



# St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Term 4, 5.11.2024

## Important Dates

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### SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 6 November  
2024

Scientific Bubble  
Show R-Yr2  
Incursion

Thursday 7 November 2024

Community prayer  
8.55 - 6V

Friday 8 November 2024

Children's  
University  
Graduation at  
Adelaide Uni -  
10.30am

Monday 11 November 2024

Tennis Carnival for  
ALL year 3 and 4's

Thursday 14 November 2024

Year 6 Learning  
Expo - 6-7pm

Friday 15 November 2024

Swimming week  
Mon - Thurs at The  
ARC

Monday 18 November 2024

Community prayer -  
8.55am led by 3/4Z

Friday 22 November 2024

Blessing of the  
Cribs Nativity  
9.30am

Friday 29 November 2024

Christmas Nativity  
concert

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Whole School Picnic  
- Thorndon Park

Friday 6 December 2024

Assembly for all  
awards at 2.30pm in  
the MPF

Monday 9 December 2024

End of Year Mass  
9.30am

Wednesday 11 December  
2024

Last Day for Year 6s  
and Graduation  
Dinner

Wednesday 11 December  
2024

Last day of school  
year for Rec - yr 5

Thursday 12 December 2024

Pupil Free Day -  
OSHC available

Friday 13 December 2024

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## From the Principal

Dear Families,

### Teaching (and learning)

As the year draws nearer to a close, we begin our yearly assessment cycle, where the students complete a various number of assessments as to ascertain their growth across the course of the year.

At present we are measuring students' competencies in reading comprehension, Mathematics and Spelling. Later in the term they will complete some further assessments referred to as Dibels that further ascertain students decoding, fluency and comprehension ability.

Excitingly, we are beginning to see the fruits of the teaching and learning consistency we have delivered across the site this year, as the early signs is that across our site we have **above average learning growth**.

With a re-focus and training on PLD across the site, as well as the use of Maths Reviews (daily revision of key concepts previously learnt) we are seeing the signs of strong growth in our learning data. This has been an enormous amount of work by our teachers and leadership to create this consistency.

While we aim for one year of growth each year, we know that this is not a straight linear pathway, much in the same way our children don't grow in height identically each year. There are spurts and changes. Some years we may see 2 years growth in Reading, with spelling to follow the next year. Other years we may see a plateau as children consolidate concepts.

We went through a similar journey when I led the community at Yorketown. By the 4<sup>th</sup> year of my principalship there we demonstrated as a school the 5<sup>th</sup> strongest growth of all Catholic Schools in South Australia, and 18<sup>th</sup> overall across the course of the state across that four-year period. I believe we are on a similar trajectory here at Newton but further along.

What is most important is that we are creating consistency across the site, measuring the impact of that consistency, and ensuring that our children are receiving the best educational experience possible.

### Welcome!

We'd like to introduce a new member of the St Francis family Miss Bianca Silvestri. Bianca will join us in 2025 teaching in the Middle Primary at our school.

A Mary Mackillop College old scholar, Bianca has been part of a high performing environment at Salisbury Primary School, a school that has hosted study tours each year to observe the teaching practice on site. We're super excited about what Bianca will bring to St Francis and can't wait to have her on board next year.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is finally here! I've watched the forecast go from 22, to 24, to 29, to 33.....all the way back to what appears to be a steady 25 degrees for tomorrow.

Looking forward to a great day. There's an infographic later in this newsletter which will provide you with final details.

Kind Regards,

Scott March

## APRIM News

### ReLAT

In Term 3 all Year 4 students in South Australia Catholic Schools participate in the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool. Religious Education (RE) is a core Learning Area in all Catholic schools. The assessment is not a measure of a child's faith nor their participation in the broader life of the Catholic community. It is an assessment of RE Curriculum that has been taught.

I am pleased with our school's results in ReLAT this year. Our average results was 25.2 out of 35 questions correct or 72% achievement. The average for SA is 22.6 out of 35 questions correct or 64.7% achievement. As you can see our school achieved 7.3% higher than the state average. The data from the ReLAT assessment will be collated and used by the school to inform whole-school professional learning needs and the continuous improvement of teaching in Religious Education. Individual results will be sent home to parents this term.

### Whole School Events

Last Friday Fr Anthony led a beautiful whole school Mass for us. It was lovely to see many parishioners join us. Our next whole school Mass is not until Graduation and the Church renovations will be completed by then. There will be Community Prayer on Friday for the next 3 weeks led by 6V, 5R and then 3/4Z. The Year 6's will also lead us in a Remembrance Day liturgy on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of November at 10am in the MPF. It is a busy term with many community events that bring joy and connection to our families.

### Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies are preparing for our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This year each class will be given a tub and a list of items needed to fill Christmas Hampers for Vinnies. Our St Francis community is always generous when supporting those in need. Each class has different items that they will be donating and you will receive further information next week about what items to donate.

### Parish News

The Parish is holding a **Christmas Carols Fest** and invites all families from our school to attend. There is a fancy dress competition for children. Please let me know if you are interested as the Parish require names of children who will attend.



Join us at the St. Francis

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS FEST

**Saturday, December 7th**  
**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
St Francis Netwon Parish Hall  
59 Newton Rd., Newton, SA 5074

**\$2 gold coin entry - proceeds go to Parish Roof**

**Live Performances | Food Stalls | Carols | Kids Fancy Dress**

For details contact Parish Office: (08) 8337 3849  
or Shannon: 0424 328 617

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APRIM

Sports Day - tomorrow 6th Nov starting at 8.55am



**SFOA SPORTS DAY**

**WED 6TH NOV  
BEGINS AT 8:55AM IN THE PIAZZA**

Early finish - 1:30pm  
Coffee Van all day for adults  
Free sausage sizzle for all children - also available to purchase  
Antipasto boxes and continental cakes available from canteen  
P & F Bake Sale - all items \$1

Live Nativity

REMINDER



**SFOA  
LIVE NATIVITY**

Tuesday 3rd December

# Athletics Carnival

Well done to the whole st Francis of Assisi Athletics team at the yesterdays athletics Carnival.

The girls team won the sheild with the year 4 and 6 girls claiming victory in their age groups and to Scarlett for being named Year 4 Age

Champion.







Year 6 Learning Expo - November 15th, 6-7pm



# YEAR 6

## LEARNING EXPO

NOVEMBER 15TH  
6 - 7 PM



SAVE THE DATE

## Basketball for terms 1 and 2, 2025



Basketball is being offered for students in year 1 to 6 for season 1 next year, terms 1 and 2, 2025.

After School Basketball is played at the ARC, 532 Lower North East Rd Campbelltown.

Please see the attached leaflet for more details on cost, uniform and days each year level plays.

Registration is via the QKR app.

Registration happen now so the teams are ready to go for the new year.

[Basketball registration for Season 1 2025](#)

## School fees for 2024

### SCHOOL FEES – FINALISATION DATES

1. If paying by direct debit – fees to be finalised by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November .
2. If paying by 4 payments, or random payments – all fees MUST be finalised by the 15th of November.

If you have arranged with me a formal payment plan, then this will be in place and continue as arranged.

Should you not be on track to meet these deadlines you are requested to contact me by 29<sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday – Friday) to discuss options available.

The school is obliged to follow the SACCS Fees policy, which allows for debt collection, by a debt collection agency, should fees remain unpaid with no conversation being had nor mutually acceptable arrangements put in place.

On signing the school Enrolment form and Acceptance of offer, both of which are legal documents, you have agreed to the payment of school fees. We are happy to, confidentially, work with you to ensure you meet your obligation to the school, in a fair and equitable manner.

You will receive, via post a copy of your statement, within the next week, should you have made payment since the date on the

statement this will be applied to your account once showing on our bank reconciliation.

Yours sincerely

Jo Sayers

Business Manger

Music lessons at St Francis of Assisi School



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# **MUSIC LESSONS**

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# UNIFORM SHOP



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

Please see below for **NEW** opening days and times for the **NOONE Uniform Shop**.

You can now drop in at the uniform shop without an appointment to purchase items at any time during the opening hours. Please remember if you need a complete fitting for your child you will still need to make an appointment.

NOONE Uniform Shop, 10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown.

**To shop online:** <https://www.noone.com.au/school/st-francis-of-assisi-school/shop>

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

## NEW OPENING HOURS

**Monday:** 8:00am – 1.00pm

**Tuesday:** 10:30pm - 5:30pm

**Wednesday:** 8:00am -1:00pm

**Thursday:** 10:30pm - 5:30pm

**Friday:** 10.30pm- 5.30pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Sundays & Public Holidays:** Closed

## 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 -Cancel the order you have paid for.

 masterpass

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

### Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

**A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:**

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

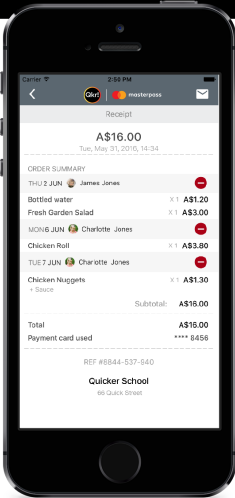
**OR**

**To cancel a food order from the calendar view:**

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



## 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/>



## St Francis of Assisi School Calendar

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

[School Calendar Term 4 2024](#)

## 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 experience 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  
Meyers Road

**What's On**

Test Patching and Pack Up  
Family Challenge  
Fundraising Table  
Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table  
Badge Making  
Making Catapults  
Homemade Lava Lamp

BBQ Lunch & Soft Drinks  
Pop Corn Machine  
Activity Passports  
Face Painting  
STEM Activities  
Knot Tying Activities  
Bottle Rockets

**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

## FUTURE DATES

### TERM 1 2025

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2025 - Tuesday 28th January

Is your child due to start school?



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](#) | [South Australia's Catholic News](#) - November issue

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## Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

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## Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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