



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 3
Week 6
26th August 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

We are excited to be able to offer opportunities to have parents/carers come and visit our new learning spaces in the coming weeks. The students have settled in well and have enjoyed their new furniture, technology, learning streets, and outdoor kitchens. They will be excited to see you exploring our spaces.

The purpose of the tours is to give you an opportunity to visit our new learning spaces and learning streets. While we will be able to take you around the spaces, we need to be mindful of the learning taking place. At this stage, therefore, this will not be an opportunity to engage with your child or teacher.

Also, due to the ongoing playground works happening around the learning spaces, we need to be mindful of the numbers we take in at any one time. We have arranged for small tours with limited numbers to take place with a leadership member. **We ask that only one adult per booking attend.**

The time slots are as follows:

- 6th September 9:15 - 9:50 am & 2:15 pm - 2:50 pm
- 8th September 9:15 - 9:50 am & 2:15 pm - 2:50 pm
- 18th October 9:15 - 9:50 am & 2:15 pm - 2:50 pm
- 20th October 9:15 - 9:50 am & 2:15 pm - 2:50 pm

If you are interested in booking a school tour you can do this through www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the code **h9zsn**.

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2022 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

DATES COMING UP

30/8 - Year 2 visiting Good Shepherd Church

31/8 - Year 4 Excursion to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

01/9 - Year 3 visiting Good Shepherd Church

05/9 - Year 3 Excursion to Lane Cove National Park

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (continued)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

In most instances, if you have concerns about your child, an appointment should be made with your child's teacher either by phoning or emailing the school office or contacting the teacher directly through a message in the student diary.

Discussions with the class teacher can only be held outside teaching hours as teachers are legally bound to supervise their class and cannot leave the children unattended.

If you require further clarification or assistance, you are encouraged to make an appointment with a leadership member to discuss the issue further.

It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents or their children with the intention of resolving issues.

Kindergarten Leadership - Mr Robert Barden

Years 1 and 2 Leadership – Ms Lisa Walsh

Years 3 and 4 Leadership – Mr Chris Boyer

Years 5 and 6 Leadership – Mrs Cristina Cignarella

Mrs Bellenger is also available to meet with parents if they have any concerns.

We ask that you email the school or telephone the office to make an appointment to meet with a member of the leadership team.

Parents are reminded that there are two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to your children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Email: stfrancis@parra.catholic.edu.au

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - AGE CHAMPIONS

At our assembly last Friday, we awarded our Runners up and Age Champions from our Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the following students on this achievement.



2022 Junior Boys	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Noah Jackson	Jackson Brodrick
2022 Junior Girls	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Charlisse Sue-Fong	Isabella Daglis
2022 11 Years Boys	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Carlos Bou-Mansour	Uzochi Okerefor
2022 11 Years Girls	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Jade Klemenic	Caitlynn Caparas
2022 Senior Boys	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Noah Daglis	Elijah Moloney
2022 Senior Girls	
Age Champion	Runner Up
Armaghan Bidkhori	Mia-Rose Taveuveu



ENROLMENTS FOR 2023
Kindergarten placements are now closed.
Limited places for Year 1 to 6.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

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TERM 3 WEEK 10 - FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

COSHC WILL BE PROVIDING CARE ON THIS DAY IF NEEDED.

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TERM 4 WEEK 1 - MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

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YEAR 1 COOKING IN THEIR KITCHEN





Friday, 2nd September 2022

The P&F has organised the Annual Father's Day Stall and will have the following available for your child/ren to purchase:

- Father's Day Gifts \$3 and \$5
- Grandfather Gifts \$3 and \$5
- Father's Day Cards \$1
- Gift Bags \$1

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FATHER'S DAY STALL HELPERS WANTED

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to help make this year's stall a success.

If you would like to help on the day and have not yet advised the P&F Committee, please fill in your details below. Thanking you in advance! 😊

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____



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