



St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Term 2 Week 4 21/05/2024

Important Dates

Inflatable
Classroom Incurion
- all week
Monday 20 May 2024

Year 5 and 6
Lacrosse Carnival
Wednesday 22 May 2024

Community Prayer
1/2V 8.55am
Friday 24 May 2024

Mass for
Confirmation and
First Communion
candidates-6pm
Saturday 25 May 2024

Mass for
Confirmation and
First Communion
Candidates- 5pm
Sunday 26 May 2024

Assembly led by
3/4D 2.15pm
Monday 3 June 2024

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 7 June 2024

King's Birthday
Public Holiday
Monday 10 June 2024

SACPSSA
Basketball Carnival
Friday 14 June 2024

Class Liturgy 9am -
3/4Z
Friday 14 June 2024

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Catholic Education Week

Last week we celebrated a wonderful Catholic Education Week where we reflected on our culture here at SFOA as well as our roots in Catholic Education.

Catholic Parish Primary schools are amazing places of community and wonder. I started my journey as a quiet little fella at St Joseph's Murray Bridge in the early 90's. Sister Teresa was my first Principal, a wonderfully strong Josephite nun who made sure we knew the difference between right and wrong. It was a wonderful culture and the relationships I created with Primary School friends are still strong today. In fact, over the weekend, I was back in Murray Bridge celebrating a primary school friends' local football milestone.

Our continued intention is to create that atmosphere at SFOA. A positive culture drives the energy of the staff, students and parents.

Explicit Teaching Coaching

On Friday I attended a conference where Dr Lorraine Hammond presented to all CESA Principals and Leaders of Learning about the mechanics of teaching in the classroom, and fundamentally around Explicit Instruction.

It was incredible. She advocated for a model that we are employing here at SFOA. This includes having expert teachers trained in an Explicit approach, model to our teachers both in professional development and in our staffroom, before then having our teachers observe each other and provide feedback on the lesson content and instruction.

This will begin for our staff in Week 5 and Week 6 of this term.

I couldn't be more excited about the process ahead of us, and I firmly believe as we move through 2024 we are positioning ourselves at the forefront of teaching and learning across CESA.

I'll continue to converse with you and bring our families along the journey with this as we move forward, but I know you will see the positive impact of this initiative in the academic attainment of your children.

Garden Program

You will see the rejuvenation of our Garden beds over the weeks to come. To start with we are tackling the beds close to the entrance near the church, and also the garden beds adjacent to the Reception classrooms. Our Eco Warriors and our Sustainability leaders as well as all our students, are invested in this process. If you have a green thumb, and an hour spare at any point and wish to contribute get in touch with Rachael Verringer and she will let you know how you can help!

God Bless,

Scott March

APRIM News

Mini-Vinnies

Last week the Mini-Vinnies and Social Justice Leaders launched out Vinnies Winter appeal. You will see the large blue bins around the school which are for donations of blankets, clothes and toys. Each class also has a tub for donations of non-perishable food. Some examples of non-perishable items that you can donate are, pasta, noodles, rice, long-life milk, tinned soup, tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned fruit and vegetables, tea and coffee, milo, cereal boxes, jars of jam or spreads, tomato sauce, meal bases, fruit juice, nuts, lollies, packets of biscuits and jelly packets. Later in the term we will be having a fundraiser to also raise money for the Winter Appeal. Thankyou for your continued support of St Vincent De Paul. I can now officially announce the Mini-Vinnies that have been chosen for each class. They received their badges at assembly last week.

RM Nora Umar

RB Lorenzo Bria

1/2LS Alessio Bria

1/2TC Bruno De Roos

1/2V Audrey Tallis

3/4C Scarlett McNamara

3/4Z Giselle Boschet

3/4D Luca Silvestri

5M Alexis Allocca

5R Lawrence Corbo

Sacraments

On Saturday May 25th at 6pm and on Sunday May 26th at 5pm we have 35 candidates from school and Parish celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This has been a year long process with our candidates as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We welcome all members of our St Francis of Assisi Community to join us in the special celebration and we keep these candidates in our prayers.

Pentecost

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and the birthday of the Church. Before Jesus was crucified, he promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them, to help them and guide them. On the day of Pentecost this promise came true. The disciples of Jesus were filled with the fire of his love and had the courage to go and do work Jesus had called them to do.

Laudato Si` Week 2024 – May 19-26 – Them: ‘Seeds of Hope’

Sunday May 19th marked the beginning of Laudato Si` Week for 2024. It commemorates the anniversary of Pope Francis` publication of the encyclical Laudato si` on the care of creation. Pope Francis reminds us that *“there are no lasting changes without cultural changes....and there are no cultural changes without personal changes” (LD 70)*. Catholics around the world are encouraged to participate in daily challenges that motivate changes in personal habits, and gradually transform societies.

Here are 10 simple ways you and your family can connect with God's creation and begin to make small but meaningful change to our environment. Please join us on Friday morning for a Laudato Si` Community Prayer led by 1/2V.

10 family activities to connect with God's creation...

Meander along a beach and search for shells. Splash in the waves and write in the sand.
 God bless the beach. Where waves roar and seagulls screech.

"He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names."
 Psalm 147:4
Go stargazing and marvel at the beauty of the night sky.

Plant vegetable seeds and watch them grow. Cress, beans and radishes grow quickly.
 God bless the seeds we sow, may they thrive and grow.

Take a walk in nature with a camera or device and capture the beauty of the surrounding landscapes, fauna and flora.

Embark on a backyard adventure searching for creepy crawly creatures! Lift rocks, peep under leaves and search amongst flowers. Can you find a snail, slater or caterpillar?

Enjoy a picnic outdoors. Begin with Grace that focuses on the beauty of God's creation.
 Dear God
 Bless this meal and guide us to cherish and protect our wonderful world.
 Amen
 Dear God
 Thank you for food so yummy, and for family warm and cuddly.
 Amen

Look up at the sky and count the clouds. Can you find a cloud that looks like an animal?
 Dear God
 We're grateful for clouds above, bringing shade and gentle love.
 Amen

Find smooth rocks and paint them with bright colours and designs. Use them to decorate your garden or give as gifts.
 "The Lord is my rock"
 Psalm 18:2

Embark on a bike ride around your neighbourhood.

Make a pebble tower. How many rocks can you balance?
 How do you balance and make time for God?

#LivingLaudatoSi

Wellbeing News – The Inflatable Classroom is Back!

In Wk 4 of Term 2 each class will enter the 'Top Secret' inflatable classroom that transports them to a place where they became 'Junior Secret Agents'. FYI Education is a South Australian school incursion enterprise, created by entertainer and teacher, Richard Rowland. Richard has been visiting our school for 3 years now and entertaining our students while educating them on wellbeing topics. Using new and exciting interactive technology, Richard (AKA "Agent FYI") engages and inspires students to learn whilst having fun! Students will be learning about resilience, friendship, bullying, cybersafety and how to stay mentally and physically healthy. More information available at <https://fyieducation.com/>

Melissa Canil

Little Seeds Playgroup at St Francis of Assisi School

Come and join us on Monday's during school terms
Educator-run playgroup sessions
9am - 10:30am
\$5 per session



Playgroup @ SFOA

FROM 9AM ARRIVAL & SIGN IN
CHILD-LED PLAY & EXPLORATION

*INCLUDING A RANGE OF SCAFFOLDED ACTIVITIES TARGETED TO HELP
YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR FINE & GROSS MOTOR SKILLS*

9:30 COFFEE ORDERS FOR ACCOMPANYING PARENT/CAREGIVER
(INCLUDED IN PAYMENT)

10AM GROUP PACK UP
GROUP TIME

BRAIN FOOD & STORY TIME

FAMILY READING

MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING

10:30AM FINAL MESSAGES & SESSION CONCLUSION



Wolves soccer teams

School soccer competitions have begun and St Francis has 4 teams playing every Saturday morning.

Below we have our oldest team the Under 12 Wolves and our youngest team the Under 6 Wolves all in our new wolves soccer tops

Goodluck for the season Wolves!!



Voices of St Francis Podcast launch

During Catholic Education Week we launched our own podcast called '**Voices of SFOA**'.

This session saw Mr March interviewing students from year 3 and 4 about what they love about being at St Francis of Assisi school.

Please subscribe on Spotify for this episode and for all future episodes

<https://loom.ly/n2x-UaU>



The Year 1 and 2's assisting in the garden project.

The year 1's and 2's are learning about how taking cuttings of succulants can grow another plant at home or in another space at school.

The Students are also beginning to revitalise the school garden spaces starting with the garden beds near the Reception Classrooms.



Volunteer Inductions

All registered volunteers at St Francis of Assisi must complete an Induction through the school.

Inductions are valid for 5 years from the date completed. If your Induction is due please book into your preferred date and time using the Schools Online Booking System.

29th May at 6pm

18th June at 9am

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

Uniform Shop

Please see below for opening days and times for the **Campbelltown Uniform Shop**. Please remember to make a booking when you need a fitting for your child

To shop online: <https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/st-francis-of-assisi-school>

To make an APPOINTMENT - [Book a fitting](#)

OPENING HOURS

Monday: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday: 8:00am -12:00pm



Thursday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

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QKR tips - Enable notifications on my phone



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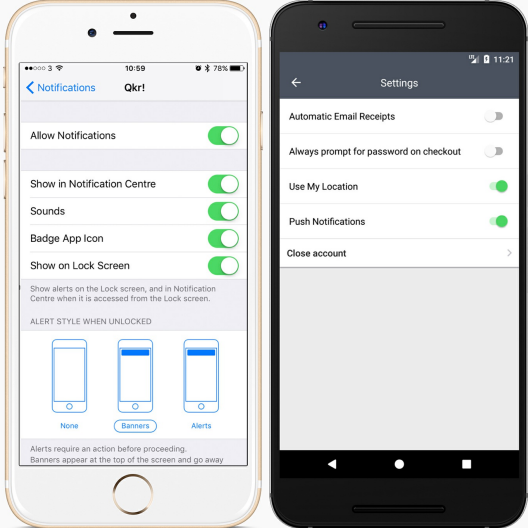
Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1
Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2
Select Notifications.

Step 3
Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4
Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.



Please note that whilst we control the sending of the notification, the delivery and receipt of the notification is entirely controlled by your phone operating system.

Safety in the Carparks

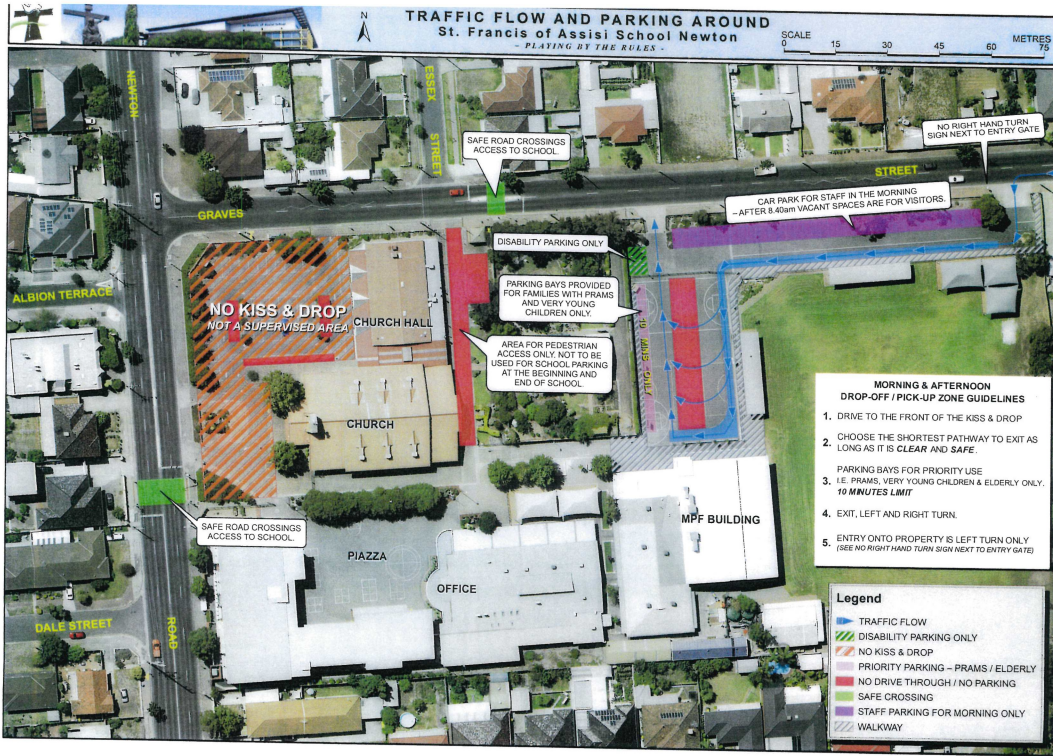
The church car park is **NOT** a drop off zone for children. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times in this area.

If you are choosing to park in the Church car park it is important to follow the arrows indicating the correct direction. Please park between the authorised park lines and **walk children to and from your car**. Please **DO NOT** just drop them off here.

The only supervised school Kiss & Drop, is the basketball courts (off Graves St) and is available each morning from **8:30am to 8:55am** and from **3:00pm to 3:20pm**. It is always supervised by a staff member during these times.

If you wish to park your car, limited car parking is available in the staff car park. Priority parking is on the basketball courts for up to 10 minutes and there is ample street parking.

Use of car parking outside school boundaries, including the church car park remains your responsibility and you are legally expected to use the same caution that you would in any public car park, e.g. managing hazards including **ACTIVELY** supervising any children in your care.



St Francis of Assisi School Calendar

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

[School Calendar Term 2 2024](#)

Community Notices

Come and Try Scouting FUN Day

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

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
 Fundraising Table
 Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table
 Badge Making
 Making Conquitos
 Homemade Lava Lamp

COME AND TRY RUGBY UNION!
 Kensington Gardens Reserve

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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

FUTURE DATES

TERM 2

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION - 9am Tuesday 18th June 2024 - book online - <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

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?



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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