



# Newsletter Week 2 Term 1 2024

## Important Dates

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**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

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 9am**

Melissa Canil

APRIM

## Sushi Day



A promotional poster for 'Sushi Day' at St Francis of Assisi School. The background is a light cream color with faint, stylized cloud patterns in the top left and bottom right. The text 'FRIDAY 9TH FEB' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font at the top left. To its right is a small orange flower-like icon. Below this, the words 'SUSHI DAY' are written in a very large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath the main title, the text 'Choose from:' is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. To the left of the list is a stack of three sushi rolls, cut diagonally to show their fillings: salmon, cucumber, and tuna. An orange circular sticker with the text 'ONLY \$3' in white is placed over the middle roll. To the right of the rolls is a list of four options, each preceded by a small orange dot: 'Avocado and Cucumber', 'Chicken Teriyaki', 'Tuna and Avocado', and 'Tuna and Cucumber'. Below the list, a dark green rectangular box with a torn-edge effect contains the text 'ORDER VIA QKR APP BY MIDNIGHT WED 7TH FEB' in white, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the poster has a solid orange background with white cloud-like patterns on the right side.

**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  
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# 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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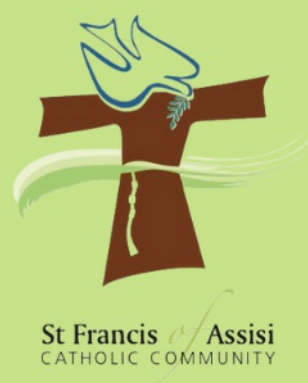
# Reminder

**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?

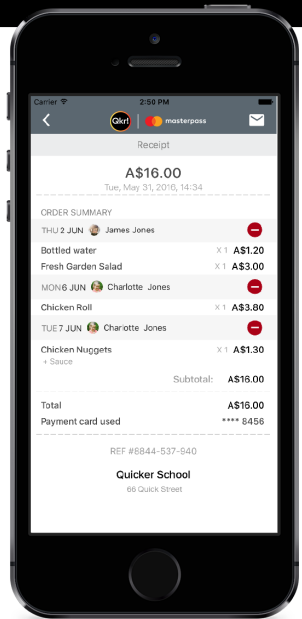
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

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



## JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

# CAMPS



2 Day Camps & Small Group Clinics

Marden Basketball Centre

SPOTS ARE LIMITED - REGISTER HERE:





## 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](http://kildare.catholic.edu.au)



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## BASKETBALL

### HOOPS 4 BEGINNERS TERM 2

MONDAYS  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

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- An intellectual or physical disability
- Learning and integration difficulties
- Any type of special needs

PROGRAM	DAYS	AGES	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
In school	AM/PM	8 - 12	Your School	Subject to availability	Teacher
Magill	PM	8 - 16	Magill Unit Campus	4.45pm - 5.30pm	Teacher
Mawson Lakes	PM	8 - 16	LtB 46	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Teacher

More programs are coming soon. To stay up to date, please complete the registration of interest form on the website



## 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**





## ENROL NOW

Visit Our Website  
[www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au)



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Term 3.**



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