



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 3**  
**Week 10**  
**16th September 2021**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last week of Term 3 and on behalf of all the staff I would like to thank all the St Francis of Assisi families for your amazing support throughout the term. I want again to express how appreciative the staff of St Francis are to all our families for their commitment to supporting the children in the ways that you have throughout the term. Given all the other demands that have been placed upon you, your efforts to ensure your children stay connected with their learning and their friends will greatly assist a smooth return to school at some point in Term 4.

We are very much looking forward to having the children return so that we can again meet face to face to continue to work together in partnership to ensure the children in our care receive the best possible education and care.

We have many families in our community who are suffering from the impact of COVID-19. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

**Term 4 will commence on Tuesday, 5th October after the public holiday on Monday, 4th October.**

May God bless you all and keep you safe during the holidays.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

*" The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence:  
we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse.*

*Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together,  
all of us, in solidarity."*

***Pope Francis@Pontifex***

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Friday 17th September there will be a Staff Development Day.

This means that there is no school on this day.

The St Francis Staff will undergo professional learning on this day. This staff development day was scheduled for earlier this term, but due to the lockdown was postponed until the last day of Term 3.

COSHC will be providing care on this day for those families that require it. Please notify COSHC as soon as possible if your child will be attending on this day. COSHC on this day will only go ahead if they have enough students attending.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL TERM 4

The significant announcements made a couple of weeks by the NSW Government's relating to the "roadmap to freedom", included the announcement that 'stay-at-home' orders for adults who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be lifted from the Monday after NSW passes the 70 percent double vaccination target.

The plans for the children to return remain the same i.e., the start of the staggered return of students to face-to-face learning depends upon at least 70 percent of the state's eligible adult population being vaccinated. Current NSW Health projections indicate this will be before mid-October, which is why NSW Health and Education have confidence in the following dates:

- Kindergarten and Year 1 – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 2 and Year 6 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> November

## NAPLAN YEAR 3 AND 5

Thank you to the families that were able to collect their child's NAPLAN 2021 reports. Parents that were not able to collect the reports by the end of today should receive it next week in the post. NAPLAN assessments are designed to provide parents, students and teachers with information about how the children are progressing in their learning and what supports are needed to continue to improve their level of achievement. Teachers have been given access to the assessment data and have begun looking at the results. If you have any questions once you have received your child's report, please contact the school to discuss.

## HOW READING 20 MINUTES A DAY BENEFITS YOUR CHILD

In our increasingly busy lives it is sometimes tempting to overlook **daily** reading. We sometimes fail to give this reading time the value it deserves. However, in doing so we are significantly short-changing our children and denying them valuable opportunities to learn.

At St Francis we place a great deal of emphasis on reading. Just 20 minutes of reading each day can make an incredible impact over the course of a child's primary school years.

Reading at home can take many forms and should ideally include time for your child to read to you, as well as time when you read to your child.

### Reading:

- ◆ Helps in language development
- ◆ Promotes brain development
- ◆ Aids in understanding of a world outside our own
- ◆ Strengthens family relationships
- ◆ Provides endless possibilities
- ◆ Improves concentration
- ◆ Improves listening skills

It is important to have your child read regularly every day rather than in sporadic bursts. Reading as little as 20 minutes per day is far more beneficial than reading 20 books in one day and then reading again for a week. Children must read regularly so as to practise and consolidate their skills. As you can see by the diagram included, reading for 20 minutes each day makes an incredible difference!

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

The NSW Department of Education now strongly recommends primary school aged children wear masks in Out of School Hours Care services, including before and after school care services and vacation care. COSHC will now adopt this practice in the interests of strengthening the safety of our services for all in the community. The service seeks the cooperation of families with providing their child with a face mask to wear at COSHC. Practices at COSHC will be adjusted to ensure there are periods when masks can be removed and, at these times, physical distancing will be supported where possible as another measure to limit COVID-19 transmission.

## SYMPTOMS AND TESTING

With the prevalence of COVID-19 in Western Sydney, it is more important than ever students and staff do not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild [symptoms of COVID-19](#).

Any student or staff member with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurring symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is to get tested immediately and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

## 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 18th October 2021.

Uniforms can be bought from Oz Fashions. Information on how to order is in this newsletter.

## BUILDING UPDATE



Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.  
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

### Child A



Reads 20 minutes  
per day

3,600 minutes  
per school year

1,800,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
90th percentile

### Child B



Reads 5 minutes  
per day

900 minutes  
per school year

282,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
50th percentile

### Child C



Reads 1 minute  
per day

180 minutes  
per school year

8,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
10th percentile

### Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Due to Covid-19 there will be no uniform fittings for students starting school in 2022. St Francis Uniform Shop is run online by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by MasterCard.

Please follow all instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and set up your account.

No phone orders or messages will be accepted!

**Delivery to the school is every Monday and Wednesday during the school term once school resumes. Orders must be placed by 4:00pm Friday for delivery on Monday and 4:00pm Monday for Wednesday delivery. Please refer to the delivery dates on the QKR app before ordering for any changes.**

We have also added a home delivery option and reduced the cost from \$15.00 to \$10.00 for parents who wish to use this option. (We strongly recommend this option as parents are not able to attend the school with the current restrictions).

For any parent who is wishing to pick up their order from Oz Fashions warehouse you must email Elle to organise pick up prior to going to Oz Fashions Granville.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection, however, we gladly exchange within 14 days.

Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be exchanged.

**Please email all exchanges to [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)**

**Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the St Francis Uniform in store.**

If you have any enquires please contact Elle [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au) or 0421 216 414

Please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive a uniform to start school. Please note: all orders for 2022 new students need to be placed before Monday 22nd November 2021 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year. The last delivery for St Francis uniform orders is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Please see size guide attached for an approximate sizing of uniform items as well as a recommended list of uniform items your child requires to start school.

Thank you and stay safe

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# St Francis of Assisi Primary

## Recommended Uniform List (NEW STUDENT)

### Recommended Girls Uniform List

Quantity	Items	Price per item	Total
2-3	Summer Dress	\$50.00	\$100.00 - \$150.00
2-3	White Turnover Socks	\$5.00	\$10.00 - \$15.00
1	School Jacket	\$55.00	\$55.00
1-2	Sport Polo	\$35.00	\$35.00 - \$70.00
1-2	Sport Shorts	\$35.00	\$35.00 - \$70.00
1-2	White Sport Socks	\$5.00	\$5.00 - \$10.00
1	School Bag	\$45.00	\$45.00
1	Satchel	\$15.00	\$15.00
1	Sun Hat	\$18.00	\$18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$318.00 - \$448.00</b>
<b>Additional items available</b>			
1-2	Girls Hair Accessories	\$5.00	\$5.00 - \$10.00
1	Fleecy Jumper	\$30.00	\$30.00
1	Artsmock	\$15.00	\$15.00
1	Raincoat	\$25.00	\$25.00

### Recommended Boys Uniform List

Quantity	Items	Price per item	Total
2-3	Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00	\$50.00 - \$75.00
2-3	Navy Shorts	\$25.00	\$50.00 - \$75.00
2-3	Navy Turnover Socks	\$5.00	\$10.00 - \$15.00
1	School Jacket	\$55.00	\$55.00
1-2	Sport Polo	\$35.00	\$35.00 - \$70.00
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The above list is only a 'suggested list' of items your child will need for school. Please take into consideration how often you wash for the amount of clothing you may need to purchase.

Number of sports uniforms may vary depending on how many days of sport and if they are consecutive.

\*The Suggested Lists are a guide for people who wash clothing daily\*

# **ST FRANCIS PRIMARY**

## **Uniform Size Chart**

*Please use the below charts as a guide for the approximate sizing of uniform items.*

<b><u>Boys Short Sleeve Shirt</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
½ Chest	39	42	44	48	51	54	57
Body Length	49	54	59	61	64	68	71

<b><u>Boys Shorts</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
½ Waist	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Length	36	38	40	43	45	47	49

<b><u>Boys Long Sleeve Shirt</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
½ Chest	38	40.5	43.5	46.5	49.5	52.5	55.5
Body Length	52	57	62	66	71	77	81

<b><u>Boys Pants</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
½ Waist	25	27	29	31	33	35	37
Length	68.5	75.5	84.5	90.5	95.5	100.5	107

*All measurements are in cms and may differ 1-2cm*

*For all items please lay them flat and measure on a flat surface.*

Chest measurement is taken from underarm to underarm.

Body length is taken from the centre back to the bottom of the hem (under collar).

Waist Measurement is taken from left to right side of waist band.

Length Measurement is taken from top of elastic waist to bottom of the hem.

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## **Uniform Size Chart**

*Please use the below charts as a guide for the approximate sizing of uniform items.*

<b><u>Summer Dress</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	38	39	40	43	46	49	52
<b>Body Length</b>	67.5	71	75	81.5	86	91	96

<b><u>Winter Tunic</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	36.5	38	40	43	46	49	52
<b>Body Length</b>	67	70.5	76	81	86	91	95.5

<b><u>Long Sleeve Blouse</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	37.5	39	41	45	48	50.5	53.5
<b>Body Length</b>	51	53	54.5	58	61	63.5	66.5

<b><u>Fleecy Jumper</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	39	41.5	44	45.5	49	51.5	54
<b>Body Length</b>	47	50	53.5	57	60	63	65.5

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Chest measurement is taken from underarm to underarm.

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<b><u>School Jacket</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	43.5	46	48.5	51	53.5	56	58.5
<b>Body Length</b>	52	54	56	58	60	62	64

<b><u>Short Sleeve Polo</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Chest</b>	34	37	39	42.5	45	47	50
<b>Body Length</b>	49	52	55	58	61	64	67

<b><u>Sport Shorts</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Waist</b>	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
<b>Length</b>	35	36.5	38	39.5	41	43	44.6

<b><u>Sport Pants</u></b>							
<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>						
	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>½ Waist</b>	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
<b>Length</b>	68	74	80	87	84	101	107

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Chest measurement is taken from underarm to underarm.

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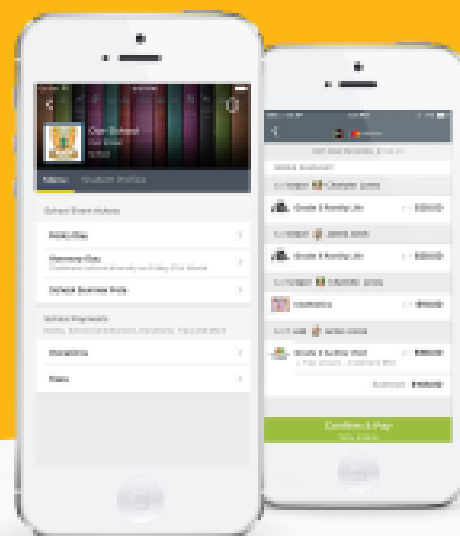
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### Step 2 Register

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.

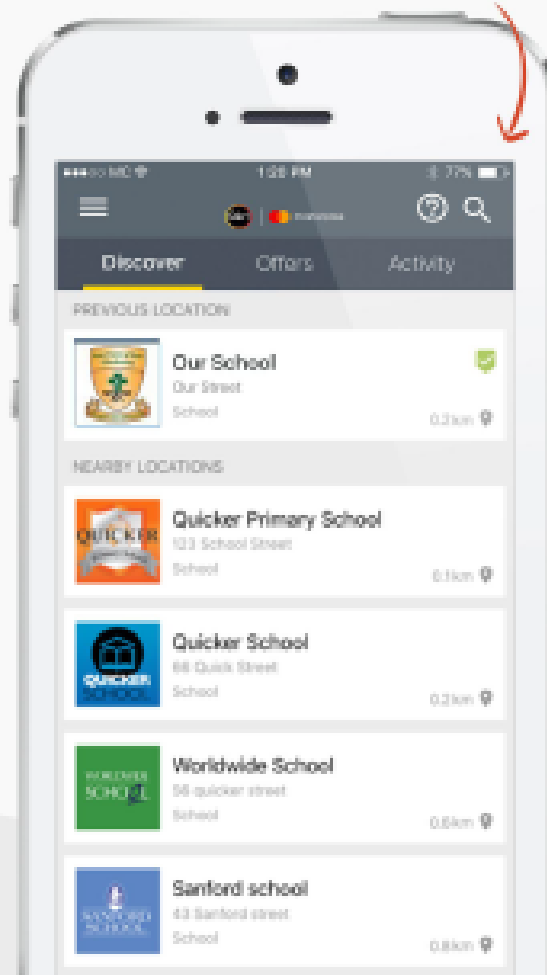
### Step 4 Register your children

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



## Add your children's details in Student Profiles



## Purchase school items



## 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.