



# Newsletter Week 7 Term 4 2023

## Important Dates

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First Sunday of  
Advent Family Mass  
- 5pm

Sunday 3 December 2023

Blessing of the  
Cribs Liturgy -  
9.30am

Thursday 7 December 2023

Whole School Picnic  
at Thorndon Pk  
Reserve

Thursday 7 December 2023

1/2MC Class  
Liturgy - 9am

Friday 8 December 2023

Students meet their  
2024 class Teacher-  
9.45 -10.30am

Tuesday 12 December 2023

End of year Mass -  
9.30am

Wednesday 13 December  
2023

Year 6 Graduation  
dinner

Wednesday 13 December  
2023

Last day of School  
for Reception to  
Year 5 Students -  
3pm

Thursday 14 December 2023

Pupil Free day

Friday 15 December 2023

# From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## **Learning Expo**

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 teachers for the magnificent Learning Expo last Friday night. Unfortunately, I was an apology, but what a brilliant way of showcasing learning to the young people's families! Young people of this age often don't give much away to their families about what goes on at school. The imagination and enthusiasm for learning displayed by the young people was something to be very proud of.

## **Swimming:**

The children had a wonderful time at swimming lessons. I saw for myself how well the Swimming Centre recognises the levels of our children and how they cater for them.

Thank you to all the staff who attended the pool, especially the ESOs who had the good fortune to be there all day! It was a little hot and steamy in there! Thank you also to the volunteers who went along, we could not undertake this opportunity without you.

## **Aquatics**

The Year 5s and 6s had a wonderful, albeit slightly long, day of Aquatics at Port Noarlunga. The reports from the young people were extremely positive indeed. Thank you to their teachers and Mrs Canil for enabling such an outstanding opportunity.

## **Instrumental Music students Concert**

Thank you to Ms Madigan, Nate and Won for a really entertaining and inspiring musical evening. It is hard to imagine that some of our young musicians have only been having lessons for a matter of months! They certainly put me to shame. And what a treat to hear Won on the piano – she took me to another place. And then Nate's drumming!

## **Other News**

As we draw close to the end of the school year we have a few staff members who will be leaving us. I will put out a letter next week outlining who is leaving, and who will be joining us for 2024.

Advent begins this Sunday 4 December. This is the time in our Church year where we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas time. We remember the stories of the Old Testament people who also prepared for the coming of Jesus into their world. We remember Mary and Joseph as they prepared for the birth of Jesus, and we make room in our hearts for Jesus and our own ability to help bring about the reign of God in our world. At Christmas, more than any other time of the year, we remember Jesus as Prince of Peace. Christmas helps us to remember that we are a part of a thousands of years old story that connects us to the very beginning of God's people, unbroken and uninterrupted. That is a long connection indeed.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent

Acting Principal

## **APRIM News**

This year our Blessing of the Cribs liturgy is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 9:30am to coincide with our whole school picnic on that day. Parents are invited to join us for this liturgy and bring your nativity sets from home to be blessed by Fr John.


Thankyou to the many families that have already donated items for our Christmas Vinnies Appeal. The spirit of giving is certainly alive at St Francis of Assisi this Christmas season. Suggested items are outlined below.

Advent is approaching and begins this Sunday. Advent is a season of preparation: we shop for gifts, plan parties, and decorate our homes for the coming of Christmas. Sometimes it is easy to forget the real mission of Advent: preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. We are bombarded by commercial messages in which the reason for Christmas—Emmanuel, "God with us"—is absent or overlooked. However, the rituals and practices of our Catholic liturgies during this season can join us together. We can offer messages of hope and express our desire for God's presence in our midst. In Advent we are called to be joyful as we get ready to celebrate the

incarnation of our Saviour in Bethlehem.

Melissa Canil

APRIM



*Blessing of the Cribs  
Liturgy*

St Francis of Assisi is credited for creating the first live nativity scene in a cave in the hills of Greccio, Italy on Christmas night in 1223. Our Reception to Year 6 students invite you to share St Francis' joy of the Nativity and honour this Franciscan tradition.

**What:** Liturgy and Blessing of nativity scenes/cribs  
**When:** Thursday 7th of December  
**Time:** 9.30am Liturgy  
**Where:** St Francis of Assisi Church

You are encouraged to bring along your family nativity scene to be blessed.

We will be having our Whole School Picnic after the Blessing of the Cribs Liturgy.

## St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal



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## 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



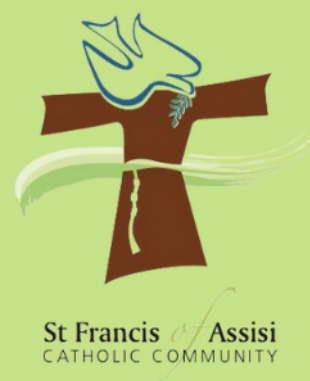
# Reminder

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.



## Library News - Term 4

Our annual Book fair will be held in Week 8 **Monday 4th December- Friday 8th** December in the Resource 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 are 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 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 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

Debbie Harrip.

## 3 Way Learning Conferences Wednesday 24th January 2024


Dear Parents,


Three Way learning Conversations (Parent/teacher Interviews) have been scheduled for **Wednesday January 24th 2024**. Bookings for this can only be made ONLINE. Bookings open in week 9 when a link will be sent.

Parents have from Wednesday **13th December until Monday 22nd January 11pm ONLY** to make an online booking with their child's teacher. After this time/date the online booking system will close, Parents will no longer be able to book an interview or change their times but can view their booked times.

- Bookings can ONLY be made online using the link which will be sent to you
- Bookings will open 13th December and close 22nd January 2024.
- Please ensure you edit your childs year level when signing in again so you get to view the correct teachers for that year level.

# QKR Tip of the week - How can I remove unwanted items form the shopping cart



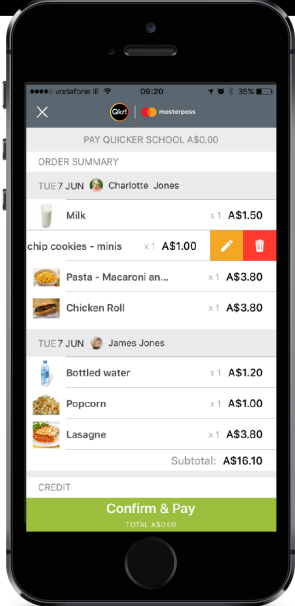
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**TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Q.** How can I remove unwanted items from my shopping cart?

**A.** It is easy to remove or amend items in your shopping cart prior to paying for them.

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Under 'Active Carts' tap on your school.
3. Tap on the order or item you want to remove or update.
4. Tap the garbage bin icon to remove the item from your cart;  
or  
Tap the pencil icon to update or amend the item in your cart.



## Community Notices



**ADelaide Strikers**  
**GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE**

### Little Strikers

**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](mailto:junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au)  
Phone: 0459 218 630

# 9 Things You Should Say To Your Kids Every Day



1. "I love you."  
Say it to them as often as you like. <3



2. "I like it when you..."  
Talk about positive aspects of their behavior.



3. "You make me happy."  
This makes them feel valuable.



4. "I'm proud of you."  
They need to hear their doing a good job, even when it's hard.



5. "You are special."  
Let them know their uniqueness is a strength.



6. "I trust you."  
Building a foundation of trust raises an honest person.



7. "I believe in you."  
Teach them how valuable they are.



8. "I know you can do this!"  
Encourage them to never give up.



9. "I am grateful for you."  
Be specific, this can really make their day!



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## FUTURE DATES

Three Way Conferences with 2024 class teachers - Wednesday 24th January 2024 (link for bookings will be available in week 9.)

2024 New school year begins - Monday 29th January 2024

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.



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