



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 2**  
**Week 1**  
**23rd April 2021**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I have been extremely proud and impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and their positive attitude to learning. We look forward to an exciting term ahead of faith, fun and learning.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

Just a reminder that our Compass Parent Portal is now live and working.

Parents would have received an email that contains login information for the Compass Parent Portal. If it isn't in your inbox, please check your spam or junk folder. If it is not there give us a call as we may have an old email address.

You will be able to see school news, newsletters and events, view your child's timetable and attendance, provide explanations for you child's absences and update your contact details.

If you have more than one child at the school and they are all absent you will need to do this for each child. If you haven't logged into the parent portal to advise of your child's absence by 9.30am an SMS will be sent to parents prompting you for an explanation.

This is our new form of communication and we will no longer be using Skoolbag. Please ensure you are able to log in to the Compass Parent Portal.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on **Friday 14th May 2021**

This is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no students at school on this day.

## WINTER UNIFORM

All children return to school in full winter uniform - Often when we return to school after the term one break, the weather can still be warm. We expect that all the children will be wearing the winter uniform by Week 3 (Monday 3rd May 2021). This means that for the first two weeks of term two we will leave the decision to parents to decide which uniform your child should wear depending on the weather conditions.

## DATES COMING UP

07/05/21 Mothers' Day Celebrations

14/05/21 Staff Development Day

## MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH A TWIST!

We would like to invite you to our  
2021 Mother's Day Celebrations  
Friday 7th May 2021

I am sure that you all can't wait to get back into the school community to celebrate special occasions with your children. We feel the same way! Due to the building works and no access to our school hall for the remainder of the year, we are still unable to invite the whole parent community to whole school special events. Because of this, this year we will celebrate Mother's Day a little differently!

Students will be grouped into stages over the course of the day. Each group will prepare a Mother's Day presentation for mothers and carers. We understand that you may have children in different stages and may need to attend two different time slots. We do apologise for this inconvenience.

Each session will consist of a prayer, a scripture reading and a class / grade presentation.

We look forward to welcoming you back onto our grounds for a session of song, dance, prayer and celebrations!

**9am - Early Stage 1 Kindergarten**

**10am - Stage 1 students (Years 1 & 2 )**

**11.30am - Stage 2 students (Years 3 & 4)**

**12.30pm - Stage 3 students (Years 5 & 6)**



## PBS4L FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS



Each fortnight we will have a school wide focus linked to one of our school expectations. Our focus for weeks 1 and 2 is to:

***Do your best work.***

Students have spent some time in the classroom learning about what this looks like. Students are encouraged to produce work they are proud of. Doing your best work will help you reach your goals. We can help motivate others do their best work through words of encouragement and support. Please spend some time talking about our fortnightly focus at home.

## P AND F COMMITTEE

On Thursday we held a P & F meeting in the staffroom. This gave parents an opportunity to come along and hear about how the P & F operates and things that parents can help out with when volunteering. On the day, parents also met our School Counsellor Veronica Morrison.

A new P & F Group were chosen on the day. Congratulations to:

Tania Hakim - President

Shavinder Bagri - Vice president

Michelle Torrisi - Secretary

Sarah Mangelsdorf - Treasurer

# YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



## You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

### 2021 EVENTS INFORMATION:

#### WHEN:

- 17th February: 10.30am - 12pm
- 23rd February: 12pm - 1.30pm
- 10th March: 10.30am - 12pm
- 25th March: 12pm - 1.30pm
- 9th April: 10.30am - 12pm
- 20th April: 12pm - 1.30pm
- 5th May: 10.30am - 12pm
- 20th May: 12pm - 1.30pm
- 4th June: 10.30am - 12pm
- 15th June: 12pm - 1.30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

#### REGISTER:

<https://analytics-au.clickdimensions.com/cn/aosfc/ndisinfo>

CONTACT US: 02 9280 4744  
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# CARING FOR A CHILD WITH DISABILITY?



## Would you like information about the supports available to your child?

Carers NSW is inviting you to a free 'Meet and Greet' workshop for parents and guardians of children with disability or developmental delay aged up to 12 years old.

These workshops provide the opportunity for you to access information about supports for you and your child from a range of local speakers, including:

- ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- Disability Advocacy agency
- NSW Department of Education

You will also have the opportunity to have any NDIS questions answered and to meet other families and share experiences.

### EVENT INFORMATION (2021):

#### WHERE:

Gymea - 15 April  
Liverpool - 27 April  
Ryde - 6 May  
South Coast - 11 May (Online)  
Campbelltown - 25 May  
Grafton - 8 June

#### RSVP:

Registration is essential.  
To register [click here](#).  
Venue details will be provided on confirmation of registration.

A light lunch will be provided.

#### ENQUIRIES:

P: 02 9280 4744  
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