



# St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Term 3 Week 2 31.07.2024

## Important Dates

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Assembly 2.15pm  
6V  
Monday 5 August 2024

SACPSSA Cross  
Country Running  
Wednesday 7 August 2024

SEDA College  
Soccer clinics begin  
Thursday 8 August 2024

Year 6 Walk a Mile  
Friday 9 August 2024

P & F DISCO  
Friday 9 August 2024

Community Prayer  
8.55am - 3/4D  
Thursday 15 August 2024

School Photo Day  
Monday 19 August 2024

Book Week begins  
Monday 19 August 2024

Sacramental  
Workshop #1 - 7pm  
in the Parish Hall  
Thursday 22 August 2024

Book Week  
PARADE - 'Reading  
is Magic'  
Friday 23 August 2024

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## From the Principal

Dear Families,

Term 3 presents us with so many opportunities to come together as a community and Grandparents Day was such a beautiful way to start the Term. We welcomed close to 300 grandparents and special friends to our school. The liturgy was beautiful, and the children sang with gusto and listened attentively.

I mentioned at the liturgy how special the role Grandparents play for many families in our school. I truly believe the role has changed as the world has become more complex over the past couple of decades. Grandparents often play the role of picking up and dropping off at school, attending sports trainings and looking after children in the evenings as parents attend meetings or events with their other children. Some of the grandparents in our community raise their grandchildren full time.

It's a special connection between grandparent and grandchild and that was clearly on display last Friday.

It's been affirming to here so many comments from community members about how our children enter and exit spaces, and how attentive they are during gatherings. It's something we've worked hard on with the children, and it allows our liturgies, assemblies, community prayers and other gatherings to be meaningful.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will go home this week. For those unaware NAPLAN is several standardised tests that are conducted Australia Wide in Week 6 of Term 1. They measure students Reading Comprehension, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy. They are conducted in Years 3,5,7 and 9.

As a school we look at NAPLAN results in many ways:

- Our cohort results (to indicate improvement as a school)
- Growth measured from Year 3 to 5 (to ensure each individual student is making growth)
- Individual Student Results and Specific Questions (to look at exactly what our students know and don't know)
- How the test correlates with other learning data we have measured as a school.

While these tests were only conducted six weeks into my tenure at this school, they are something we will look at thoroughly as a staff and look at where we can make growth going forward both at a cohort and individual level.

Our results as a school are strong, and I'm extremely confident that the significant work we have conducted this year with our teachers on Explicit Teaching, Introducing Initialit into our Reception Program, and conducting further training in our Year 1-6 PLD Reading and Spelling program as a school we will see further growth in 2025 and 26 as a school.

Scott March

## APRIM News

Thankyou to all the families that attended our Grandparents Day celebrations. It was a lovely community event for us to acknowledge the previous gift of Grandparents. Since 2020, the fourth Sunday of July has been commemorated as the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, as declared by Pope Francis. This year, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Psalm 71:9).

***"Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please take care of your Grandparents: Love them!" – Pope Francis***

### Walk-A-Mile for Hutt Street

On Friday 9th August during National Homelessness Week, our Year 6 students will be walking a mile to raise funds for people experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

This is an annual event for our senior students and we often raise a large amount of funds that go directly to Hutt St Centre who have been supporting homeless people for more than 65 years by providing a hearty meal, a hot shower, all in a safe, welcoming space. We'd

be so grateful for your support. Please give generously to our donation page. You can donate by following the webpage or QR Code attached. Together we can help end homelessness!

<https://www.walkamile.org.au/s/6879/16769/e>

### MITIOG East Region Parent Information Session

In Term 3 the Made in the Image of God Curriculum is being taught. This is the human sexuality program that is taught in all Catholic schools in South Australia. During Term 3 each family will be sent a letter outline the curriculum content for their child's year level.

As well as the letter, we are offering a MITIOG Information Session for any parents/carers who might be interested in finding out more about the program. This session is for catholic schools in our East region and will be held at St Joseph's School, Payneham in the school gym. This session is for adult attendance only.

The session will be on Wednesday 31 July and it is from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend please use the link below to register.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTCZI>

### Sacraments

The Sacramental Program will begin shortly. Thankyou to the families that have registered their interest. Registration forms will go out this week to those families. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Sacramental Program and have not put their name down, please let me know.

Melissa Canil

APRIM

## New Basketball team

Introducing our newest Basketball team

# STORM

This new little year 1/2 team played together for their first game last Thursday AND won. Well done Storm and good luck for the season.

Baked Potato Day - Orders close wed 31st JULY

**FRIDAY AUGUST 2ND**



# **BAKED POTATO DAY**

Choose toppings for you Baked Potato:

- Butter & Cheese = \$4.50
- Butter, Cheese & Coleslaw = \$5.00
- Butter, Ham & Cheese - \$5.00
- Butter, Ham, Cheese & Coleslaw - \$5.50



**ORDER VIA QKR APP BY  
WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY**



Family Mass Sunday 4th August



**All Families are invited to**

# *Family Mass*

on **Sunday 4th August at 5pm**

St Francis of Assisi Church

Please rsvp to Melissa Canil APRIM

[mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au)

if your child would like to do a reading.



Year 6 'Walk a Mile'

# YEAR 6 'WALK A MILE' EVENT

HUTT ST CENTRE

**WALK A MILE**  
**IN MY BOOTS**

## HELP END HOMELESSNESS



Scan QR code and give  
generously to our  
school donation page.

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**P&F COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
IN THE SFOA MPF**



**DISCO  
PARTY**

**FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2024**  
**SHINING STARS TO YEAR 2 - 5:00pm-6:30pm**  
**YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 - 6:45pm-8:15pm**

**COST \$5 PAID VIA QKR! APP**  
**DJ GIANNI | GAMES | PRIZES | DRINKS**  
**SNACKS | DRESS CODE WHITE**

School Photo Day with MSP Photography

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 19th August 2024



St Francis of Assisi School Photo day will be in **Term 3, 19th August 2024**.

This year it will be all completely **paperless** which means all orders must be completed **online**.

In the next week you will receive an email from MSP photographers with instructions and a code of how to order photos of your children. This will also include details of how to order family photos as well. Please check your emails especially your junk email inbox as it goes there.

If you have NOT received an email by the end of week 3 of term 3 please ring **MSP on 8132 1148**.

Family Photos will take place **ONLY** before school from 8.15am to 8.50am in the gym.



## Book Week Dress Up Parade



## Athelstone Kindergym



**Athelstone Kindergym** is now conveniently located on the grounds of St Francis of Assisi school.

Kindergym Promotes the development of the whole child socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically through movement - it's a place where children can swing, jump, throw, climb, explore and learn in a safe environment.

It is a not-for Profit organisation specialising in programs for children from 6 months to 5 years of age. Kindergym operates during school terms and each session is managed by a qualified teacher.

Books are essential. Please use the link to Athelstone Kindergym website for more information and how to book.

<https://www.athelstonekindergym.org/>





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find your  
awesome**

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm

30th July - 17th September

Contact: Beth Prestwood  
Bethany.prestwood@sanfl.com.au



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

## OSHC News

Introducing Nyree, St Francis of Assisi School's new OSHC director

Hello everyone!

My name is Nyree and I'm the new Director of St Francis of Assisi OSHC.



I've been an assistant director with the YMCA for the past year and a half and working in OSHC facilities for over 10 years before that.

I have a husband, a chihuahua and 2 ferrets. At home I love playing games and doing lots of different arts and crafts, particularly dollhouse miniatures.

I feel it is my calling to be working with children and seeing them grow and develop over the years. At OSHC I particularly enjoy loose parts, creativity, mud, nature, dollhouses, process art, role play, leadership development, learning about the world, and games.

In OSHC I dislike it when children are upset, when toys are played with roughly or not put away, and unkind words or actions.

I find great joy in planning for children's fun and learning outcomes, based on their current interests. I believe in the huge power of learning through play, and that OSHC is a very important resource for children and their development.

I am hoping to make this OSHC absolutely amazing, with your help.

Photo is of me, happy on my first day, on the school oval.

## 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



QKR tips - How to I enable Notifications on my phone to recieve QKR  
notificatons



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## How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

### Step 1

Select settings in your iOS or Android device

### Step 2

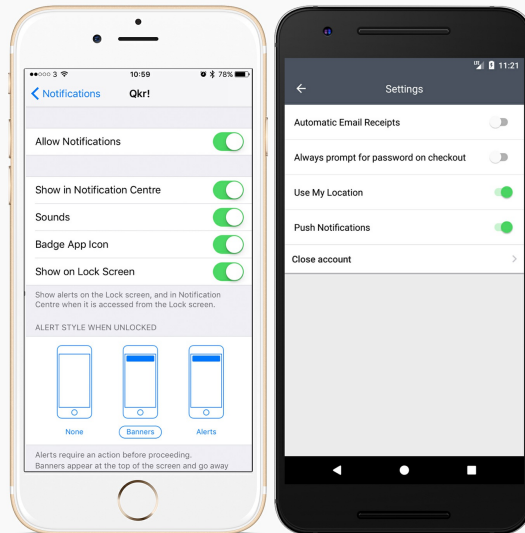
Select Notifications.

### 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.

## 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

## St Francis of Assisi School Calender

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

[School Calender Term 3 2024](#)

## Community Notices



**Little Strikers**  
ADELAIDE Strikers GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

**Play cricket, have fun, make friends!**

This all-girls clinic for ages 7-10 is a fun way to play cricket with friends in a safe, non-contact, outdoors setting - register now!

**Athelstone Cricket Club**  
Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov & 13th Dec  
5.00pm - 6.00pm

Scan here!

**JUNIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS WANTED**

East Torrens Baseball Club is looking for girls and boys aged between 7 and 13 to come and play the best sport in town!

Please contact Karen  
Email: [junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au](mailto:junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au)  
Phone: 0459 218 630

## FUTURE DATES

### TERM 3

BOOK WEEK - Monday 19th August - Friday 23rd August

BOOK WEEK PARADE - Friday 23rd August

YEAR 5/6 School camp - Monday 26/8 - Wednesday 28/8

PUPIL FREE DAY - 27th September - OSHC available

### TERM 4

PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 14th December - OSHC available

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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.



For more information or to book a tour call:  
**8178 9900**



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Term 3.**



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OSHC

# YMCA OSHC

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