I thank everyone in our community for their support, patience and understanding as we continued to navigate all the COVID-19 recommendations.

When we return in Term 4, we will review the guidelines set by NSW Health and the Catholic Education Office of Parramatta and look at what events we will be able to hold for our Year 6 graduation and we will inform the community.

Thank you to all the staff at St Francis for their dedication, generosity of spirit, professionalism and their commitment to their vocation during the term.

I wish all our students, staff, parents and carers a very safe and happy holiday break so that everyone returns renewed and refreshed for Term Four which commences for staff and students on Monday 12th October.

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

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is a month particularly devoted to The Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of Christian faith and has been prayed for hundreds of years. At its heart is a series of meditations on aspects, or mysteries, of the life of Jesus Christ and Mary his mother. The Joyful Mysteries reflect on the early infancy and childhood of Jesus. The Luminous Mysteries (or Mysteries of Light) follow events of Jesus' Ministry and Teachings. The Sorrowful Mysteries reflect on Jesus' suffering during the Passion. The Glorious Mysteries celebrate the events surrounding and following Christ's triumphant Resurrection.

October presents itself as an opportunity to focus on Mary in any family prayer. You could share the Hail Mary before meals or even a decade of the Rosary once a week. Taking a little prayer time, yourself individually during October could be a wonderful way to embrace the month and seek a little refocusing.

TERM 4 START AND FINISH DATES

Term 4 begins Monday 12th October

Term 4 concludes Tuesday 15th December

DATES COMING UP

19 & 20/10 Year 6 Day Camp

21/10 Year 1 incursion

28/10 School Photos

29/10 Year 4 incursion

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children should return in Term 4 in the **full summer uniform**. All students are expected to be in their full Summer uniform by Monday

Uniforms can be bought from Oz Fashions. Order forms are available in the school office or through the QKR App below. There are sample sizes available for trying in the school office.



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Being a parent is one of life's most rewarding experiences – but it can also be the most challenging. If you need some help or support or just want to talk through a parenting issue, Parent Line counsellors can support.

Parent Line counsellors provide confidential and non-judgmental advice and support for parents, carers or professionals living in NSW, seven days a week.

Parent Line can be accessed by calling [1300 1300 52](tel:1300130052).

BUILDING UPDATE

The latest information about the building plans for the new K-6 structure is that the demolition of the old Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 buildings will happen in the middle of November this Year.

In preparation for this we have been slowly moving Grades into new learning spaces where they will stay for the remainder of the year. We have been very mindful to keep the learning happening which is why this took the whole term.

Below are some further details for your information:

New Grade Locations

Kindy - Old Library

Year 1 - Previous Year 3 space

Year 2 - Portable building in the middle of the playground

Year 3 - Portable building at the rear of the school (back carpark no longer used for parking)

Year 4 - Have remained in their learning space

Year 5 - School hall in purpose-built space for learning

Year 6 - School hall in purpose-built space for learning

Library - Relocated to the building alongside Year 2

Playground

To ensure safety and sufficient playing area students will have different times for recess and lunch from the start of Term 4. The canteen will be available for the two different times for recess and lunch.

Kindergarten to Year 3

Recess 11:00am – 11:30am

Lunch 1:30 pm – 2:00pm

Year 4 - Year 6

Recess 10:25am - 10:55am

Lunch 12:55pm - 1:25pm

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Recently there was a deeply distressing and harmful video circulating on social media. eSafety made immediate contact about the reports with the major social media companies. eSafety continues to work closely with the companies to prevent further uploads and sharing of harmful videos.

The National Suicide Prevention Adviser to the Prime Minister, Christine Morgan has urged all Australians to avoid viewing or sharing videos of this nature. Christine noted 'content which includes explicit descriptions, images or footage of suicide, especially where methods are shown, have been linked to increases in suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts and suicide deaths.'

While we understand that children can be enterprising and that word of the video may have gone viral in some classrooms and playgrounds, we also need to balance this phenomena with concerns around arousing curiosity to students who may not be aware of such a distressing online incident. This is particularly important with content that relates to suicide and self-harm."

If parents or carers encounter harmful and disturbing content online, report it immediately to the social media platform they've seen it on first, and then to eSafety at www.esafety.gov.au/report/illegal-harmful-content.

Children may feel scared, embarrassed, or confused about having seen inappropriate content, so it is important to communicate in an open and supportive manner that they need to inform their parents or teachers. Sometimes children fear that adults may not be able to help them or fear reprisals like 'device denial' if they do share harmful content they have been exposed to online, so it is important for them to know how responsible they are in reporting the content.

Parents are urged to do the following:

Engage in your child's online activities – ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're age appropriate.

Ensure that technology is charged in a family area at night. You can also try to make an agreement that there are no tablets, laptops or gaming in bedrooms.

Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to.

Help your child/children to report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps.

Let your child/children know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online.

If your child is a regular user of social networks, they must be aware of the risk of personal information or images being made public once they post it. While they won't fully understand the consequences of revealing personal information online, they need to be cautious and thoughtful about what they post and share. Encourage your children to ask themselves before posting anything if the information (i.e. name, phone number, home address, email, name of school) or photo is something they would give a stranger. If the answer is no, don't post it.

Every picture and personal detail that is posted and shared on social media and the internet contributes to someone's digital footprint. The big risk with this is that once information is shared publicly, it can be used in ways you may not expect and cannot control. You should also assume that anything that is put online is permanent (it can sometimes be deleted but not always before others have seen it and saved it).

Most apps, networks and devices have geo-tagging features which make your whereabouts public and can lead someone directly to you. These features should be turned off for obvious privacy and safety reasons. Digital photos also contain metadata (information about the time, date and GPS coordinates) which may reveal more than you want to. Some social media platforms automatically hide or remove this data, but not all, so do your homework and know how much information you're sharing.

Lead by example and always model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like your children to use. If they see you being cautious and respectable when you are online, they are more likely to follow in your footsteps. Ultimately, you don't want to instil fear in your child or prevent them from experiencing the many educational, entertainment, social and other benefits of the internet, but rather give them the skills and knowledge they need to know how to make the most of it and avoid the dangers.

The St Francis staff will continue to provide safety education to ensure that our students are safe online, and we will support our students to follow our school agreements in being safe and responsible using technology.

YEARS 3 TO 6 JAPANESE DAY

Japanese Incursion Days

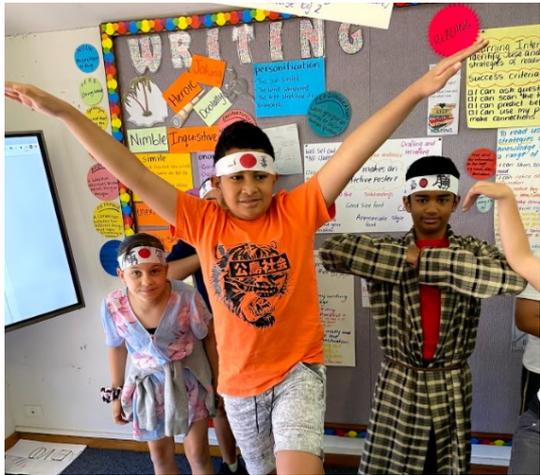
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, Years 3 - 6 participated in a Japanese Day Incursion. The students were involved in several activities;

- Sumie (calligraphy) art with a Japanese fude (brush) to paint a nezumi (mouse) and usagi (rabbit) with black ink.
- Shibori, which is folding paper in different ways and dyeing it with a variety of colours to make patterns.
- Hachimaki headband with a message in hiragana and kanji.
- Decorating hashi (chopsticks) with origami paper.
- For lunch students ate gohan (rice) and Japanese curry in an obentou box with miso soup, poki sticks, mochi, nori and some fresh fruit. Students ate their lunch using a pair of hashi.

Parents and carers, you should be immensely proud of your children for their use of manners on the day. Also, of their own volition, many students have approached myself and their teachers to express their gratitude for planning and running this day for them. Your children/s involvement and sincere appreciation made the days even more enjoyable.

Cox Sensei.





SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be held on Wednesday 28th October 2020. Photo envelopes were sent home with your children today. You can order online using the code **YVN ME5 LQ5**. If you order online you do not need to return the envelope. If you are paying by cash please **do not return them to the office**. They need to be brought in with your child on the day of the photos. The correct money needs to be in the envelope as we do not collect these at school.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office. These can also be ordered online using the code above.

Students need to wear their full summer uniform. NOT SPORTS UNIFORM. Even if it is your child's sports day, they will need to wear their FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.



ONLINE ORDER CODE
 ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.ADVANCEDLIFE.COM.AU

Online Code: YVN ME5 LQ5

 Online orders due by- Wednesday 28 October 2020
 St Francis Of Assisi Catholic School [MLG319-1A] [P]

1 STUDENT DETAILS please use black or blue pen **N**

School

Suburb

Student's First Name

Student's Last Name

Roll Class Year Group Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)

Parent/Guardian Email

Mobile

Office Use Only (NVP)

3 PAYMENT METHOD please mark 'x' in the boxes where applicable and complete all details

If you have ordered and paid online please do not fill in this envelope and send to school as your order has already been received.

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Bank name (if paying by Cheque)

Cash

Cheque number

Cheque

2 PURCHASE DETAILS
(With a Blue or Black pen, please indicate required QUANTITY FOR THIS CHILD ONLY in the selection boxes below)

A	OPTION A <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00
B	OPTION B <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00
C	OPTION C <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00
D	OPTION D <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00
E	OPTION E <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00
F	OPTION F <small>REFER TO ENCLOSED FLYER</small>	\$.00	X	<input type="text"/>	= \$.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED **M**

PLEASE ENCLOSE EXACT PAYMENT AS CHANGE IS UNAVAILABLE
PAYMENT SHOULD INCLUDE TOTAL FOR ALL CHILDREN/ORDERS

\$.00

PAYMENT FOR THE CHILD BELOW IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS ENVELOPE

Name of child who has payment in envelope

Class

Want more payment options? Pay online using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay. Visit www.advancedlife.com.au

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2021

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8886 9600

OR EMAIL stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au

Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton
Schedule for the Sacrament of Confirmation - 2020

Parent Information Sheet

Parent Information night and registration

12 October, Monday @ 7:30pm at the Church AND

13 October, Tuesday, depending on the number of registrants.

Notes:

1. Completed registration form and copy of Baptism certificate must be submitted on this night. Name of contact person (parent/carer), email address and mobile number must be provided on the form.
2. **Before this day**, please inform the Coordinator, Priscilla Corpuz if you are interested, by sending an email to sacraments@tpg.com.au. Please advise number of children you want to register. Do not email registration form.
3. Only one parent/carer must attend as we are required to observe physical distancing. Children do not need to come.

Confirmation classes: Venues to be advised:

Attendance is a MUST:

18 Oct – First lesson @ 10am to 11am

25 Oct – Second lesson @ 10am to 11am

01 Nov – Third lesson @ 10am to 11am

08 Nov – Fourth lesson @ 10am to 11am

Note: The above dates fall on Sundays. Weekday sessions, after school, might become available depending on the number of registrations we received.

Rehearsal with Sponsor:

14 Nov – Saturday @ 1:00- 4:00pm.

Rite of Confirmation:

15 Nov – Sunday @ 2pm

Note: Once again, depending on the number of registrations, a 2nd batch of Rehearsal and Rite of Confirmation will be made available, being 21 Nov and 22 Nov, respectively.

All children require a Sponsor:

Must be baptised, practicing catholic, 18 years and over. Godparents and siblings can be sponsors. All sponsors must be present during Rehearsal.

Confirmation Name:

All children must choose a Saint's name as their Confirmation name. It is advisable for the children to know something about their chosen Saint.

If your child is baptised with a Christian name, eg: Matthew, Mark or John, there is no need to choose another Saint's name.

Age of Children:

Must be 10 years of age. Please note: if your child is over 10 years old and just received their 1st Holy Communion in 2020, Confirmation must be deferred to 2021.

It is a requirement by the Diocese that children can receive One Sacrament per year.

Fees:

Contribution of \$15 per child to cover lesson materials and certificate.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF

CONFIRMATION 2020

Child's LAST NAME: _____ Child's GIVEN NAME(s): _____
(please use BLOCK letters)

DOB;(D/M/Y) _____ AGE: _____ SEX: M F

School Attending: _____ Class: _____

Baptised
at:

Photocopy of the Baptism Certificate must be attached to this form

Parish you normally worship at: _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Please include mother's maiden name: _____

Residential Address: _____

(E-mail address if available can be included)

Name of parent to be contacted regarding the programme: _____

Contact mobile number: _____

Parents signature: _____

When signing you are fully committing yourself to your child's faith development, in participation & in attendance.

OFFICE ONLY:							
Contribution	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Baptism Certificate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Catechists' Signature: _____