

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of Week 8! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our caring, flexible and skilful teaching staff for delivering outstanding learning experiences to our students through live zoom sessions and online learning experiences in Google Classroom and Seesaw, in addition to providing ongoing guidance and support to parents as they navigate Remote Learning.

The students have continued to work hard following scheduled lessons and connecting on zoom with their teachers and friends. We are so proud of all that they are achieving.

For all the parents and carers supervising and supporting the Learning from Home, you are doing an amazing job! We appreciate your time, energy and positive attitude.



THANK YOU FROM OUR STAFF

A huge thank you from our staff. Your ongoing support is very much valued and appreciated. Our students are blessed to have such caring and supportive families to guide them through these challenging times.

We understand that Learning Remotely is challenging for many of us. Each household, each family, has unique circumstances. Please alert the teacher to your unique circumstances, which may change from time to time, so we can offer any support that we can.

Remember this is a marathon, not a sprint and in order for all of us to reach the end, we need to pace ourselves and prioritise our wellbeing.

We hope that today you were able to take some time to enjoy the Motivational Day with your children and you did some fun things together. Whether it was reading a book, baking, bike riding, playing a board game or connecting with extended family online. It is important now more than ever to take the opportunity to reconnect and have some family fun whenever we can!

Once again thank you for your continued and ongoing support.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a good time to stop and appreciate a unique person that God has put into our lives - our father.

On this special day we are given the opportunity to particularly recall and affirm the special gifts that our fathers bring to our families - protection, a sense of humour, words of guidance and wisdom, helpfulness, security, forgiveness, compassion, strength and courage to name just a few.

When we think of Fathers we think especially of our own dads and grandfathers and the other male father figures we have in our lives – including Father Vincy D'Costa and Father Joshy Parappully. We especially remember and pray for those fathers who have passed away and who we remember so lovingly. Grant them eternal rest.

It is easy to take our fathers for granted but on a day such as Fathers Day we can thank our dads for providing for our physical needs - the house we live in, the food we eat, the clothes we wear. We can thank them for the wisdom they share - even though they may not always have all the answers. Finally, we can thank them for setting a good example for us to follow.

We wish all the fathers in our St Francis community a Happy Fathers Day and we pray: -

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that you help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen



CONGRATULATIONS!!



We have some exciting news for 3 of our St Francis families. Congratulations to the Caparas family (Jayden 6R, Caitlynn 4M, Aubrey 2A) on the birth of their sister, the Priestley-Tauiilili family (Izaiah 2L, Nevaeh 3M) on the birth of their child, and the Azar family (Jordan 2M) on the recent birth of his sister Alice. We wish you and your families all the very best.

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.

SCHOOL FEES

We are committed to supporting our families in whatever ways are possible during this difficult time of COVID restrictions. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bellenger if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your account or any other school fee matters.

CONTACT FROM TEACHER ASSISTANTS

To ensure that you remain connected to the St Francis community Teacher Assistants have been calling on Mrs Bellenger's behalf to ask:

- how everything is going during this challenging time?
- if there is anything important you want your child's teacher to know?
- if you would like the class teacher to call you?
- would you like to request support from Veronica Morrison our school counsellor?
- would you appreciate a phone call from Mrs Bellenger?

If you see a call displaying "No Caller Id" this could be your child's teacher and we would appreciate you taking the call.

SOME 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. For the locations of testing clinics click the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/Clinics-near-me>
- Please continue to monitor the NSW government COVID-19 News and updates: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.



ATTENDANCE

It is a mandatory requirement that teachers record daily attendance of students. During Remote Learning, teachers are monitoring the student's engagement with their Learning Schedules and their work submission on Seesaw and Google Classroom so that they can validate students' attendance. If your child is sick or unable to complete class work on a particular day, please inform the class teacher so that their attendance can be correctly recorded as an absence. If the teachers notice that your child has not engaged in the learning, they will be in touch to inquire as to the reason for this and to offer support if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for clarification.

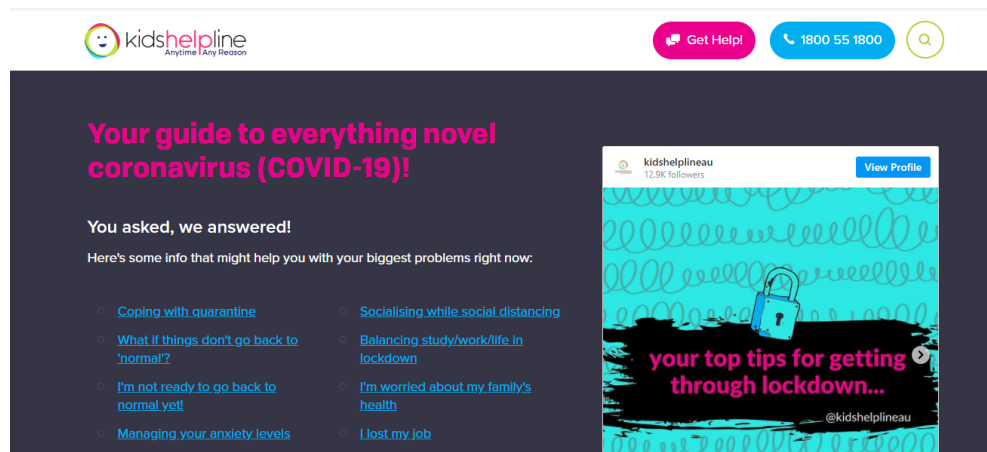
WELLBEING SUPPORT

BRAVE PROGRAM

If you are finding that some of your worries are feeling bigger than usual and you are struggling to find a way to make them feel small and, in your control, The BRAVE program might help. The BRAVE Program is an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are also programs for parents that guide them in supporting their children. Click on the link below for more information. <http://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>

KIDS HELPLINE

Kids Helpline have made some great support information which might address some of the worries you have related to Coronavirus and how the latest restrictions are impacting your life. Click on the link below to check it out and always remember you can call Kids Helpline anytime on 1800 55 1800 or on their website there is an online chat or email option. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/coronavirus>



KAHOOT QUIZES

If you are a fan of Kahoot quizzes, we recommend checking out the social/emotional learning Kahoot's. They are all about feelings, self-awareness, empathy and discovering joy in the little things. You can do them on your own or organise do them on zoom with a few of your friends. A great way to learn more about yourself and your friends through the eyes of some of our favourite movies. If you don't have an account, you can create one, it's free!!

Kahoot!



CONGRATULATIONS

St Francis of Assisi Primary School

This certificate verifies that your menu is meeting the requirements of
The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

Date issued: 25 August 2021 Valid until: 25 August 2023



Note: This certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue. To re-new your certificate please review your menu against the Food and Drink Criteria of the Strategy and re-submit a Menu Application Form to the Menu Check Service.