



St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter 4th February 2025

Important Dates

**Beginning of Year
School Mass -
9.30am**
Friday 7 February 2025

**Assembly - led by
6V - 2.15pm in the
MPF**
Monday 10 February 2025

LAUNCH NIGHT
5.45 -7pm
Wednesday 19 February
2025

**Sacraments
Workshops #1**
Thursday 20 February 2025

6H Class Liturgy
9am
Friday 21 February 2025

**Swimming Trials at
the ARC**
Tuesday 25 February 2025

**Community prayer
8.55am - Led by
1/2VS**
Friday 28 February 2025

Family Mass - 5pm
Sunday 2 March 2025

From the Principal

Hi all,

Welcome to 2025! This year promises to be an exciting one for the school as we celebrate our 60th year – both celebrating the past but moving forward to a new era here at SFOA.

It's been pleasing to see a very settled start to the year across the classrooms and in the yard. Much of the cultural work we accomplished last year in how our students enter and exit learning spaces, listen in the classroom as well as play in the yard has transferred across to this year. At the launch night I'll be able to share more broadly the work we have done in a teaching and learning space that I believe has given us strong consistency of practice across the site.

This afternoon I sat up with the Year 6's discussing the leadership that lay ahead of them this year. The way they responded was incredible.

Launch Night Details

In Week 4 we will officially launch the year ahead with our **Launch Night on Wednesday the 19th of February form 5:45pm**. This will be a casual evening where there will be a complimentary sausage sizzle provided for children and adults as well as open classrooms until 6:30pm. At this point I'll give an address to the community in the MPF detailing the plan for the school year. We have some exciting developments planned as well as the launch of several initiatives so it should be an informative night. There will be a creche' available for Year 4 students and below (Year 5 and above are welcome to come to the address).

I.C.T rollout

Over the past couple of weeks, we have completed our 1 to 1 rollout of MacBook's to our Year 3-6 families. All things considered it has been a reasonably smooth transition with only minor challenges with the devices.

It also comes at a unique time in Primary School education, where we are questioning what role technology plays in classroom delivery.

Technology is a powerful tool for learning—but only when used with purpose.

Our new 1:1 device rollout is more than just providing students with computers; it is a deliberate step toward creating a safe, structured, and meaningful digital learning environment.

A device in the hands of our upper primary students does not mean screen time for the sake of screen time. We take screen time seriously, and our approach is intentional—using technology only when it enhances learning.

The conversation has shifted from *"What can be done on technology?"* to *"Does this piece of work require technology?"* This ensures that students use devices for meaningful learning experiences rather than passive consumption.

At St Francis of Assisi, technology is not a gimmick—it is a carefully considered tool that supports deeper learning while keeping students safe and engaged. With this rollout, we are shaping responsible digital citizens, ensuring that every device in our school is a **gateway to knowledge, not just a screen**.

New initiatives

At the end of last year, we announced many exciting initiatives. Keep an eye out on Audiri for opportunities for your children that are being provided by the school to enhance the educational experiences here.

It's never been more exciting to be at SFOA.

Scott March

APRIM News

APRIM News Week 2 Term 1 2025

Welcome back to all members of our St Francis of Assisi Community. It has been wonderful to see so many students settling in so well to the new school year. This Friday we have our Beginning of Year whole school Mass. All families are invited to attend as we pray for many blessings for our year ahead.

The Sacramental Program begins again in Week 4 and notes have been sent home to students involved. Please contact me if you have

not received this information.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Every 25 years the Catholic Church celebrates a Year of Jubilee that invites people into a deeper relationship with God, each other and the world around us. In 2025 for the Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis has chosen the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. This beautiful theme offers all people an opportunity to focus intentionally on the notion of hope. Hope holds a special place in Christianity and indeed across all of humanity.



“Pilgrimage is a symbol of life. It makes us think of life as walking, as a path.

If a person does not walk, but instead stays still, this is not useful; it accomplishes nothing.

Think of water: when water is not in the river, it does not course, but instead it remains still and stagnates. A soul that does not walk in life doing good, doing many things that one must do for society, to assist others, or who does not walk through life seeking God and inspiration from the Holy Spirit, is a soul that finishes in mediocrity and in spiritual poverty.

Please: do not stand still in life!” – Pope Francis

“May the God of hope fill you with such peace and joy in your faith, so that you may be filled with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

As we here at St Francis of Assisi embark on a new school year, we ask that we be blessed with constant hope, with confidence in what awaits us, and a strong trust that all shall be well.

Together we walk with courage. Together we walk with trust. Together we walk with hope.

All families invited to our
Beginning of Year Mass

Friday February 7th 9:30am

Our Mass will be held in the Church and celebrated by Fr. Anthony our Parish Priest.



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of Assisi
School**

We would love to see you there!



Well Being News

Peaceful Kids Program – Starting Soon!

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program has been created to fulfil a need in schools to offer all children a developmentally appropriate program that gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress. The program also involves parental involvement and commitment to supporting the strategies at home.

At St Francis of Assisi this program is offered by our Chaplain Mr Philip Matthews. An Audiri form was sent out today asking for expressions of interest. If you would like your child to be part of the Peaceful Kids Program please complete this form on Audiri.

Outcomes of the Peaceful Kids Program:

- Lessen symptoms of anxiety and stress in children
- Teaches children to self-calm
- Empowers children to manage their own anxiety and stress symptoms
- Builds emotional resilience
- Develops emotional intelligence skills
- Teaches children life-long skills to manage stress and prevent stress build up
- Supports children so they know that they are not alone with suffering from anxiety

Program structure:

- Peaceful Kids is a 5-8 week program for children
- Sessions are for approximately 1 hour each week. (40-50 minutes for younger students)
- Sessions include learning a range of mindfulness strategies and meditations and positive psychology exercises.

Parental involvement:

- A parent session is run for interested parents to explain the program and the pivotal role of mindfulness to lessen and prevent anxiety symptoms.
- Each week the children learn a new mindfulness meditation and positive psychology strategy that they can share with you at home.

2025 Launch Night

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2025 Launch Night

Wed 19 Feb

5.45pm Free Sausage Sizzle* & Open Classrooms
**Vegetarian options available*

6.30pm Principal's Address in MPF

Come and hear from **Principal Scott March** on the exciting year ahead for our community!

Little Seeds Playgroup at St Francis of Assisi School



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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



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come find your awesome

HECTORVILLE FC
 FRIDAY'S 5:00-6:00PM
 Starting 14th FEBRUARY
 Contact: Sarah Moore
 sarahmooreheccies@gmail.com




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Simply Sport KICKstart Soccer programme

KICKstart soccer programme [information leaflet](#).



KICK Start SOCCER

WHO: St Francis R-3 students

WHERE: School oval

WHEN:

Tuesdays 3:10pm - 4:00pm
February 11th to March 18th

COST: \$100

FREE if using
\$100 SPORTS VOUCHER

CONTACT

Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580

Email: info@simplysports.com.au

Web: simplysports.com.au/schools/newton



Hectorville Football Club Junior registrations



HFC JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

Our 2025 Junior Registrations are now open for season
2025!

Make sure to register now!!

Any enquires, including players transferring to Hectorville
from another Club, please contact Club Registrar, Natalie
Diestel Feddersen.

Email: football.registrar@heccies.org.au
PH: 0411 892 988

REGISTER HERE

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/f673ee>



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10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown SA 5074

Contact details:

Website: [shop online](#)

Phone: 7095 2535

Email: 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

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

GET STARTED TODAY

MATE Stadium, 10 Anna Meares Way, Gepps Cross SA 5094
Saturday 8th, 15th and 22nd of February
9am - 11am
Brendan Kellaway
juniors@burnsidehockeyclub.com.au

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 scouting! Parents and guardians are required. No cost or registration needed—just show up.

Saturday 8th February 2025
10:00am to 4:00pm
Athelstone Scout Hall
Maryvale Road

What's On

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1 2025

Term 1 2025 Parent School Calendar of Events

FUTURE DATES

TERM 1 2025

- **Pupil Free Day - Friday 7th March**
- **Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - Monday 10th March**

- *Year 5/6 Camp - Wednesday 19th March - Friday 21st March*
- *Parent Teacher Interviews week 24th - 28th March*
- *SPORTS DAY - Friday 11th April*
- *Term 1 Concludes - Friday 11th April*

Is your child due to start school?

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

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**TAKING ENROLMENTS
2025 &
BEYOND**

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 EDUCATION

sfoa.catholic.edu.au

The poster features a young girl in a dark blue school uniform with the school logo on the chest, pointing upwards. The background shows other children in a classroom setting. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts.

SFOA Merchandise



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or Shine: Our
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Covered!"*

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logo.**

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