



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 4
Week 2
21st October 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,

Welcome back to Term 4. It was wonderful to see our students return to school with enthusiasm and interest in their learning. Only a few reluctant ones, some nerves, which is not uncommon. I am sure with the help of your positive reassurance those butterflies in the tummy will soon settle.

If there are any issues, please speak to your child's teacher. We are all looking forward to having a happy, successful and productive term.

Congratulations to the students who continue to wear their uniform with pride. Please support the school by sending your child to school in their complete summer uniform or sports uniform. If at any time there is an issue with part of their uniform, please send them to school in the uniform that is complete.

It is important for your child's wellbeing and academic progress that they attend school regularly and complete each school day. Children need to attend school every day from 8:55am until 3:00pm unless illness prevents their attendance. Please ensure that appointments are made outside of school hours in order to ensure that your child can maximise their learning potential.

Learning takes place from 8:55am until the final bell at 3:00pm. Being late or taking your child early from school, particularly on a regular basis, may hinder their personal and academic progress. This is often reflected in school reports. Parents taking their children out of school on a regular basis will be contacted by the Principal. Should you need to take your child out of school early on an unavoidable occasion, a note should be sent into the class teacher. This will minimise the interruption to learning time for all students. Please avoid disruption to teachers and students by arriving unexpectedly to pick up children without prior notice.

This term our focus once again is on quality teaching and learning making sure that the best opportunities are available for our children to learn. We want our children to be focussed and passionate about learning. This term is also a time of consolidation of their learning together with the ongoing assessment of their learning. It is important that the children can talk about their learning together with self-assessing and knowing what they know, what is the next step in the learning and what they have to do to improve.

It is important that we as parents take the time to talk to our children about what they are learning and what they want to improve. At the same time, it is important to have some time for fun. A sense of humour is one of the healthiest and most powerful methods to help provide perspective on life's difficult experiences. A positive and relaxed spirit can assist us to get through challenging problems and conflicts.

It is partnership we can achieve great things for the children in our care.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

PRAYER

God, our Father, when I look around me at some of Your creation, I know You must have had a sense of humour. Help me to be quick to smile at life's events in the knowledge that I might be 'some of your creation' for other people. Amen.

DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

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

Parent Information Evening

A parent information night on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.00pm will be held in the Kindergarten learning space. This information session is for parents only.

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

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday 15th November

Tuesday 22nd 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 22nd November.

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

2023 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened on **Monday 10 October 2022**.

[Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

[Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**.

This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

[If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade \(i.e. grade two to grade three\), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

CANCELLATION OF DENTIST VISIT

We have unfortunately had to cancel the dentist visit that was arranged for this term. Any notes/permission slips that were completed will be securely destroyed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CLASSES FOR 2023

The school will shortly commence the annual process of forming class cohorts for next year.

Teachers and school leadership have extensive knowledge of how children **learn** and **relate** in their current classes and in the playground. All this information is carefully considered in the discernment process used to form **balanced class groups** across each grade.

If you have a **significant** consideration, not including a friendship request, you are required to put the request **in writing** (not email) to the Principal stating the child's name, child's present class, your request and briefly the reason for the request.

It is important that parents understand that this is not an opportunity to make any teacher requests or state any preferences for next year.

Parental requests will be reviewed in light of the school's class formation process and there is no guarantee that requests will be granted. There are many factors, which affect the placement of students - parental requests being just one of these.

Parents and caregivers are asked to **respect** the decisions made and **trust** that the school has taken all factors into consideration in the best interest of each child.

For requests to be considered, they must be received at the school office **no later than Monday 7th November, 2022.**

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.

TERM 4 CONCLUDES

**TERM 4 CONCLUDES ON
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2022**

TERM 1 2023 START DATES

**STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 TO 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2023
KINDERGARTEN 2023 START ON
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY**

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee statements were sent last week to any families who still have outstanding fees. These outstanding fees are now due. If you are on an arrangement please ensure your payments are finalised by 16th November. If you have any questions please contact the office and speak to Mrs Falconer.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Please note if you would like to make 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 01/11/22 - Kinder 2023 Parent Information Night @ 7.00pm
- ◆ 07/11/22 - Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day
- ◆ 08/11/22 - Kinder 2023 Transition Begins
- ◆ 11/11/22 - Staff Development Day
- ◆ 15/11/22 - Stage 2 & 3 NSW Oztag Gala Day
- ◆ 22/11/22 - Loreto Pantomime Year 2
- ◆ 25/11/22 - Loreto Pantomime Year 1
- ◆ 08/12/22 - Christmas Concert
- ◆ 09/12/22 - Semester 2 Reports go home
- ◆ 12/12/22 - Swimming Carnival
- ◆ 13/12/22 - Thanksgiving Mass
- ◆ 14/12/22 - Year 6 Graduation in the school hall at 6.00pm
- ◆ 15/12/22 - **LAST DAY OF TERM 4** & Year 6 at Luna Park

FREE PARENT WEBINAR: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND MENTAL HEALTH

Learn how games, apps and social media can influence young people's mental wellbeing.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18.

It will cover:

- current research on young people, time online and mental health
- what to do about accidental exposure to content about suicide, self-harm or eating disorders
- using games, apps and social media to support mental wellbeing
- the pros and cons of digital mental health platforms
- strategies for young people to support friends online.

Term 4 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Wednesday 12 October 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Monday 17 October 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Thursday 27 October 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Use the link below to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxj5hmk>

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 follow all instructions on the QKR 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. Orders must be placed by 4:00pm Friday for delivery on Monday and 4:00pm Monday for delivery on Wednesday. Please refer to the delivery date on the QKR app before ordering for any changes.

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

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 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 28th November 2022 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year. The last delivery for St Francis Primary uniform orders is Wednesday 30th November 2022. The first delivery for 2023 is Monday 30th January.

The school will send a Compass notification to families with all details on sizing, what is recommended and how to order on the QKR App.

Thanks - Elle Oz Fashions.



St Clare's Catholic High School

A Catholic school of excellence and improvement
- Passion - Pride - Persistence - Peacemaker

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR PARENT / CARER INFORMATION AFTERNOON...

Meet some of the staff and learn about the best way to support your child's learning as they transition into High School.

The perfect way to prepare your child for High School.

A great way to meet other parents / carers and know more about our great community.



YEAR 7 2023 PARENT / CARER INFORMATION

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Passion

Persistence

Pride

Peacemaker

RSVP HERE


4.00pm – 5.00pm

JOIN US to better prepare your child for High School.



SOCKTOBER



Friday 28th October 2022



Let's raise funds for




October is World Mission Month!
As a school community, we will be learning about how we can support people in our global community.



Bring in a gold coin donation.

Wear CRAZY Socks!



During Socktober, we will be participating in fun and engaging workshops led by Dorothy Makasa from Catholic Mission.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

St Francis Of Assisi Catholic School

Day of Photography

24/10/2022

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
YVN ME5 LQ5
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact ***advancedlife*** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

YVN ME5 LQ5

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
School photography & print specialists

STANDARD 8: PHYSICAL AND ONLINE ENVIRONMENTS MINIMISE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ABUSE OR OTHER KINDS OF HARM TO OCCUR

AIM: Risks to children in physical and online environments are identified and minimised



WHY IS THIS STANDARD IMPORTANT?

Safe environments, both physical and online, play a big role in preventing abuse from occurring.

Perpetrators use situations where they can be alone with children, or use online environments to extend their influence and connection.

Increased opportunities for harm occur in organisations that have areas without lines of sight by other adults or without behavioural expectations when interacting with children in person or online.

Mitigating risks in physical and online environments can increase the likelihood that perpetrators are prevented from abusing children.

What should CEDP be doing?

- Identification of risky physical or online environments helps to mitigate risk - without compromising a student's right to privacy and healthy development.
- Use of Codes of Conduct and relevant policies when using online environments.



What we're doing

- Check out System Policies on CEDP Website!
- Staff can also check out our OSCAR PAGE!

- Staff are inducted and given regular updates on appropriate behaviours, and those to avoid, when interacting and engaging with children and students.
- Annual mandatory compliance programs including Safeguarding facilities audit requirements which address specific types of safeguarding risks in relation to the physical environment of schools.
- Policies and Procedures outline expectations of online use:
 - Responsible use of ICT and Social Media (Students) Guidelines
 - Acceptable use of ICT and Social Media (Staff) Guidelines
 - Video Conferencing Guidelines for Teachers and Students - guidelines for safe use of technology during video conferencing. Guidelines available for access by staff, parents and students.
 - CEDP's Code of Conduct When Working with Children and Students
 - CEDP's Code of Conduct
- Strict online authentication requirements, access to ICT systems and web content filtering on CEDP networks.
- Responding to Student, Staff and Parent/Carer feedback from the Tell Them From Me survey specifically in relation to eSafety and understanding of online environments.
- Regular reviews are conducted in regard to policies and procedures pertaining to the acceptable use of ICT.
- Partnership with the eSafety Commissioner to provide training and education opportunities so staff, students and parents/carers can identify unsafe online environments.