



St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Week 6 Term 1 5.03.2024

Important Dates

PUPIL FREE DAY -
OSHC available
Friday 8 March 2024

Auto Italia Car
Show
Sunday 10 March 2024

ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 11 March 2024

Parent Teacher
Interview week
Tues-Fri
Tuesday 12 March 2024

Sacramental
Workshop #2 - 7pm
in the Parish Hall
Thursday 14 March 2024

Community Prayer -
8.55am led by
1/2TC
Friday 15 March 2024

NAPLAN week
Monday 18 March 2024

Class Liturgy 3/4D
Friday 22 March 2024

Year 6 Reflection
Day
Friday 22 March 2024

Assembly 2:15pm in
MPF led by 5R
Monday 25 March 2024

Easter Week
Community prayer
8.55am - Palm
Sunday led by 1/2V

Holy Week
Community prayer
8.55am - The Last
Supper led by 3/4Z

Holy Week
Community Prayer
8.55am - Stations of
the Cross led by 6V

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 29 March 2024

EASTER MONDAY

From the Principal

Hi all,

We have just tipped over the halfway point of the term, and with 4 out of the next 6 weeks being short weeks the term is speeding along. Thank you for a wonderful community event at our Launch Night. I loved the pace of the event where I was able to introduce myself to many families and have some brief conversations and chats. It was warm no doubt (will it ever rain again?) but to have that turnout was a strong sign of the strength of this community.

I have appreciated the positive feedback around the Principal's Address aspect of the night. I'm hopeful that as a collection of parents you can understand the vision for the school and how we will work together in that space to achieve this.

School Theme

Our theme for the school year is '**Connecting in, Reaching out**'. This theme will extend over until the end of 2025 and will guide our work as a community.

Reaching out

A theme allows us to work together as a community on a shared goal. As I reflected at the Launch Night, we are moving closer to our 60th anniversary as a school. That gives us a significant history which stretches across 3 to 4 generations of people. We have always existed on the same site as a huge part of the Newton community. It's time as a school to embrace the significance of that. We need to 'reach out' to the community and find ways for our students to contribute to the fabric of Newton and the wider Campbelltown Council area.

We have some exciting connections underway currently, including with local hospitality businesses and community organisations that I think we can work with in benefiting our children. As these connections and partnerships are established, I'll be announcing them to our community. There is a letter at the front office which I have drafted which you can take on behalf of myself to community organisations. Please ask for this and let me know where you are taking it to so I don't look surprised if I receive a phone call or an email.

Connecting in

The Connecting in part of our theme encompasses reviewing many of the current practices that we have undertaken as a school and looking for points of growth in them. How can we be an efficient place of high-quality teaching and learning? How can we ensure all families are supported? As I mentioned in the launch night, as a leadership team and as a staff we are paddling away under the surface in a huge number of areas from internal processes, teaching and learning, communication with families to ensure we have points of connection across the site that are established and meaningful.

AGM

On Tuesday the 19th of March the school will be holding their AGM in the library from 7pm. As we have several Board members who have ended their tenures, we are looking for new members. There has never been a better time to join the school board as the school is in a position of growth and the development of a school master plan.

What is the commitment?

The School Board meets twice a term to discuss the strategic endeavours of the school, discuss the current financial position of the school and hear various reports from key stakeholders involved in managing the running of a school. Please send me an email if you are interested in joining the school board and we can put your name forward for nomination. Each Board member completes a two-year tenure, with the maximum of six years on the board as total.

Scott March

Principal

APRIM News

As we journey through Lent, classes are exploring Lenten Promises and how they can make changes to become closer to Jesus.

Lent is about opening ourselves to someone else, about stretching ourselves, so that we can become closer to God. I love Pope Francis' reframing of Lent which calls us from darkness into light. *Pope Francis says "I invite every Christian community this Lent to set aside*

moments to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society, and the contribution they make to its betterment.”

Pope Francis calls us to....

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope,

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudge and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

2024 marks 60 years of Caritas Australia making a difference “For All Future Generations” (our 2024 theme). Each family has a Project Compassion box this Lent and I thank you for your generous support in raising funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. Project Compassion boxes can be returned at the end of the term. Next week our Social Justice Leaders will be selling some items to raise money to go towards this cause.

Wellbeing News

This term, every student in a Catholic School, including our students, will participate in a simple online Classroom Pulse Check in. The Check In has been developed to ascertain how students are currently feeling about their experience in schools. It is tailored to allow teachers to check in and provide immediate feedback and support to students. This Check In is completed in Week 5 & 6 every term and we track the data to ensure we keep our pulse on student wellbeing.

One way of ensuring students wellbeing is at the forefront of our practice is implementing the Berry Street Education Model at St Francis of Assisi. This model is based on proven positive education, trauma-informed and wellbeing practices that encourage students to achieve personal and academic growth. Over the past 2 years as we implemented this practice, we have seen a change in our classroom environments as children learn strategies to engage in their learning and build positive relationships.

Have you heard your child mention “focus plan”?

Has your child taught you a “brain break”?

Have you heard of a “circle greeting”?

Focus Plan

A focus plan is a plan that each student at St Francis has. The students create the plan themselves by recognising triggers that cause them to feel escalated, how that makes them feel and choosing de-escalation strategies that help them feel calm and ready to learn.

Brain Break

Brain breaks are small activities that students participate in throughout the day, whether it is at the beginning of the lesson to get ready to learn or during a lesson to re-energise the brain. Brain breaks are proven to improve students engagement in learning.

Circle Greeting

Every morning every class does a circle greeting as a way of connecting with each other and improving relationships within the class. The greeting starts with one person and they greet the person next to them, then the greeting works it's way around the circle so that every person is greeted by someone. The children love this activity!

Melissa Canil

APRIM

Parent/Teacher Interviews



Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher Interview 2024 are scheduled for Week 7. **12th March to the 15th March 2024** Bookings for this can only be **made ONLINE**.

Please use the following URL to access the online booking site:

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

Parents have from today **29/02/2024 until 11/3/2024, 4pm ONLY** to make an online booking with their child's teacher. After this time/date the online booking system will close, Parents will no longer be able to book an interview or change their times but can view their booked times.

If your child is in **Kayla Russel's class, 5R**, please ensure you click into the booking round which is solely for the class **5R** to make your booking. 5R parent teacher Interviews will be from the **25th March to 28th March**.

If your child is in **Kane Hetherington's class, 6K**, your parent Teacher Interviews will be take place in early term 2.

Some points to remember:

- Bookings can be made ONLY using the above URL.
- Bookings open 29/02/2024 and close 11/3/2024 at 4pm.
- Please ensure you your child's year level for 2024 is correct. If **incorrect** you will need to edit your child's details/class at the start after you have logged in. Click on the edit button and change their year level to the correct year level.
- Ensure you have chosen the correct 2024 class for your child/children and are not booking them into the wrong class.
- Please use this link if you need any **help** with booking a time: <https://sobs.com.au/docs/sobs-pt3-parents.pdf>

East Waste Schools Program at SFOA in 2024!



At the end of 2023, Peter, Phillip and I were successful in winning our school a spot to be part of the East Waste Schools Program, a new partnership program between KESAB and East Waste. The main focus of the program is to support schools to engage in sustainable action within their communities. As a Catholic Earth Care School, this program will help to strengthen our school-wide action in order to visibly live out our Franciscan charism together as a community.

Throughout the year, we will have access to resources, information and different complimentary sessions, including a free whole school Wipe Out Waste (WOW) interactive show which was held last Monday. The incursion performance was delivered by Graeme from Bright Spark Entertainment and focused on this year's program theme 'Food waste reduction and diversion.'

This is just the beginning of our involvement with the East Waste Schools Program and positively initiates a school wide conversation about the role that we can all play in striving to Wipe Out Waste. As part of this program today our Year 6 Sustainability Leaders hosted Jo Hendriks from KESAB to complete a preliminary Waste Audit. To support the data collected through the audit, we would appreciate families taking a few minutes to also complete the Home Survey below. These QR codes are also located around the school for those able to spend a few minutes completing the survey before or after school.

The results from the audit will be compiled and sent back to us in the coming weeks with some school-based recommendations and ideas, which our Year 6 Environmental Leaders will then help share with our school community, before collaboratively planning for and taking informed action to continue helping to make SFOA a sustainable place to be amongst our wider community.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this important work.

Kind regards,



Home Survey – food waste

Working with an adult at home, can you help KESAB and East Waste understand how we can help people to send less food to landfill?



Use the QR code with a smartphone, or enter the web address below into a browser to be taken to an **anonymous** survey about food and bins:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LS8FS53

There are only 11 questions and most of them are short multiple choice. This homework should take only **5 minutes** to complete, and handing it in is automatic 😊





ITALIAN CARNEVALE DAY

Friday 5th April



During our Italian lessons this term, the students have been learning about a traditional, exciting celebration called Carnevale. Carnevale is a time for people to wear wonderful costumes and masks to hide their identity!



SFOA will celebrate our own Italian Carnevale Day on Friday 5th April. Students are encouraged to dress up as anything ITALIAN...

Ideas: The colours of the Italian flag (red, white and green), a traditional Carnevale character, a nonna or nonno, an Italian chef, Pinocchio, a beautiful colourful Carnevale inspired costume, a gondolier, pizza maker, a famous Italian, an Italian "food" (eg a gelati or slice of pizza).



PARADE: We will have a parade in the MPF at 9.00am so the students can show off their Italian costumes as well as the stunning masks they made during Italian lessons.



The students will also enjoy an Incursion. Cool 4 Kids perform will perform an "INTO ITALY" show with songs, stories and dances that celebrate Italian traditions. The cost is covered by the Excursion budget.



SPECIAL PIZZA AND GELATI ORDERS:

Thank you to Lilly Delmedico and the P&F who have organised a special lunch order for pizza (EURO PIZZA) and gelati (GELISTA GELATI). Look out for the separate note about this. Orders can be placed through the QKR app. PLEASE NOTE THE FINAL DATE TO ORDER THESE ITEMS IS **THURSDAY, 28th MARCH.**



Grazie,

Signora Rossi



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Carnevale Day special food orders



ITALIAN CARNEVALE DAY

FRIDAY 5th APRIL

SPECIAL FOOD ORDERS:

PIZZA AND GELATI



*****DUE TO THE EASTER LONG WEEKEND THE WEEK BEFORE CAREVALE DAY ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY, 28th MARCH*****

PLEASE GO TO THE [QKR app](#) to order and pay for the food orders.

PIZZA: FROM EURO PIZZA \$4.00 each

- Ham and Pineapple
- Ham and Cheese
- Margherita (Tomato and Cheese)

(unfortunately no gluten-free pizza available)



GELATI: FROM GELISTA GELATI \$3.50 each.

The gelati will be served in individual mini jars.

All gelati flavours are gluten free.

Flavours Available:

Classic Chocolate (Dairy based)

Vanilla Bean (Dairy based)

Coconut with Raspberry Swirl (DAIRY FREE)



School Soccer for 2024

The school soccer season is about to start again and we have **brand new uniforms** for our soccer stars.



Please see the **attached information** about registering your child for the school soccer season.

The season begins **Saturday 13th May** until **Saturday 26th August 2024**.

Games will be any time between **8am and 12 noon** depending on the number of teams in the competition.

Registration is for every Saturday for the **whole season**.

Cost per child for the season is **\$75**.

Please see the **QKR app** to register your child and pay for the season

[2024 School Soccer information](#)

NETBALL Winter Season



Dear Parents,

We are looking for players to join the **St Francis of Assisi Netball teams the Sapphires and the Diamonds**. Male or females can play as it is a mixed team competition.

Netball is being played for the Winter season, **Term 2, 2024** and **Term 3, 2024**, at Golden Grove Recreation Centre.

7&Under and **9&Under** play on a **Monday afternoons** from 5pm.

11&Under and **13&Under** play on a **Friday afternoons** from 5pm..

Payment is via the **QKR app**.

Registrations close **24th March**.

Please see attached for more information.

[Netball Winter season 2024](#)



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Welcome to Children's University for 2024.

General information regarding Children's is available through the QR CODE LINK.

Registration is now open via the QR CODE LINK.

Applications close on Sunday 17th March 2024 and payments are processed via QKR.



For further information regarding Children's University, please follow the following links:

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/>

See how the process works. <https://youtu.be/NNx7zgN3Wio>

Pupil Free day - Friday 8th March



Just a reminder that this **Friday 8th March** is a **pupil free day** while staff undertake important training.

OSHC is available onsite and **bookings are essential**.

ALSO

Monday the **11th March** is the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Enjoy your long weekend we will see you back on Tuesday 12th March.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Is your child interested in learning
a musical instrument?

We have tutors coming to the school who
teach **Piano, Guitar, Drums, Violin 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 - How do I add or delete payment cards

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. 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'.
3. 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.

St Francis of Assisi School Calender

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

School Calender Term 1 2024

Community Notices

FUTURE DATES

NAPLAN week - Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March

Good Friday - 29th March

CARNEVALE DAY - 5th April

TERM 2

PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday 7th June - OSHC available

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?

 St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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:
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