



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 4**  
**Week 6**  
**20th November 2020**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, which is always celebrated the Sunday before Advent begins.

This feast reminds us that Jesus' kingdom is not based on power or control, but love. Jesus came to show us the right way to live. While everyone is invited to be part of his kingdom, not all will enter it. Our actions will decide if we will be part of the kingdom.

Jesus said that when we see...

- someone hungry we need to feed them;
- someone thirsty we need to give them a drink
- a stranger we need to welcome them;
- someone without clothes we clothe them
- someone sick or in prison we need to go and see them

Jesus said that, "as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Each of us needs to look out for people who are disadvantaged and treat them with kindness. As we enter into the festive season we can do our little bit by sending donations to St Vincent De Paul. On Wednesday the school collected money for Jersey day. This money will go directly to St Vincent De Paul.

## TERM 4 END FINISH DATES

### END OF YEAR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

**WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER, THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER, FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

**NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021

Please be advised that in 2021 school will begin on the following dates:

- Wednesday 27th January staff return
- Thursday 28th January - School begins for Years 1-6 in 2021
- Monday 1st February - School begins for Kindergarten 2021

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs & Fri 26 & 27/11 Year 1 Loreto Pantomime

Tues 01/12 Children to dress in Christmas clothing or colours

Fri 04/12 Thanksgiving Mass

Mon 07/12 Virtual Christmas Concert 2pm

Thurs 10/12 Year 6 Graduation Mass @ Good Shepherd Church 6pm

Fri 11/12 Year 6 @ Luna Park

Tues 15/12 Water Fun Day Whole School

Wed, Thur & Fri 16/12 - 17/12—18/12 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

## OZ FASHIONS - LAST ORDERS FOR THE YEAR

The last delivery for school uniforms will be [Wednesday 9th December 2020](#). The first delivery of 2021 will be Wednesday 27th [January 2021](#).

A friendly reminder that all orders are to be placed on the **QKR app**. Please download the app, search your school and follow the prompts.

Please place your orders prior to the dates above to ensure you have a uniform to start the 2021 school year.

**PLEASE NOTE: OZ FASHIONS GRANVILLE DOES NOT SELL YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IN STORE.**

Any concerns please email [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

## CHANGE OF SCHOOL FOR 2021

To estimate enrolments for 2021, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing, of any children who may be leaving St Francis of Assisi at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

## CLASS GROUPS 2021

Over the next few weeks the teachers will spend a significant amount of time ensuring that all students have a positive transition from one year to the next. This includes teachers meeting with each other to learn about all the students that they will be teaching the following year.

This is a very thorough and thoughtful process. Teachers take many factors into consideration when regrouping children, including social and learning needs.

I ask parents to trust the decisions made in grouping students, as I trust, if there has been a problem and/or concern regarding a child's needs this would have already been conveyed to teachers during the year. If you have a significant circumstance, not including friendship requests, please write a letter to me or email the school email address. It will be reviewed in light of the grade grouping processes and consideration may be given to your request.

## SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

After an application to Transport NSW the school has been appointed a School Crossing Supervisor (lolly pop person). This will commence sometime in 2021 and occur on Stone Street at the crossing from 8.25am to 9.25am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm each school day. We thank Transport NSW for ensuring the safety of our students. We will notify you once we are advised of the commencement date.



## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Satorre Family (Clarence Year 1), on the birth of their little girl Ciara Rose. We wish them all the best.

## JERSEY DAY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to everyone who participated or donated to the Jersey Day fundraiser on Wednesday. As a school and community we raised \$403.10. This money will go to St Vincent De Paul to help those in need. As a school and community we would usually collect goods for St Vincent De Paul to make hampers but due to COVID-19 we are unable to do this. Thank you for your wonderful support!

## CHRISTMAS TREATS

In these last weeks of school, children like to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks and small gifts like candy canes and other treats. This is a lovely gesture, however, due to COVID 19 restrictions we ask that children do not bring in these gifts. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

## SCHOOL FEES

2020 School Fees accounts are due to be finalised by Friday 18th December. If you are not able to finalise your account by this date please contact Lee-Ann Falconer to set up an arrangement.

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Reports will be coming home soon. Our reports (Years 1 to 6) by law are required to award an achievement level to each child using a mandated A to E scale for each Key Learning Area. It is imperative to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently **the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.**

**The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.**

Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C, End of Year Achievement level of C.

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B, End of Year Achievement level of C.

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

As you can appreciate, these reports present many challenges including determining what on average constitutes an A, B, C, D or E given the achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area.

As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This does apply to all Diocesan schools.

The gradings of E to A are an indicator used by all schools in Australia to give parents an idea of how their child is going. The comparative data shows their learning in comparison to other students.

**THE 'C' GRADING IS THE NORM AND SHOWS STUDENTS ACHIEVING AT THEIR EXPECTED LEVEL AT THIS TIME.**

E	D	C	B	A
<p>A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.</p> 	<p>Full drivers licence, like most of us!</p> 	<p>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</p> 	<p>Grand Prix racer!</p> 

## CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Due to COVID 19 we have had to reimagine our annual Christmas Carols. This year we will have each grade perform one item, which will be pre recorded on Tuesday 1st December. In preparation we ask that the students wear appropriate Christmas clothes. More information will follow.



We will compile all performances for a virtual concert held on Monday 7th December via Zoom at 2pm.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION



This year's Graduation Mass for Year 6 will be held at Good Shepherd Church at 6pm. As you can appreciate, there are strict numbers involved due to COVID 19. We ask only two people in attendance for each student.



We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark imagination and creativity too.

These summer holidays, I am again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on **23 November 2020** and close at 5:00pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

This year we are introducing Student Reading Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Reading Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher). Nominate your Student Reading Ambassador via this [form](#) by 1 February 2021.



# VACATION CARE

*Still working  
and need care?*

*Need a day of  
respite?*

**WE ARE OPEN FOR JANUARY 2021!**  
(4th - 25th January)

**DAILY FEE: \$55 - \$65**

**Approved Childcare  
Subsidy Rebate available!  
Receive up to 85% rebate.  
PAY ONLY THE GAP FEE.**

- School Aged Children from all schools accepted
- Kindergarten 2021 children accepted
- Workshops and In-Centre activities provided

**COSHC Vacation Care will run at the following locations:**

Blacktown South - COSHC St Michaels Primary - 0419 554 302

Stanhope Gardens - COSHC John XXIII - 0438 228 271

Wentworthville - COSHC Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 0409 361 929

Plumpton - COSHC Good Shepherd - 0409 121 980

Quakers Hill - COSHC Mary Immaculate - 0417 203 333

Glenwood - COSHC Holy Cross - 0418 115 483

North Parramatta - COSHC St Monica's - 0429 990 179

Westmead - COSHC Mother Teresa - 0418 153 894

Castle Hill - COSHC St Bernadette's - 0408 582 535

Winston Hills - COSHC St Paul the Apostle - 0429 017 382

Glenmore Park - COSHC Bethany - 0409 133 213

Castle Hill - COSHC St Angela's - 0408 499 219

Windsor - COSHC St Matthew's - 0418 170 921

Schofields - COSHC St Joseph's - 0400 468 599

Rydalmere - COSHC St Mary's - 9638 3225



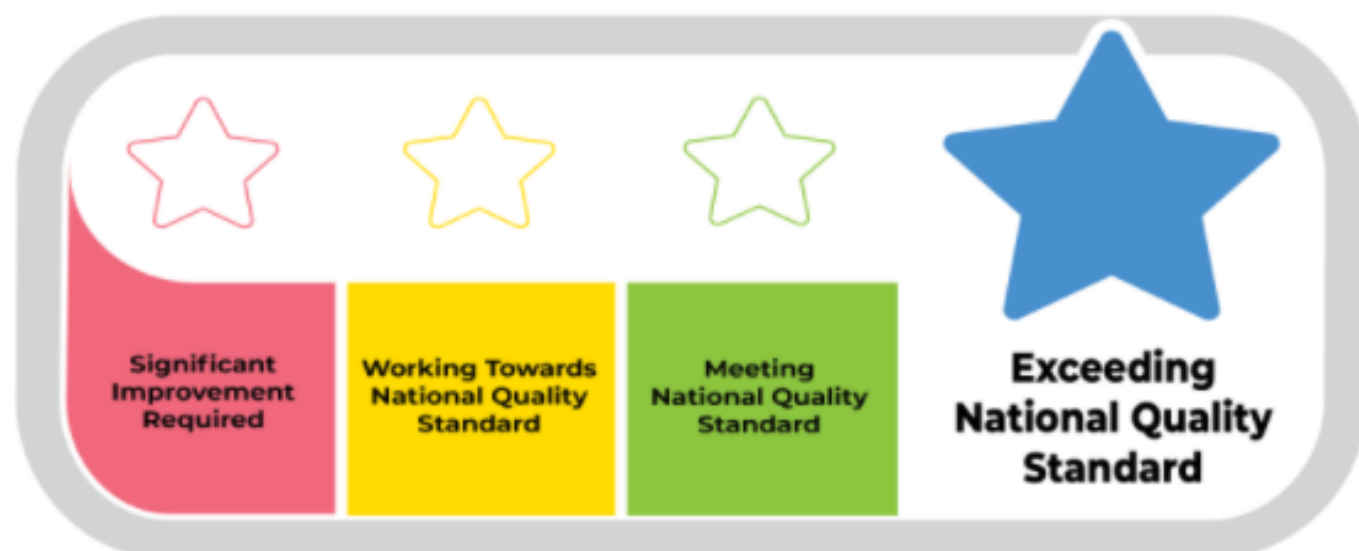
**COVIDSAFE** Protocols in place  
at each service Keeping in close  
contact with NSW Health  
regarding latest Government  
advice.



# The NSW Department of Education Education and Care Quality Ratings

## Catholic Out of School Hours Care St Francis of Assisi Glendenning

goes beyond the requirements of the National Quality Standard in at least four of the seven quality areas.



The National Quality Standard is made up of seven quality areas

1 Educational program and practice	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
2 Children's health and safety	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	
3 Physical environment	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
4 Staffing arrangements	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	
5 Relationships with children	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
7 Governance and Leadership	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	
	Significant Improvement Required	Working Towards National Quality Standard	Meeting National Quality Standard	Exceeding National Quality Standard

This service was last assessed in November 2020 against the *National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care* and these ratings have been awarded in accordance with the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* and the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*.

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