



Newsletter Week 5, Term 4 2023

Important Dates

**RAA Street Smart
programme**

Friday 17 November 2023

5/6KH Class Liturgy

Friday 17 November 2023

**Swimming Week for
Receptions to Year
4. Monday 20th to
Thursday 23rd.**

Monday 20 November 2023

**Year 5-6 Aquatics
Day at Noarlunga**

Wednesday 22 November
2023

**Instrumental
Evening - 6pm**

Thursday 23 November 2023

**Community Prayer
8.55am - 3/4Z**

Friday 24 November 2023

**Assembly for Sports
presentations -
2.30pm**

Monday 27 November 2023

**First Sunday of
Advent Family Mass
- 5pm**

Sunday 3 December 2023

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Great news. Our Nature Play area adjacent to the Library is open and being utilised by the children and young people. It is a lovely place to be on a warm day.

On Friday 3 November we celebrated our Grandparents with a liturgy and morning tea. It was truly wonderful to see so many Grandparents and others join us in our liturgy, and also take the opportunity to visit their grandchildren in classrooms. We were overwhelmed with gratitude at the turn out. Thank you to the staff who helped out with the liturgy and with the morning tea.

Children's University is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to recognise the importance of learning and be rewarded with a Graduation ceremony at the University of Adelaide Bonython Hall. Congratulations to all those who graduated, and thank you to Ms Kiolo for her support all year.

On Friday 10 November Mr Vorassi's class lead a moving Remembrance Day commemoration. The children were beautifully respectful and the whole liturgy caused goosebumps!

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest We Forget*

Next week our Receptions to Year 4s will be attending their annual swimming lessons and our Year 5s and 6s will attend Aquatics on Wednesday.

On **Thursday 23 November** we have our Instrumental Program evening. Congratulations to all the children who have been diligently practising and improving their skills.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent

Acting Principal

APRIM News

Christmas Vinnies Appeal

Today we launched the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The Mini-Vinnies team have prepared donation tubs for each class with a list of items requested. These items are used to make Christmas Hampers for the needy in our Newton community. The tubs will be in classrooms until the end of the term. We appreciate your support at this time of year. Christmas is the time to rejoice in the birth of the Christ Child. The one true light to our world. Please help us to be a light to the many children, young people and adults who do not have the opportunity to experience the love and blessings of the Christ Child.

First Reconciliation

Last week we had a large group of children from school and Parish complete their First Reconciliation. Fr John and Fr Christopher were present to support these children and were very impressed with their reverence and commitment to the sacrament. These children have been preparing for their First Reconciliation for several months and we continue to pray for them on their sacramental journey.



Melissa Canil

APRIM

Remembrance Day



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Class Donation Suggestions

- RP Christmas puddings and Toys for girls and boys 0-5 years old
- RB Christmas fruit cakes and Toys for 5-10 year old boys
- RS Fruit Mince Pies and Toys for 5-10 year old girls
- 1/2MC Sweet and Savoury Biscuits and Sports Equipment
- 1/2LM Shortbreads, Gingerbreads, Photoframes, handbags, purses
- 1/2V Fruitjuice, Fruitboxes, Jewellery, Jewellery Boxes
- 3/4C Gifts and toiletries for adult males
- 3/4D Bags of lollies, nuts, dried fruit and gift vouchers/cards
- 3/4Z Bottles and cans of soft drink and gift vouchers/cards
- 5/6JH Gifts for teenagers
- 5/6KH Books, puzzles, jigsaws, colouring books, pencils, textas
- 5/6V Toiletries, soap, body lotion, shower gels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair products, perfume, aftershave.

EACH CLASS IS ASSIGNED DONATION SUGGESTIONS TO ENSURE WE RECEIVE A VARIETY OF GIFTS TO OFFER THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS



You can help a family feel the **JOY**
of Christmas by gift-giving.

Reminder

Students are required to wear HATS in term 4.

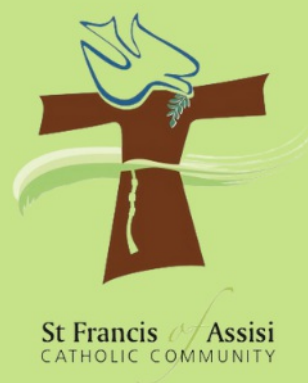
Please name your child's hat so it can be returned to them if it becomes lost.

Reversible navy hats with the team colours inside are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

\$18 each

Plain Navy Bucket Hats or Legionnaire hats with the school logo are available from the school Front Office.

\$7.00 each.



Basketball for Season 1 2024

BASKETBALL

SEASON1- 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Basketball **Season 1, 2024** is being offered for all students from yrs. 1 – 6 for Terms 1 & 2 of 2024 at the ARC Campbelltown.

Details are listed below:

What:	BASKETBALL
Season:	Season 1– Terms 1 and 2. Starting the week of Monday 5 th February 2024
When:	Years 1/2–Thursdays, Years 2/3-Tuesdays, Years 4/5–Wednesdays Year 5/6 -Mondays
Where:	The ARC Campbelltown. 531 Lower Nth East Rd, Campbelltown. Ph: 8366 9350
Uniform:	School sport shorts and SFOA Basketball top (supplied by the school, to be returned at end of the season**)
Costs:	\$60 –registration, usage of uniform and equipment. \$8.00 per week per game approx via the 'Teampay' app only. All Parents must download the Teampay app for the weekly game fee.
Registration:	Registration & Payment via the QKR APP ONLY by Thursday 16th November . NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- Please consider being a coach or manager as teams can **ONLY** be formed and registered if there are enough registered players by the **16th November** AND there is a dedicated **coach or team manager**. Volunteers for Coach or Team Manager must be a **registered** volunteer at the school.
- The school will organise the teams.
- Once a student is registered, the commitment is **every week** for the full season.
- Refunds are not given for change of mind.
- Once the team is registered all players must be registered via the **Sports TG website**
- Weekly payments are via the '**Team Play**' app **ONLY**. **Parents must download the Teampay app for the weekly game fees.**

If your child would like to play Basketball for Season1 of 2024 please complete the **registration form and payment via the QKR app ONLY** before **Thursday 16th November 2023**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted.

→ When registering on the QKR app please provide your bank details for return of payment if a team for your child does **not** go ahead. ←

Any questions please call me at the school - 8178 9900

Angela Abdilla

** Failure to return the basketball top at the end of the season will incur a \$60 replacement fee

Library News - Term 4

Our annual Book fair will be held in Week 8 **Monday 4th December- Friday 8th** December in the Resouce Centre. The Book Fair opening times are: **Tuesday - Friday 8.30am to 9.00am** and **Monday - Friday 3pm to 3.45pm**.

I would appreciate two parents per day to help me with the running of the Book Fair. If you a registered Volunteer with the school and can spare half an hour before school 8.30-9.00 or half an hour after school 3pm to 3.30pm, please use the following link to book into to the day and time that best suits you. <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

During the coming weeks the children are welcome to enter the **Bookfair Drawing competition** by drawing their favourite book or book character for the chance to win a \$10 gift Voucher to spend at the Book Fair in week 8. These drawings are to be in by **Monday 27th November** . Six winners will be chosen by our Principal Kerri Dent.



During term 4 all school Library books need to be returned as there will be no school holiday holiday borrowing. Books need to be returned by **20th November** to be in the running to win a gingerbread house for the class. There are 2 gingerbread houses to win to the classes that that return **ALL** their books. One for Reception - Yr2 and one for Yr3- Yr6's. Parents could you please encourage your children to return all their Library books during week 6.

This year we have a new library computer system where you will now receive an email when your children/child has an overdue book. Thankyou to those parents and children who have returned their overdues promptly. If there is no response from these emailan invoice will be sent home via our Financial Officer to help cover the cost of the lost books.

Any questions please come and see me.

thankyou

QKR Tip of the week - How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school?

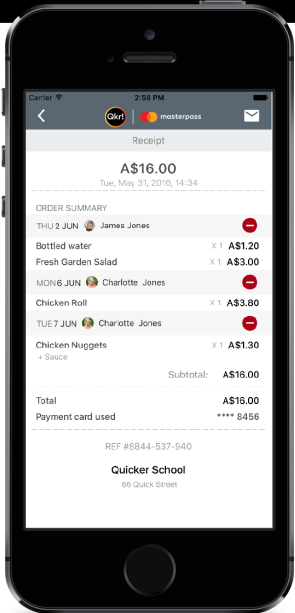
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

On canteen days the staff print stickers for each Qkr! order containing the child's name, class and order details. Orders are prepared and placed in individual bags labelled with the stickers for ease of identification.

Qkr! orders are much more efficient to prepare than cash orders. Ordering with Qkr!:

1. Speeds up preparation so canteen staff have more time to prepare and serve food;
2. Reduces the time spent on cash handling tasks;
3. Reduces the need for your child to carry cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money.

Check your school's nominated cut-off time for Qkr! Orders. Food orders cannot be placed after the cut-off time, giving the canteen staff sufficient time to prepare the orders.



Community Notices



ADelaide Strikers Little Strikers GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

Play cricket, have fun, make friends!

This all-girls clinic for ages 7-10 is a fun way to play cricket with friends in a safe, non-contact, outdoors setting - register now!

Athelstone Cricket Club
Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov & 13th Dec
5.00pm - 6.00pm

Scan here! 



JUNIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS WANTED

East Torrens Baseball Club is looking for girls and boys aged between 7 and 13 to come and play the best sport in town!

Please contact Karen
Email: junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au
Phone: 0459 218 630

Having fun with children
creates connection.
Connection builds relationship's.
Relationship's are what we need
to raise our children.
So start having more fun,
more of the time.

-Bridgett Miller

FUTURE DATES

Blessing of the Cribs - Thursday 7th December 2023

Whole School picnic - Thursday 7th December 2023 at Thorndon Park (please complete permission form on Audiri)

End of Year Mass - 9.30am

Term 4 Concludes - 3pm Thursday 14th December 2023

Pupil Free day - Friday 15th December 2023

Is your child due to start school?



2024 SCHOOL ENROLMENT

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS

Enrol your child now, we are opening new student admissions for the 2024 school year.

Reception to Year 6 places available.



For more information or to book a tour call:
8178 9900



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