

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we welcomed back our Kindergarten and Year 1 students. They were full of smiles and excitement as they re-entered the school. The teachers reported that the children were very settled, eager to get back to routines and so excited to be with their friends and teachers again.

We are very much looking forward to our Year 2 to Year 6 students returning to school next Monday, 25th October.

Check out our school Facebook page for some more photos of the student's first day back.



Kind regards

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

TECHNOLOGY

It is important all technology borrowed during remote learning be returned with your child when they return on Monday 25th October. Students will need their technology to continue their learning

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

World Teachers Day will be celebrated next week on Friday, 29 October. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of teachers and staff who work extremely hard for the children in their care at St Francis. This year the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) have created some ideas that you may like to have your child engage in to thank their teacher <https://tinyurl.com/World-Teachers-Day-Kit>

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Below are the days that children will need to wear their sports uniform when they return to onsite school learning:

Tuesday: Year 1 and Year 6

Wednesday: Kindy and Year 5

Thursday: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Friday: Whole school

COVID-19 REMINDERS

- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any student 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 strongly encouraged to get tested immediately and self-isolate until a negative result is received.
- Please continue to monitor the NSW government COVID-19 News and updates webpage for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the health advice.



SCHOOL CANTEEN—OPEN FROM MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER



The school canteen will resume on Monday 25th October. Please make sure to place your order by 8.30am through the Spriggy Schools App or online at www.spriggyschools.com.au.

WELCOME BACK YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL ON
MONDAY MORNING!!!!

HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMING BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you and we know that you are looking forward to seeing your friends.

Sometimes learning from home felt easy, sometimes it felt a bit hard. Everyone has a different learning from home story to tell. Here's some helpful tips for you as you get ready to return to school.

BE KIND AND PATIENT

Everyone will settle back to school in a different way. Showing kindness and being patient with the people around you will help everyone feel better.

HAVE SOME FUN

Your teacher wants you to enjoy being back at school. Join in the classroom and break-time fun, and play outside with your friends and classmates.

GET READY

Check your uniform and shoes still fit, and repack your school bag. Your school will have hand sanitiser and masks, but you can take your own too!

BE SAFE

Safety first – wear your mask. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, put used tissues in the bin, and wash your hands during the day and before you eat.

FEELINGS

It can help to talk. It's ok to feel a little unsure, worried, nervous, happy, angry or any feeling in between. Talking to your parent or a carer, your teacher or other staff is important when you feel unsettled or are worried about a friend.

SCHOOL WORK

Try your best. Let a teacher, parent or a carer know what you found easy or hard when working from home. They are there to help you.

EAT

Food is fuel for your body and brain. Don't forget to eat breakfast and grab a healthy lunch and keep your water bottle topped up!

SLEEP

Nothing beats a good sleep. Go to bed early and keep phones and other devices in another room, so you're not disturbed. It might take a little time to get back into your routine.