



# Week 7, Term 3 2023

## Important Dates

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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](https://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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, 13<sup>th</sup> September – 7pm in Parish Hall

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the Sacrament Program. [mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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**

Premier's Reading Challenge - FINISHES THIS FRIDAY

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](mailto:prc@sa.gov.au)

[www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://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**  
**JOIN OUR JOEY SCOUTS**  
Boys and Girls aged between 5 and 7 years of age

Joey's experience a variety of activities, have fun, learn new skills and meet new friends!

We meet every Tuesday during School terms between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm

And it's easy - just Come and Try for 3 weeks for free! at our Scout Hall on Maryvale Road (opposite number 74)

Joey's enjoy these activities

Camping, Aquatics and Campfires, Earning Badges, And having fun

**IT'S PLAY TIME!**  
THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU!

**Tab Australia** (4-8 year olds) and **Superkick** (7-15 year olds)

- When: July 10th - 11th, 9am - 12pm
- Where: Norwood Football Club (Conyers Stadium, The Parade, Norwood)
- Cost: \$50, single registration covers both days.

For more information & to register, scan the QR code below or email: [game.development@fireaff.com.au](mailto:game.development@fireaff.com.au)

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **SANITZ** and **SCAR REEL**

**ADELAIDE FIRE UNDER 12 METRO TALENT CAMP**  
MONDAY 16 - JULY | 10AM - 2PM

REGISTER NOW FOR THE JULY HOLIDAY CAMP

**COME & TRY**  
THE BEST SPORT IN TOWN

Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September & Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September

AT **EAST TORRENS BASEBALL CLUB**  
Patterson Sports Ground

9:30am - Under 9s, 10s, 11s & 13s  
11:00am - Under 15s & 17s

Contact: [junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au](mailto:junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au)

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



# 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.



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OSHC

# YMCA OSHC

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

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

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## Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

By Appointment Only: [BOOK HERE](#)

10 Newton Road, Campbelltown

Phone: 8336 2602

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## 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



## MODERN PRACTICES ENSURE EXCELLENCE

DATA DRIVING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

**YOUR COMPLETE SCHOOL DIRECTORY: ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LISTED**

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