



St Francis of Assisi Newsletter Week 4 Term 1 2024

Important Dates

Launch Night - 5.45
-7pm

Wednesday 21 February
2024

Sacramental
Workshop #1 - 7pm
in the Parish Hall

Thursday 22 February 2024

Community prayer -
8.55am led by 5M

Friday 23 February 2024

Special Food Day -
Fried Rice (order by
Wed 21st on QKR)

Friday 23 February 2024

WOW live
Interactive show by
KESAB

Monday 26 February 2024

Parent Volunteer
induction - 9am use
link to book -

[https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?
schoolid=921](https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921)

Thursday 29 February 2024

3/4D class liturgy -
9am

Friday 1 March 2024

Family Mass - 5pm

Sunday 3 March 2024

Assembly led by 6H
- 2.15pm

Monday 4 March 2024

PUPIL FREE DAY -
OSHC available

Friday 8 March 2024

Auto Italia Car
Show

Sunday 10 March 2024

ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 11 March 2024

From the Principal

Dear Families,

As we head into the middle section of the term, I continue to be thankful for the welcome I have experienced. I'm waking up each morning with a renewed energy to work within this community.

In saying that, we are now as a staff what I like to describe as in the heavy lifting phase. I'll try to avoid the sports metaphors where I can, but I think this describes it neatly.

With many new staff, a new Principal and a new Assistant principal, we are recurrently redefining processes internally, establishing expectations and non-negotiables. This week you will see a variety of relievers on site as we meet with each teacher individually to ensure our disability adjustments are in place and each child's learning data is reviewed.

You'll see our staff working long hours through this period, as we establish the conditions at our school to create efficiencies, transparency and most importantly the conditions required to make every child succeed.

Communication

Having a child in a school is not a smooth and linear process no matter the class, the year the teacher or the school. With seven years in a school a child is going to experience many ups and downs as they journey across the various year levels and classes.

Picture yourself in your workplace or even at home over a seven-year period. There will be ups and downs, celebrations, disappointments and conflicts.

The biggest advice I can give to families is to understand this within their own child's experience. That their educational experience **will** have challenges, because it's within the challenges that we grow.

How we handle the challenges is what defines our experience. Within the first four weeks I've been fortunate to work with some families already working through challenges that their child may be experiencing. Some of these relate to school, others around family circumstances.

As a leadership team myself, Mel and Michelle will always be approachable to these conversations in a respectful manner where we listen and absorb, and hopefully work with the family for a resolution or a plan forward. This applies to apply the teachers at our school who are usually the first line of communication with these challenges.

Theme for 2024/2025

Tomorrow night at the Launch Night I will unveil a theme for our work as a community over the next two years, as we head into our 60th year celebrations in 2025.

A theme will allow us all – staff, parents, students and the wider community to understand the direction our school will take moving forward. The theme will connect to our history at our school, with an eye to the future. I'm excited to talk through this tomorrow night.

A copy of the narrated presentation will be sent out to all families next week for any families who are unable to attend tomorrow night.

Creches

As part of our commitment to our community and encouraging family friendly events we will be running two creche's tomorrow night from 6:15pm – One in our **Shining Stars/Playgroup space for 3–5-year-olds**, and in the **library for 5–8-year old's**.

There will be a sign in sheet at each creche to sign your child in for the duration of the address.

I'm indebted to our school staff for their willingness to run these creche's to support our families.

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow night.

God Bless,
Scott March
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

As we welcome the beginning of a new school year, with open hearts, I am delighted to begin my role as Assistant Principal Learning Diversity at St. Francis of Assisi School. I have previously worked at Mount Carmel College as Senior Leader (R-6) and music teacher. I am happy to be joining the SFOA community, working alongside a team of vibrant and caring educators, sharing wisdom and insights to support the learning and development of our students. A particular focus of my role is in supporting the diverse learning needs of our students, in partnership with our families, staff, and the students themselves. I look forward to getting to know you and walking together as we accompany the children entrusted to our care along their journey of learning and faith.

Assessment and Data

As a school, we are committed to uphold the dignity of every child, understanding that children grow and develop in different ways, and at different times. The assessment process provides reliable and valid evidence of student learning. Assessment allows leaders, teachers, and students to learn alongside one another, as they uncover evidence that informs both learning and teaching. Learners use assessment and feedback to reflect on and evaluate their own progress, while teachers and leaders use assessment and evidence to inform and shape the design for learning. It identifies what students know, understand, can do and feel at different stages in the learning process. Across Term 1, students from Reception – Year 6 will participate in a range of assessments to support teachers in effectively differentiating the 2024 curriculum and personalising learning for each student.

“Fair, equitable and clearly understood assessment practices are at the heart of learning for students and for educators in every system and school. This is equity and excellence – the heart of educational improvement” (Lyn Sharratt, 2019)

SeeSaw

Throughout the year, class teachers will communicate with families via the Seesaw app. Students can also use SeeSaw to share their learning and school experiences with their families. If you have not yet connected to SeeSaw, please speak with your child's teacher.

Michelle Page

Assistant Principal Learning Diversity

APRIM News

Ash Wednesday

Last week we held our first whole school Mass with our new Parish Priest Fr Anthony Adimai. It was a beautiful Mass where we commissioned our staff for 2024 and all our Year 6 students as leaders of the school. Fr Anthony spoke to the children about how they can follow the footsteps of Jesus this Lent.



Project Compassion Launch

As we have now begun Lent, all families have received a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

Project Compassion 2024 theme 'For all Future Generations' reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through your Project Compassion donation boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion boxes will need to be returned by then end of Term 1.

Thankyou in anticipation of your donations.

Sacrament Reminders - Term 1 Dates

- Sacrament Family Workshop in Parish Hall - 7pm, Thur 22nd Feb, Wk 4
- Family Mass - Sunday 5pm, 3rd March
- Sacrament Family Workshop in Parish Hall - 7pm Thur, 14th March, Wk 7
- Sacrament Family Workshop in Parish Hall - 7pm Thur, 4th April, Wk 10
- Family Mass - Sunday 5pm, 7th April

Melissa Canil

APRIM

School Soccer for 2024

The school soccer season is about to start again and we have **brand new uniforms** for our soccer stars.





Please see the **attached information** about registering your child for the school soccer season.

The season begins **Saturday 13th May** until **Saturday 26th August 2024**.

Games will be any time between **8am and 12 noon** depending on the number of teams in the competition.

Registration is for every Saturday for the **whole season**.

Cost per child for the season is **\$75**.

Please see the **QKR app** to register your child and pay for the season

[2024 School Soccer information](#)

Special Food Day

FRIED RICE

ORDER ONLINE VIA QKR BY MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY

Vegetable and rice
Gluten and meat free



**\$5 per
bowl**

FRIDAY 23RD FEB WEEK 4



Led by the University of Adelaide
NURTURE ASPIRATIONS
DEVELOP A LOVE OF LEARNING

Enrolments Open Now!
via QKR! App

Welcome to Children's University for 2024.

General information regarding Children's is available through the QR CODE LINK.

Registration is now open via the QR CODE LINK.

Applications close on Sunday 17th March 2024 and payments are processed via QKR.



For further information regarding Children's University, please follow the following links:

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/>

See how the process works. <https://youtu.be/NNx7zgN3Wio>



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Is your child interested in learning
a musical instrument?

We have tutors coming to the school who
teach **Piano, Guitar, Drums, Violin and
Voice.**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND RETURN TO
THE SCHOOL OFFICE. IT WILL BE PASSED
ONTO THE MUSIC TUTORS

St Francis of Assisi School Calender

Please find attached the St Francis of Assisi School calender for Term 1 2024

School Calender Term 1 2024

Hats for Term 1

Reminder

Students are required to wear HATS in term 1.

Please name your childs 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 form the school Front Office.

\$7.00 each.



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Things to remember

1. All children must wear a school hat in Term 1 and 4. Please name your childs hat.

- You will get a text message if your child is **NOT** at school and you have not informed the **Front Office**. The preferred method for absentee is using the **Audiri app**. Please complete the absentee form on the Audiri app if your child is away from school for any reason.
- All Excursion forms will come to you via the **Audiri app**. Please ensure you have updated your child's year level group to ensure you are getting the correct information.
- All special food days such as sushi day, donut day, gelati day etc will all be on the **QKR app**. Please ensure you have the **QKR app** and your details are up to date.
- If you are planning a holiday away during school time you must complete an **exemption form** which is available from the Front Office. It **MUST** be completed before you leave to go away.
- If your child is **LATE** to school, after 9am, they **MUST** sign in at the Front Office, so we know they are at school. They will take a ticket to the teacher so the teacher knows they have signed in.
- If your child is leaving the school grounds early, they **MUST** be signed out first in the Front Office by a **Parent**. Please **DO NOT** go to the classroom first.
- Please ensure if you have changed your contact details, phone number and/or email address you let the office know by completing the **'Change of Details'** form on the **Audiri app**.

QKR tips - How do I add or delete payment cards

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I add or delete payment cards?

A. To delete or edit your payment cards from the 'Settings':

- Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen.
- Tap 'Manage Payment Cards' and tap on the relevant card.
- Tap 'Edit Card', make the required changes and tap 'Update'; or Tap 'Delete Card', and tap Delete to confirm the deletion.

To add a new card from the Settings: Tap 'Add a new card', enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.

To add a new card from the Submit Payment screen:

- Tap 'Add Card' at the top right of the screen.
- Enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.

Community Notices

ATHELSTONE SCOUT GROUP

Come and Try Scouting
FUN Day

When and Where

Join us on Saturday, February 8th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to experience Scouting! Parents and guardians are required. No cost or registration needed - just show up!

What's On

- BBQ Lunch & Soft Drinks
- Pop Corn Machine
- Activity Passports
- Face Painting
- STEM Activities
- Knit Tying Activities
- Bottle Rockets

- Team Training and Pack Up
- Family Challenge
- Fundraising Table
- Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table
- Badge Making
- Making Catapults
- Homemade Lava Lamp

COME AND TRY RUGBY UNION!

Kensington Gardens Reserve

A game for girls and boys of all shapes and sizes!

New and returning Players welcome

Training Tues and/or Thurs, starting 27th February

Games run Saturday mornings, March to August

For more information scan the code, call, text or email:

Drew 0450 080 925

vp@burnsiderugbyclub.com

WE INVITE ALL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE

NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

DISCOVERY TOUR

5:00PM - 7:00PM, WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025

505 THE PARADE, MAGILL 5072

This is an opportunity to enjoy a self-paced school tour and to:

- meet our Principal, staff and students
- learn more about our world class learning experiences and
- view our stunning facilities that promote innovation and personalisation.

FUTURE DATES

PUPIL FREE DAY Friday - 8th March OSHC available

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - 11th March

NAPLAN week - Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March

Good Friday - 29th March

Easter Monday - 1st April

TERM 2

PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday 7th June - OSHC available

TERM 3

PUPIL FREE DAY- Monday 22nd July and 27th September - OSHC available

TERM 4

PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 14th December - OSHC available

Is your child due to start school?

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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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www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au

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UMBRELLAS

*"Stay Dry, Rain
or Shine: Our
School Umbrellas
Keep You
Covered!"*

**Umbrellas are navy with a
silver lining and white school
logo.**

**COST
\$30.00**

**Purchase through the
QKR! App under
Merchandising.
Available for collection
Term 3.**



SFOA Umbrellas are now available on the QKR! app. Get your orders in quick - limited stock available!

OSHC

YMCA OSHC

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

Available before / after school hours with Vacation Care during school holidays.

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Phone: 8336 2602

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Coming together at multicultural school

PUP-ULAR STUDENT

Wellbeing dog offers a supportive paw

CARE AND COMPASSION

Bringing joy to older community



MODERN PRACTICES ENSURE EXCELLENCE

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