



## Important Dates

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SEDA College  
Basketball clinic  
Wednesday 26 March 2025

1/2P Class Liturgy  
9am  
Friday 28 March 2025

SACPSSA Swimming  
Carnival  
Wednesday 2 April 2025

SEDA College  
Basketball clinic  
Wednesday 2 April 2025

Sacraments  
Workshops #3  
Thursday 3 April 2025

Community Prayer -  
led by 5B  
Friday 4 April 2025

Palm Sunday Prayer  
led by 1/2V 8.55am  
Tuesday 8 April 2025

The Last Supper -  
led by 3/4C 8.55am  
Wednesday 9 April 2025

Stations of the  
Cross - Led by 6V  
8.55am  
Thursday 10 April 2025

**SPORTS DAY**  
Friday 11 April 2025

Term 1 Concludes  
3pm  
Friday 11 April 2025

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# From the Principal

Dear Families,

## Camp Reflection

Last week, I was fortunate enough to head to Swan Reach for the Year 5/6 school camp. Outside of Sports Day, it's close to my favourite time on the school calendar.

This year, we travelled to a camp on the river at Illawonga, just outside of Swan Reach. The activities our children took part in were fantastic—kayaking, fishing, paddle boating, and caving, all alongside their friends and teachers.

I was so impressed by the way our children approached these experiences.

Courage comes in many forms, and we saw it displayed in so many ways. For some, it was stepping outside their comfort zone and trying something new. Many had never been near the Murray River before and were initially hesitant even to dip their feet in. I grew up on the river and, like my parents, was always cautious around it. We would ski, kneeboard, and swim, but always with adult supervision and the right safety gear. Teaching our children how to safely enjoy the river—wearing life jackets, avoiding diving, and protecting their feet—will benefit them in the future. They embraced the challenge, and when they hesitated, they were met with unwavering support from their peers and teachers.

For many, the courage they displayed extended beyond just the activities. We know that in 2025, fewer children regularly sleep away from home at sleepovers. Being away from home and out of their routine for the first time is a big step—not just for the children, but for their parents as well. I was so proud of those who felt anxious yet, with the support of their teachers and families, pushed through and embraced the experience.

The ability to persevere through discomfort is one of the most valuable lessons we can teach our children. It's not always easy to watch them struggle, but seeing them develop resilience, independence, and confidence makes it all worthwhile. These moments—both big and small—shape their growth and prepare them for the challenges ahead.

School camp is so much more than just a few days away. It's an opportunity to build lifelong memories, strengthen friendships, and learn lessons that will stay with them for years to come. I feel incredibly grateful to have been part of it.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

Last week on Audiri and on our Social Media platforms we released tickets to our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**. This is held on the **21<sup>st</sup> of June** in at the **Wine Centre in Adelaide**. It will be a sensational night we dive back into the past, explore the present and look into the future ahead for SFOA. Entertainment will be provided by Entertainment Adelaide throughout the night and there will be as series of presentations, guest speakers and video presentations throughout the evening.

Tickets are available through the link below: <https://events.humanitix.com/st-francis-of-assisi-60th-anniversary-gala>

Later in the year we will celebrate further with a week of celebrations in Term 4 which will be driven by our Year 6 cohort.

God Bless,

Scott March

## APRIM News

### APRIM News Week 9 Term 1 2025

This morning we had a whole school Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord. Fr Anthony spoke to the children about how happy Mary was when the angel told her she was having a son. He asked to children to spread joy and listen to God just like Mary did.

### Project Compassion

As we journey through this season of Lent, we invite you to make this year's Project Compassion fundraising extra special. Your donation makes a difference. With your support, communities in need can access vital resources, build sustainable futures, and create lasting change. In a year where the world is experiencing record rates of food and water insecurity, conflict and rising poverty, this is our chance to rally our community and make a difference. Creating a better world is a task that needs all of us to play our part. Let's consider how

we can love our neighbours and serve Christ in one another today. Each child has brought home a Project Compassion box, inviting families and friends to support this important cause. Every donation - big or small - helps transform lives. We invite you to give what you can and return the box to school by the end of Term 1 or when it is full. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Let's work together to build a thriving future for all and unite against poverty this Lent. Thank you for your generosity and for walking this Lenten journey with us in faith and action.

### Harmony Day

Last week classes reflected on Harmony Day which was celebrated on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Australia first observed 'Harmony Day' on 21 March 1999, carrying the message 'Everyone belongs', Harmony Day encourages Australians of all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in their community, get to know one other, and understand and trust each other, respecting our cultural and religious differences. Acknowledging each other and our diversity helps us to grow as a community and as individuals, and in appreciating the world in which we live. As Catholics we support this vision.



### Holy Week

This year Holy Week and Easter falls in the school holidays. As a school we will commemorate the events of Holy Week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning of Week 11 at 9am in the MPF with Community Prayer.

**Tuesday – 1/2VS will lead Palm Sunday**

**Wednesday – 3/4C will lead The Last Supper**

**Thursday – 6V will lead Stations of the Cross**

Melissa Canil

APRIM

## Instrumental Programme for 2025

Have you thought about instrumental music lessons for your child?

At St Francis of Assisi, we offer instrumental lessons with expert tutors who come to school and conduct one-on-one lessons with students during the school day. We are currently offering lessons in piano, violin, viola, cello, drums and guitar. Click here to fill in the form [Instrumental Programme expression of interest](#) or feel free to contact me on [therese.smith@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese.smith@sfoa.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions about our program.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop skills in a musical instrument and the benefits of music include improved memory, enhanced coordination, stress reduction, and increased creativity, as well as fostering discipline, confidence, and social skills.



Ella playing with her best piano posture for her teacher Mrs Lee.



Ruby trying the low notes on the piano in her lesson.



Evie finding the correct finger placement with help from her teacher Mrs Yang.

## Sushi - Special food day

Please order sushi via the QKR app by Wednesday midnight.



**Special Food Day**  
**Sushi**

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Tuna & Avocado
- Tuna & Cucumber
- Cucumber & Avocado

**\$3**

**Friday 28th March, Week 9**

*Order Now on QKR before  
midnight Wednesday*

## Children's University



If your child would like to become a member of Children's University for 2025 please scan the attached QR code to complete the registration process, and make payment via QKR! by - **Friday, March 28, 2025**.

Our students have the opportunity to be involved in this exciting program, led by the University of Adelaide. Children's University aims to nurture aspirations and develop a love of learning.

Please see the attached letter for more information. [Childrens University information](#)

## Volunteers RRHAN training

All **Volunteers** wishing to continue as a registered volunteer at the school MUST update their **RRHAN-EC training** and provide the school with the new Certificate. It will have a **new date of 31/12/2027**.

ALL previous RRHAN certificates **expired in 2024** are no longer valid.

Please use this link to update the RRHAN certificate. [Plink](#)

# Little Seeds Playgroup at St Francis of Assisi School



**St Francis of Assisi School**

**little seeds**  
PLAYGROUP

**A place to learn, play and grow together!**

Join our educator-led playgroup for children from birth to five years old. A fun and welcoming space where little ones can explore, play, and connect while developing essential skills.

**Sessions run twice a week during school terms:**  
Mondays: 9.00–10.30am | Thursdays: 10.00–11.30am

**\$5.00 per family, per session**  
📍 **St Francis of Assisi School, Newton**

**No bookings needed – just come along!**

🔍 [sfoa.catholic.edu.au/community/playgroup](https://sfoa.catholic.edu.au/community/playgroup)

**SPiCE**  
Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education

## Uniform Shop - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please find below Noone Imagewear - Campbelltown location's **opening hours** for the **April school holidays**.

Fitting appointments are available to book via the Noone website. Bookings are not strictly necessary, but help us plan for how many staff to have on that day. We do strongly suggest that reception students use the booking system though, as those fittings are more intensive and it means we can set aside a staff member to help parents who are new to the process.

**10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown SA 5074**

**Phone:** 08 7095 2535

**Email:** [campbelltown@noone.com.au](mailto:campbelltown@noone.com.au)

**Website:** (bookings and online shop): [St Francis of Assisi School | Noone](#)

### WEEK 1

MON 14/4	9AM-5PM
TUE 15/4	9AM-5PM
WED 16/4	9AM-5PM

THUR 17/4	9AM-5PM
FRI 18/4	CLOSED
SAT 19/4	CLOSED

**WEEK 2**

MON 21/4	CLOSED
TUE 22/4	9AM-5PM
WED 23/4	9AM-5PM
THUR 24/4	9AM-5PM
FRI 25/4	CLOSED
SAT 26/4	9AM-1PM

## UNIFORM SHOP



**St Francis of Assisi School**  
NEWTON, SA

### Uniform Shop

10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown SA 5074

### Contact details:

Website: [shop online](#)

Phone: 7095 2535

Email: [campbelltown@noone.com.au](mailto:campbelltown@noone.com.au)

### Trading hours:

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Sunday and public holidays CLOSED

## 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 explore exciting activities and meet our staff. No cost or registration needed – just show up!

**What's On**

- BBQ Lunch & Soft Drinks
- Pop Corn Machine
- Activity Passports
- Face Painting
- STEM Activities
- Knot Tying Activities
- Bottle Rockets
- Tent Pitching and Pack Up
- Family Challenge
- Painting Table
- Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table
- Badge Making
- Making Catapults
- Homemade Lava Lamp

**RUGBY UNION SA**

**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.

REGISTRATIONS

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1 2025

## FUTURE DATES

### TERM 1 2025

- **SPORTS DAY - Friday 11th April**
- **Term 1 Concludes - Friday 11th April**

TERM 2 commences 28th April 2025

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Is your child due to start school?

A tight-knit community where every child has a sense of belonging.

**St Francis of Assisi School**

**TAKING ENROLMENTS  
2025 &  
BEYOND**

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 EDUCATION

[sfoa.catholic.edu.au](http://sfoa.catholic.edu.au)

The image is a promotional poster for St Francis of Assisi School. It features a young girl in a dark blue school uniform pointing upwards with her right hand. The background is a blurred classroom setting. The school's logo, a cross with a dove and a book, is visible in the top left and on the girl's uniform. Text on the poster includes the school name, a quote about community, enrolment information for 2025 and beyond, and the school's website.

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SFOA Merchandise





St Francis of Assisi  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

# **St Francis of Assisi School**

## **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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## The Southern Cross Newsletter



[The Southern Cross](#) | [South Australia's Catholic News](#) - February Issue

[Read More](#)

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## Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

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Phone: 8336 2602

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## Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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