



Week 7, Term 3 2023

Important Dates

**9:00am Class
Liturgy - 1/2LM**
Friday 8 September 2023

**Special Food Day -
Zeppole ORDERS
CLOSE ON QKR!
TONIGHT**
Friday 8 September 2023

**Adelaide Zoo
Excursion - Year 1/2**
Monday 11 September 2023

R U OK? Day
Thursday 14 September
2023

**8:55am Community
Prayer - Lead by
5/6JH**
Friday 15 September 2023

**2:15pm Assembly -
Lead by 1/2LM**
Monday 18 September 2023

School Concert
Thursday 21 September
2023

Pupil Free Day
Friday 22 September 2023

Pupil Free Day
Monday 25 September 2023

Sports Day
Thursday 28 September
2023

P&F Quiz Night
Saturday 21 October 2023

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Book Week Parade was a spectacular success and it was lovely to see so many people engaged with it. The Book Week Parade has become a cultural icon across the whole country and every year we see parents on Social Media organising their child's costume. It truly is one of the highlights of the school year.

CYBER SAFETY Following up from the last newsletter, SAPOL came to speak with our Year 5s and 6s. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of you having open and frank conversations with your children about their use of Social Media and Messaging websites. Most of the available apps have a minimum age limit of 13, which excludes the vast majority of our children. Websites like commonsensemedia.org give good parental advice. It suggests that an app like Snapchat for example is inappropriate for children under the age of 16. If your child is wanting to participate with social messaging apps and websites, please be familiar with what they are doing and who they are liaising with.

Enrolments 2024. If you know of a **little one** who will be coming to school next year, please encourage their parents to contact us so we have a place for them. If you know your child will **not be returning** to St Francis of Assisi School next year, please let us know if you have not already. If your child is in **Year 6 this year**, are they enrolled somewhere for Year 7 next year?

We have some community events coming up in the next few weeks. Please make yourself aware of our calendar.

PUPIL FREE Days Friday 22 September and Monday 25 September due to the Montevergine Festa utilising our school grounds.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent

Acting Co-Principal

APRIM News

National Child Protection Week

This week is Child Protection Week and the overarching message is 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'. This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future. The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) this Sunday 10th September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

You will find our Commitment Statement in our front office which outlines the Catholic Archdiocese Schools Commitment to keeping children safe in our setting. We are commitment to child protection by adopting measures to ensure the safety of all, for example teacher training, volunteer checks and ensuring our children's voices are heard. Resources can be found at: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>.

A Prayer for National Child Protection Week

Gracious God,

you said let the children come to me.

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us.

Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.

Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God, to strengthen and guide all in our communities.

Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

*May our families and communities, through love, generosity,
commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.*

*We ask you God to help our communities to be resolute in building communities where our children both flourish and are safe.
We pray this all through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



Sacrament Program

The Sacrament Program is about to begin. Thankyou to those parents who have already paid and registered their child for the 2023/2024 Sacramental Program. If you are yet to do this please fill out the registration form and hand **DIRECTLY** to the Parish Office with payment. Opening hours Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. All payments and registration go directly through the parish office as it is a parish-based program. If you have misplaced your registration form or would like to enrol your child it is not too late. Forms and an information letter is available in our school office in the pamphlet stand.

Family Workshops are a compulsory part of the Program as they prepare children for making the sacraments. These family workshops are for all children from the school and parish who are preparing for sacraments. The first workshop is next week.

- **Workshop 1:** Term 3 - Wednesday, Week 8, 13th September – 7pm in Parish Hall

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the Sacrament Program. mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au

Melissa Canil

APRIM

Book Week Parade 2023



Bookweek activities



Special Food Day - ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT!

ZEPPOLE



The P & F are hosting a
ZEPPOLE DAY
on the 8th September for recess.
Cost: \$3.00 – ordered through the
QKR! App

NETBALL 2023/2024 Summer Season - REGISTRATION CLOSES THIS FRIDAY



If your child would like to play Netball for the 2023/2024 summer season please complete the **registration form** and payment via the **QKR app ONLY** before **8th September 2023**.

When: Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024

11&Under and 13&Under – **Fridays from 5pm**

7&Under and 9&Under – **Mondays from 5pm** (*Netta Modified Rules*)

Where: Golden Grove Recreation Centre, The Golden Way, Golden Grove

Uniform: SFOA Netball Dress (supplied by the school, to be returned end of season)

*** Failure to return the dress at the end of the season will incur a \$60 replacement fee***

Cost: \$40 via **QKR app** – includes registration, use of uniform, equipment
\$8 per week - game fee paid on the night

Please note the following:

- Teams can **ONLY** be formed if there are enough registered players by the 8th September **AND** there is a dedicated **coach or team manager**.
- When registering on the QKR app please provide your bank details for return of payment in the event a team for your child does **not** go ahead.
- Volunteers for Coach/Team Manager **must** be a registered volunteer at the school with a Working with Children Check (WWCC). Please indicate on the form if you are willing to coach a team.
- Once registered, the commitment is for the full season. Refunds are not given for change of mind.

NO LATE Registrations will be accepted.

Any questions please call the school on 8178 9900

Angela Abdilla

The P&F Committee presents: QUIZ NIGHT!

P&F COMMITTEE PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Quizzame

GAMES | PRIZES | RAFFLE | 18+ EVENT

Saturday 21st October, 6:30pm

Tickets sold via QKR App

\$200 for table of 10, \$160 for table of 8

Or \$25 for a single ticket

Extra games to be played on the night

Please bring gold coins to participate

BYO food, drinks and alcohol





St. Francis of Assisi
presents...

*Dances through
the decades*

When: Thursday, 21st September
Where: In the Piazza
Time: 6pm

ALL WELCOME



The illustration depicts a whimsical scene where children are reading in a magical forest. A boy with blonde hair sits on a large blue book, reading 'Dragon Tales'. A girl with dark hair sits on the grass, reading a purple book. A boy with glasses and a girl with curly hair are also present. A woman stands in the background holding a book. A red dragon flies in the sky above a girl on a floating island. The scene is filled with colorful clouds, a bird, and various books and items on the ground.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Reading for the Challenge finishes on 8 September 2023
For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email prc@sa.gov.au

www.prc.sa.edu.au

 Government of South Australia 

Please ensure all reading records are signed off and handed in by **Friday 8 September**

Community Notices

**ATHELSTONE
SCOUT GROUP**



Come and Try Scouting
FUN Day

Join us on Saturday,
February 8th, from 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM to explore
Scouting! Parents and
guardians are required. No
need to register in
advance—just show up!

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
Bubble Rockets

Tent Pitching and Pack Up
Family Challenge
Pond/Drinking Table
Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table
Badge Making
Making Catapults
Homemade Lava Lamp

**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



Is your child due to start school?

ENROLMENT REMINDER



**SPACES ARE
FILLING FOR
RECEPTION
INTAKE**

**OPEN FOR
2024 & BEYOND**

**TERM 3
MID-YEAR
INTAKE
AVAILABLE
ALSO**



St Francis *of* Assisi
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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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
Merchandising.
Available for collection
Term 3.**



YMCA OSHC

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

Available before / after school hours with Vacation Care during school holidays.

Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

By Appointment Only: [BOOK HERE](#)

10 Newton Road, Campbelltown

Phone: 8336 2602

Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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PICTURE OF INCLUSION

Coming together at multicultural school

PUP-ULAR STUDENT

Wellbeing dog offers a supportive paw

CARE AND COMPASSION

Bringing joy to older community



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MODERN PRACTICES ENSURE EXCELLENCE

DATA DRIVING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

YOUR COMPLETE SCHOOL DIRECTORY: ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LISTED

