



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

**Term 4**  
**Week 6**  
**18th November 2022**

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two Tuesdays we have welcomed our 2023 Kindergarten parents and students to our St Francis community as they attended our Transition to School program. It is such a privilege to commence this journey with the families of our next Kindergarten group.

We look forward to the last transition visit next week on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the gospel, we hear a recount of Jesus dying on the cross. Both the soldiers and the crowd that was watching mocked him. Above him is a sign that says, "This is the King of the Jews."

This gospel reminds us that Jesus was a different type of King. He did not have a crown or the trappings of wealth. He did not even surround himself with wealthy and important people. He came to be with the outcast and the poor. Jesus gives us the example of a servant king.

In the gospel Jesus invited one of the thieves on the cross to join him in paradise that day. He invites each one of us to also join him in paradise but first we are asked to go out and promote the kingdom of God. This is not always easy. We need to pray to God for help to live the life of Jesus' example.

It reminds us of St Francis' words....

*"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words"*

### **SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom. The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

## DATES COMING UP

22/11/22 - Loreto Pantomime Year 2

25/11/22 - Loreto Pantomime Year 1

28/11/22 - Swimming Program Begins (2 weeks)

08/12/22 - Christmas Concert @ 6pm

09/12/22 - Semester 2 reports go home

12/12/22 - Swimming Carnival Years 3 to 6

13/12/22 - Thanksgiving Mass

14/12 Year 6 Graduation in the school hall @ 6pm

15/12/22 - Year 6 Luna Park

15/12/22 - Last Day of Term 4 for children



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

### GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

It is in partnership we can do great things for the students in our care.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

## SWIMMING PROGRAM

The swimming program will go ahead this year for all students. It starts on Monday 28th November and finishes on Friday 9th December. Children will travel to and from the pool by bus and will need to make sure they are on time each day so they can get on the bus with their class. A permission note will be sent home soon with more details.



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St Francis Primary Uniform Shop is run online by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by MasterCard.

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 Primary 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 2023 new students need to be placed before Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year. The last delivery for St Francis Primary uniform orders is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The first delivery for 2023 is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

Thanks - Elle, Oz Fashions.

## DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

The following events will happen in November to assist in the transition of 2023 Kindergarten children.

**Kindergarten Orientation** will take place for children on the following dates:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Each session will commence at 9:20 and conclude at 10:50.

### Parent Workshop

We will explore how to develop your child's literacy and numeracy skills during your child's final orientation visit on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

We look forward to your child starting with us in 2023!

## SCHOOL FEES

School fee arrangements have now ended. If you haven't spoken to Lee-Ann Falconer about any outstanding school fees you will receive a statement with any amounts owing at the beginning of December. If you are unsure please contact the office.

## INFORMATION REGARDING LEAVE FROM SCHOOL

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time must be explained in writing to the school principal.

A leave form (Application for Extended Leave) must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. Leave forms can be found on our school website or you can get one from the office.

Any other leave needs to be explained in writing, by email, through the Compass Parent Portal or by phoning the office.

## PAYMENTS

Any payments for school fees, Luna Park, Gala Days etc will need to be finalised before Tuesday 13th December. The school office will not be able to process any form of payment whether this be by EFTPOS or QKR after this date.

## CHANGE OF SCHOOL IN 2023

To estimate enrolments for 2023, 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.

## COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Please note if you would like to raise a complaint or grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Dear Parents,

As the season of Advent approaches, we are all very busy making preparations for our family Christmas celebrations. Some families around us struggle at this time to make ends meet. The St Vincent de Paul Society does great work to help provide these families with Christmas hampers.



You can help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for their Christmas Appeal Hampers. Hampers are distributed through our local Conference members. Please send your donation in to your child's classroom by Friday 2nd December. Please ensure that all food items are in date with several months until expiry.

Below is a list of suggestions: (items in bold are needed the most)

**Biscuits (assorted sweet and savoury)**

**Jam/honey/vegemite**

**Pasta sauces**

**Tins of salmon/tuna**

**Tinned meat**

**Tinned soup**

**Tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes)**

Instant noodles

Cereals

Coffee, tea, sugar

Hot chocolate/Milo

Drinks (eg. soft drink, fruit juice, cordial)

Pasta

Rice

Long life custard/cream/milk

Tins of fruit

God bless you for making Christmas that much more special for so many families.

