



St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Term 2 Week 1 7.5.2024

Important Dates

**Term 3 Reception
Transition Programme
begins**

Wednesday 8 May 2024

**Mothers Day Stall and
Morning Tea**

Friday 10 May 2024

**Assembly led by 5M -
2.15pm**

Monday 13 May 2024

**Induction Session 6pm -
please book online.
<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/?schoolid=921>**

Wednesday 15 May 2024

**Class Liturgy 1/2TC
9am**

Friday 17 May 2024

**Year 5 and 6 Lacrosse
Carnival**

Wednesday 22 May 2024

**Community Prayer 1/2V
8.55am**

Friday 24 May 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is upon us, and you'll see us right back into the swing of it in classrooms. As my previous newsletter indicated I am in the classrooms far more this term, trying to engage in the teaching and learning process as much as possible. As a teacher it's my passion and it's been great to see the level of engagement in the classroom as we begin the term.

Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week which is a great opportunity for us to launch some initiatives and celebrate what a beautiful community we have here at Newton.

I will be announcing some exciting community partnerships and initiatives we have been working on behind the scenes here over the past term next week. Stay tuned.

You'll also see some various activities involving the children and the wider community through our social media next week so please feel free to engage, and chat to the children about the various Catholic Education Week activities.

Explicit Teaching – What is it and why is it in the news?

You may have seen through the Advertiser and various other media outlets, articles over the past two weeks around behaviour management and 'discipline' being explicitly taught in schools. The media articles were deliberately inflammatory and alluded to school's 'bringing back' explicit models of teaching around behaviour. They were written to create likes, comments – anything to get clicks and purchases. That's how the media works.

The articles centred around a teaching method you have heard already through previous newsletter articles – Explicit Teaching. When you hear the term Explicit teaching, it's a complicated term that refers to a specific teaching style. It generally alludes to a teacher instructing in a way that provides clear expectations to the students about what is expected of them. This is achieved through a teacher modelling expectations or learning objectives, allowing students many opportunities to practise and then slowly allowing the student to achieve the required learning or behaviour independently.

Often this is used in the teaching of English and Mathematics. Take writing as an example. A method of explicit teaching may look like a teacher modelling a sentence or a paragraph on the board, allowing students to practice that paragraph in small groups of with a teacher, and then moving to independently complete the work.

When we are using an explicit model to practise behaviour expectations it might look like – a teacher modelling how to walk between classes, watching and guiding students as they practise and then expecting this to occur each time their class walks through the school.

This is what the media articles were referring to – but where they got it wrong is that we are not reverting to an old model – we are refining a model that's existed all the way through Australia's educational history. We can't expect students to know routines and expectations unless we teach it to them – explicitly with clear direction and modelling. We have various routines to ensure children in listen in class, are kind to one another and are respectful to their teachers – all of which are explicitly taught to our students.

Later this term staff will receive further training in this model of teaching, and as always, I will try to educate and inform our families of this training as we move forward through this.

It's not secret teacher business.

Kiss and Drop

Just a reminder that we try to open the gates in the afternoon around the 2:45pm mark to ensure the flow of traffic into the kiss and drop space flows. It's an efficient process and if I'm going to be honest – it's an absolute luxury for families.

Many of our Catholic partners in this area have their Kiss and Drop Zones on main roads or tight back streets, where the traffic banks up and the line-up can take between 15 minutes and half an hour at peak times. It's done with flowing traffic, impatient parents and done extremely close to busy roads.

Ours is managed by our staff, is done in the safety of our school grounds and at the absolute worst families are in line for 5 minutes. It's a wonderfully efficient system.

If we haven't opened the gate by 2:45pm there may be another issue we are working with, or we might have a sport lesson on the courts, or a young person who has left the classroom and we want to keep the gate shut for the time being. Sometimes it needs to wait until 3pm, but the flow on effect to families may only be 2-3 minutes difference.

Please be patient.

God Bless,

Scott

APRIM News

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week in South Australia. Our Year 6 students will be visiting the Mary Mackillop Museum to learn about our Josephite roots here at St Francis of Assisi. Did you know that the Josephite sisters begun our school in 1965? Catholic Education Week is a time to reflect on our history and successes as a Catholic School. Keep an eye on our socials to see what our students love about our Catholic School.

In Catholic Education Week we will launch our Vinnies Winter Appeal. More information will come out about how you can support this. Our local Vinnies team have requested pantry items to support those in need in our local community. Mini-Vinnies will hold a fundraiser later in the term to support the Winter Appeal. You will see large blue Vinnies bins around the school which are for donation items such as clothing, blankets, toys and household items.

This Friday we will celebrate Mother's Day with our community. Please join us Friday morning for Community Prayer in the MPF led by 3/4Z. This will be followed by morning tea and the children will be visiting the Mother's Day stall during the day. A huge thankyou to our wonderful P & F for organising the gifts and running the stall on Friday.

I am sharing with you our Catholic Education Week prayer which I invite you to pray with your families.

Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer

Loving God,

Guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love.

Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition.

Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and respectful.

Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and seek truth.

May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action.

Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation.

*In all our thoughts, words and actions, help us raise our hearts and minds
in creating the world you desire.*

Loving God hear our prayer,

Amen

Wishing all Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our lives a blessed Mother's Day this weekend.

Prayer for Mother's Day

God of blessing, God of life,

We thank you for the gift of our mothers,

And all those who are like mothers to us.

We place them in your loving care

And trust that you will give them all that they need for life.

Amen.

Melissa Canil

Mothers Day



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

Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed

Library News

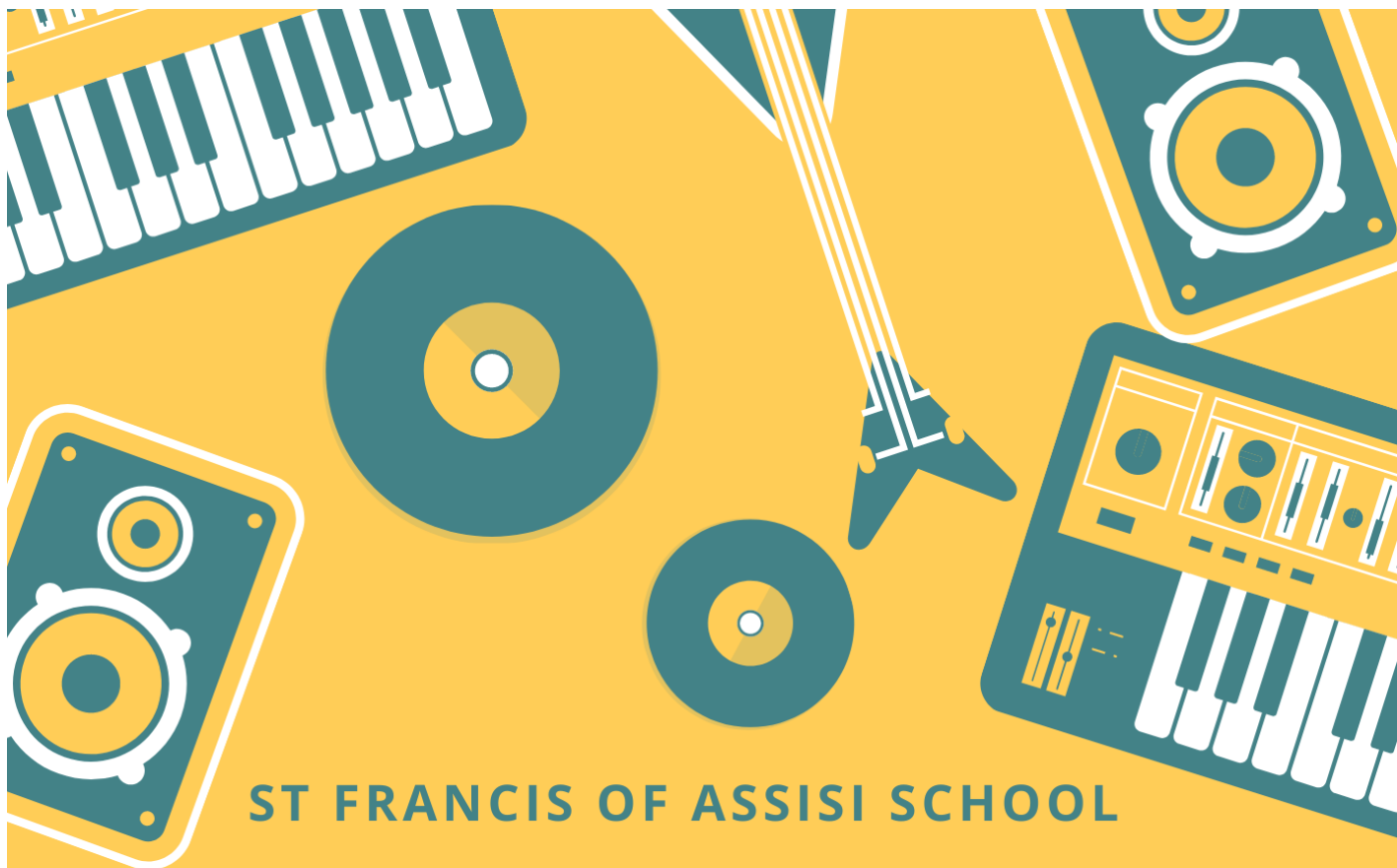
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! Could you please encourage and assist your child/children to find and return their long-standing overdue library books. Currently there are over 151 overdue books in our school library from Term 1. Recently I have sent out emails to parents whose children have long standing overdue books. These need to please be returned or replaced by Friday 10th May (end of week 2) to avoid an account of \$15.00 per book being sent home via our school finance officer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Debbie Harrip

Instrumental Music Programme



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Is your child interested in learning
a musical instrument?

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

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

QKR tips - Can I copy this weeks orders to next week?

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. Can I copy this week's orders to next week?

A. You can save time by copying food orders from the current week to the next week within the calendar view. This is a handy way to save time and quickly re-order your child's favourite lunch orders.

1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. Tap 'Repeat Order' for the next week, and tap 'Yes' to confirm you want to copy the orders for the current week to the next week.
3. Once you have copied the current week's orders to your cart for the next week, you can amend the next week's orders by tapping on a date and adding other items, or by tapping 'Checkout' and selecting items to amend or delete. This allows you the flexibility to amend your copied orders for a specific day or for a specific child.

Safety in the Carparks

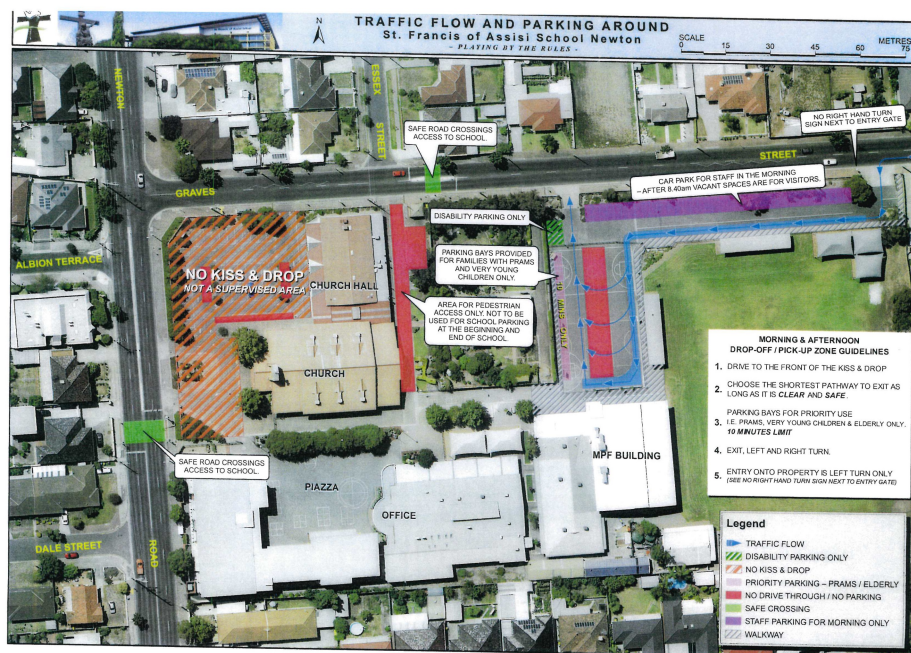
The church car park is **NOT** a drop off zone for children. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times in this area.

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 Calender

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

School Calender Term 2 2024

Community Notices



FUTURE DATES

TERM 2

PUPIL FREE DAY- Friday 7th June - OSHC available

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Kings Birthday - Monday 10th June 2024

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?

The poster for St Francis of Assisi Catholic Community's 2024 School Enrolment features a green and blue background with a photo of three children in school uniforms. The text includes '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', 'ENROL NOW', and 'Visit Our Website www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au'. The St Francis of Assisi Catholic Community logo is in the top left corner.

SFOA Merchandise



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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
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Available for collection
Term 3.**



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

YMCA OSHC

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

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Wellbeing dog offers a supportive paw

CARE AND COMPASSION

Bringing joy to older community



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