



Newsletter Week 2 Term 1 2024

Important Dates

**Sushi Day - Order
on QKR before 7th
Feb midnight**

Tuesday 9 January 2024

**Assembly led by
3/4Z**

Monday 12 February 2024

**Shrove Tuesday -
Pancakes provided**

Tuesday 13 February 2024

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 February
2024

**Parent Volunteer
Induction - 6.00pm**

Monday 19 February 2024

**Launch Night - 5.45
-7pm**

Wednesday 21 February
2024

**Sacramental
Workshop #1 - 7pm
in the Parish Hall**

Thursday 22 February 2024

**Community prayer -
8.55am led by 5M**

Friday 23 February 2024

From the Principal

Dear Community,

I'd like to start by saying thank you for the unbelievably warm welcome to the community. It's been great getting to know some of you over the past week and spending some time during the days having a chat to the children about our school. The energy of our school has been wonderful, with the teachers and support staff determined to start the year in a positive manner.

This school has a wonderful history that I'm learning about through reading past year books, and talking to the wonderful staff and families.

Today through this quick article I wanted to give you a bit of an update on a few things that we have been working on over the past couple of weeks to strengthen the teaching and learning programs at our school in the immediate term.

A strong school has settled and inclusive classrooms.

In a world where information is constantly updating, it's unique that the one piece of legislation that guides us the most was written in 1992.

The Disability Discrimination Act of 1992 states that that all students, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities, receive the same opportunities for learning and personal development.

In short this means that our classrooms need to be for everyone. For all learners. That's the ongoing question we try to answer. How do we make a school for everyone?

To demonstrate our commitment to inclusivity we have and are making some ongoing appointments to ensure our classrooms, families and most importantly our children are receiving the support they deserve.

Late last year I appointed **Michelle Page as the Assistant Principal Learning Diversity.**

Michelle will be here fulltime to work alongside our parents, teachers and ESO's to ensure our classrooms are for everyone. Michelle has strong experience in the disability sector as well as managing disability adjustments at a school larger than ours. This is a strategic appointment to ensure that our community is supported in working with all children.

As you may or may not know 1 in 4 children have a disability that impacts on their learning. Michelle's work not only benefits those children, but all children in our classrooms.

Michelle's work will complement the ongoing work of **Melissa Canil as our Assistant Principal Religion Identity and Mission.** We now have a strong depth to our leadership team here at SFOA.

Another initiative is to increase the amount of Educational Support offered to our students. **We have currently advertised for 3 full time (or part time equivalent) ESO's to join the family at SFOA.** This is a considerable investment for the school to ensure that our classrooms are the safe, calm and inclusive environments we want them to be.

If you know of high-quality individuals, please direct them to the positions vacant page of Catholic Education (simple google search), where they will find simple directions to apply for the role.

2024 Launch

Please put in your calendars our 2024 Launch on Wednesday evening the 21st of February. This will be a relaxed evening where there will be a complimentary sausage sizzle available for parents and students and the classrooms will be open for your child to tour you through their learning space.

At 6:30pm I will address the community about the vision for the year and the future directions for SFOA. This will only be for around 20-25 minutes before we conclude the evening at 7pm.

Thanks again for the welcome and making me feel part of the community here at SFOA.

I think I'm where I'm meant to be.

God Bless,

Scott

APRIM News

Parish News

Thankyou to the families who joined us for Family Mass on Sunday. As you would know Newton Parish is undergoing a transition time. Fr Eldridge's final Mass as Parish Priest is Wednesday morning at 8am. Fr Anthoni Adimai is our new Parish Priest who will be installed by the Archbishop at Mass on Saturday 10th February at 6pm. We are very excited to have Fr Anthoni join our community and we look forward to working in partnerships with him.

Sacrament Update

Sacrament workshops will begin in Week 4 and I have communicated directly to sacramental families. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Sacrament Program, it will begin again in July. Keep an eye out for information regarding this on Audiri and the Newsletter closer to July. Our current cohort of sacramental students will be making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on 25th and 26th of May.

Lent

In Week 3 we begin our Lenten Journey with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. The students will reflect on how we spend the forty days of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a special time for growing and changing as we get ready for Easter. It is a time when we try hard to be good, to help others, to be sorry when we hurt others and try to forgive as God forgives us. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. When we pray, we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting helps us remember the needs of the poor, who often have no choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Giving to the poor, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice. It reminds us of our blessings and allows us to give thanks for all that God has given us. Project Compassion boxes will be distributed next week to families to support Caritas Australia. All donations go directly to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God our Father, as we begin this holy season of Lent, help us to see that your merciful love is with us always, even when we wander far from you. With the help of your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices over the next forty days lead us closer to you and to each other, the poor, the sick and the lonely so that together, we can fulfil your promises for all who live in your love. Amen

Volunteering at SFOA

It is a privilege to have supportive parents that are willing to volunteer their time and effort to support our school. We are looking to increase our pool of registered volunteers at SFOA. Once you are a registered volunteer you can support with excursions, P & F Events and volunteer for in class support. There is a process for becoming a registered volunteer and the front office can give you more information. I will be running regular inductions throughout the year that you can book into online (one is on Thursday next week). If you are unsure whether you are a registered volunteer or would like to become one please contact Angela in front office. We value your contribution to our school community and we are often in need of more hands to help out. Thankyou for your partnership.

Please use the link to book into the Volunteer sessions: <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

Monday 19th Feb 6pm

Thursday 29th February 9am

Melissa Canil

APRIM

Sushi Day



A promotional poster for 'Sushi Day' featuring three sushi rolls (maki) with salmon, tuna, and vegetables. The background is orange with white cloud patterns. The text is in bold, stylized fonts.

FRIDAY 9TH FEB

SUSHI DAY

Choose from:

- Avocado and Cucumber
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Tuna and Avocado
- Tuna and Cucumber

ONLY \$3

ORDER VIA QKR APP BY MIDNIGHT WED 7TH FEB

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

*Every student receives a pancake on Shrove
Tuesday 13th February
Please let Mrs Canil know if your child has any
dietary requirements.*



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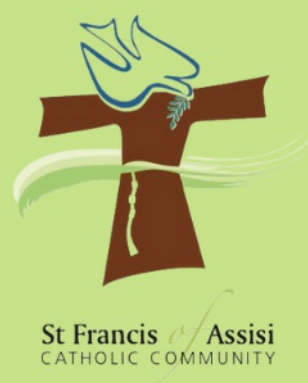
Reminder

Students are required to wear HATS in term 1.

Please name your child's hat so it can be returned to them if it becomes lost.

**Reversible navy hats with the team colours inside are available for purchase from the uniform shop.
\$18 each**

**Plain Navy Bucket Hats or Legionnaire hats with the school logo are available from the school Front Office.
\$7.00 each.**



Things to remember

1. All children must wear a school hat in Term 1 and 4. Please name your child's hat.
2. You will get a text message if your child is **NOT** at school and you have not informed the **Front Office**. The preferred method for absentee is using the **Audiri app**. Please complete the absentee form on the Audiri app if your child is away from school for any reason.
3. All Excursion forms will come to you via the **Audiri app**. Please ensure you have updated your child's year level group to ensure you are getting the correct information.
4. All special food days such as sushi day, donut day, gelati day etc will all be on the **QKR app**. Please ensure you have the **QKR app** and your details are up to date.
5. If you are planning a holiday away during school time you must complete an **exemption form** which is available from the Front Office. It **MUST** be completed before you leave to go away.
6. If your child is **LATE** to school, after 9am, they **MUST** sign in at the Front Office, so we know they are at school. They will take a

ticket to the teacher so the teacher knows they have signed in.

7. If your child is leaving the school grounds early, they **MUST** be signed out first in the Front Office by a **Parent**. Please **DO NOT** go to the classroom first.
8. Please ensure if you have changed your contact details, phone number and/or email address you let the office know by completing the **'Change of Details'** form on the **Audiri** app.



Privacy Collection Notice for Parents/Guardians

Please see the attached document from the Australian Government Department of Education informing you that they have requested from the school residential addresses of families and other information.

The purpose of the collection and the use and disclosure of personal information is all included in the attached document. Please have a read.

[Privacy Collection Notice for Parents and Guardians](#)

QKR Tip of the week - How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school?

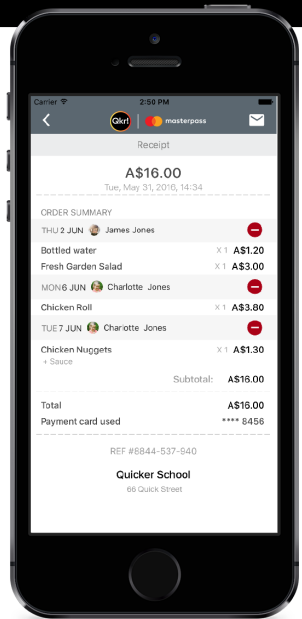
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

On canteen days the staff print stickers for each Qkr! order containing the child's name, class and order details. Orders are prepared and placed in individual bags labelled with the stickers for ease of identification.

Qkr! orders are much more efficient to prepare than cash orders. Ordering with Qkr!:

1. Speeds up preparation so canteen staff have more time to prepare and serve food;
2. Reduces the time spent on cash handling tasks;
3. Reduces the need for your child to carry cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money.

Check your school's nominated cut-off time for Qkr! Orders. Food orders cannot be placed after the cut-off time, giving the canteen staff sufficient time to prepare the orders.



Community Notices



Kildare College Tours

Term 2 2025

Saturday 17 May	11.00am
Saturday 31 May	11.00am
Saturday 14 June	11.00am

Book a College Tour today
kildare.catholic.edu.au



BASKETBALL
HOOPS 4 BEGINNERS

TERM 2

MONDAYS
4.00pm - 5.00pm

\$80

MARDEN BASKETBALL CENTRE

START THEIR JOURNEY
HERE AGES 5-12



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 explore 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
Maryvale Road

What's On

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

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

FUTURE DATES

- Pupil Free Day Friday - 8th March
- Adelaide Public Holiday - 11th March
- NAPLAN week - Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March
- Good Friday - 29th March
- Easter Monday - 1st April

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

Visit Our Website
www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au

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*"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
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Term 3.**



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CARE AND COMPASSION

Bringing joy to older community



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