



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWSLETTER

Term 2
Week 10
29th June 2022

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

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

We have some exciting news!! We will be in the new building for the start of Term 3.

When students return to school on **Tuesday 19th July**, they will be going straight into their new learning spaces. While it is all new and exciting there will be some changes to what has been our normal routine.

Please talk to your children about this change as sometimes change can cause anxiety in children.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents.

This is especially refreshing given that the workload of a teacher is often criticised by the media and perceptions of a '9 to 3' day are still present. In comparison, our teachers spend the '9 to 3' part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day correcting and assessing the student's work (this term in particular has seen teachers meeting to analyse children's work samples, results and assessments against criteria linked to our syllabus to ensure a correct achievement level) planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children's needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children's progress, staff meetings, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and many, many more while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self-renewal.

I offer my appreciation and thanks to you as parents for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and time.

Improving the learning outcomes for all children at St Francis of Assisi is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great Catholic school that has helped produce not just well-educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

As we end Term 2, I would like to thank you for your support, enthusiasm and positive feedback throughout the term. It has certainly been an exciting time, filled with many examples of faith, fun and learning. I look forward to seeing our wonderful students at the beginning of Term 3, Tuesday 19th July 2022, after a well-earned break.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for the children in our care.

Jenny Bellenger

Principal

REFLECTION

A kind word or acknowledgment goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit.

*Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it's gone,
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on
spreading, spreading from the centre, flowing on out to the sea,
and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.*

*Drop a careless, unkind word, and in a minute it is gone;
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.*

*They keep spreading, spreading, spreading, from the centre as they go
and there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.*

*Drop a word of cheer and kindness; just a flash and it is gone;
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.*

*Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave,
'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you gave.*

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

WEEK 10 - FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2022

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

COSHC WILL BE PROVIDING CARE ON THIS DAY IF NEEDED

HALF YEARLY/SEMESTER REPORTS

Half yearly reports are now able to be viewed on the Compass Parent Portal. If you don't have access please contact the office and we can arrange this for you.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

WEEK 1 TERM 3 MONDAY 18TH JULY

MOVING DAY FOR TEACHERS TO SETUP CLASSROOMS READY FOR TUESDAY

COSHC WILL BE PROVIDING CARE ON THIS DAY IF NEEDED

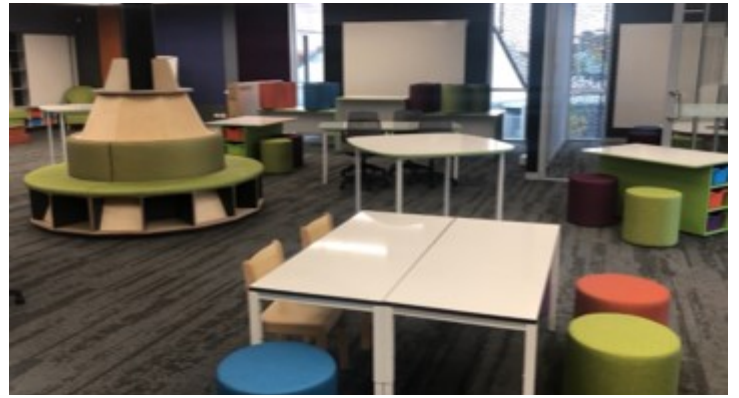
DATES COMING UP

Thursday 30/6 - Last Day of Term 2 for students

Friday 1/7 - Staff Development Day

Monday 18/7 - Staff Development Day - for moving into the new building

Tuesday 19/7 - Students return for Term 3



GIRLS STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY

Congratulations to our Stage 3 Girls who represented St Francis at the Soccer Gala Day on Wednesday 22nd June. It was a fantastic day in the sun and the girls tried their personal best in every game.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLLING NOW KINDER TO YEAR 6 FOR 2023

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COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/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.