



# Newsletter Week 1 Term 4 2023

## Important Dates

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**Years 3 and 4  
Tennis Carnival**  
Wednesday 18 October  
2023

**SEDA College  
Clinics - Sport  
Uniforms for all  
students**  
Thursday 19 October 2023

**Whole School Mass  
9.30 for the Feast  
of St Francis of  
Assisi**  
Friday 20 October 2023

**P&F Quiz Night -  
6.30pm**  
Saturday 21 October 2023

**Volunteer Induction  
- 5pm book online**  
Wednesday 25 October  
2023

**Sacrament  
Workshop 7pm in  
Parish Hall**  
Wednesday 25 October  
2023

**Community Prayer  
led by 3/4D**  
Friday 27 October 2023

**Assembly 2:15pm in  
MPF led by 5/6 KH**  
Friday 27 October 2023

**Volunteer induction  
9am (book online)**  
Monday 30 October 2023

**All Saints Day  
whole school Mass  
9:30am in Church**  
Wednesday 1 November

**Grandparents Day –  
Liturgy and Morning  
Tea 9am in MPF**  
Friday 3 November 2023

**Family Mass 5pm**  
Sunday 5 November 2023

## From the Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, perhaps our busiest term in any school year.

I hope you have all enjoyed a safe and fulfilling term break.

This term we have made a change with our Reception classes. We welcome Ms Rebecca Settecasi who is taking all of our mid year intake Reception children as a stand alone class. This gives those children the opportunity to get to know each other as the group who will go through school together, whilst allowing the other Reception children to begin their readiness for Year 1 next year.

### **2024 Classes**

This week I will be meeting with Scott March, our new Principal, to discuss classes for 2024. Our class teachers will then begin the process of class lists. As always, we ask the children for their input into who they would like to be with next year. Generally the children will write down the names of three to five friends. The teachers then do their best to ensure that your child is with at least one of the children on their list. Many complexities are taken into account by the teachers in compiling the lists. On average it takes five to six hours for our current teachers to compile and finalise these lists. We attempt to meet the needs as we see them where and as we can, but it is an enormously complicated task. Some schools choose to use a computer program to construct the classes, but at this stage we believe our more nuanced approach is preferable. We are unable to take requests as all children's learning needs must be taken into account. If you believe there is something about your child's needs that we are not aware of then I ask you to please email me directly and confidentially, or phone the office to make a time to speak with me. [principal@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sfoa.catholic.edu.au)

### **Quiz Night this Saturday 21 October**

Our Parents and Friends group have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for our Quiz Night. I know they have donations and support from many local businesses and none of that can happen without the committed volunteering from many of you. Details about the Quiz Night are in this newsletter. Please consider coming along if you have not already booked your table. We are looking forward to an outstanding community night.

### **Other upcoming events**

Please be sure to keep up with Audiri, our newsletters and other information that comes home from your child's teacher. We have Swimming Lessons from Reception to Year 4, other excursions for some classes, liturgies, Year 6 Graduation, and many other events and opportunities this term.

### **St Francis of Assisi Feast Day**

Our patron saint's day is always in the term break on 4 October. Our school celebration of St Francis is this Friday with a whole school Mass at 9.30am in the church. You are most welcome to join us. St Francis of Assisi leaves us with many legacies: his love of God's creation and the environment (you may be familiar with Brother Sun, Sister Moon...); his mission for peace (Lord make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow your love...); and our Nativity scenes at Christmas time. This is not a bad legacy for



someone who died in 1226! The wisdom of St Francis pops up in popular culture in places we may not recognise. If any of you are fans of the Irish band U2, you may be familiar with the song 'Mysterious Ways'. Have a listen to the words, this is not a love song as it seems, this is a song about the Holy Spirit and references St Francis's Canticle of the Sun.

I look forward to a fun and joy filled term with you all.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent

## APRIM News

Lord,  
make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

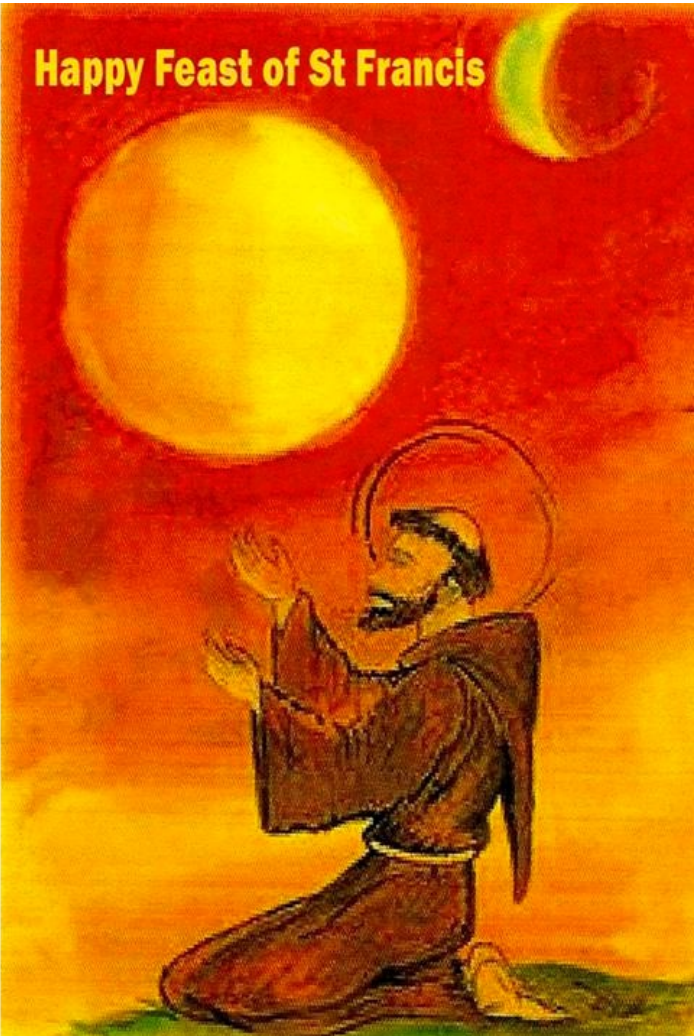
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

— The Prayer of Saint Francis

**Happy Feast of St Francis**



### APRIM News Term 4 Week 1

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you have all enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the holidays. During the holidays it was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. We were proud to have a couple of students reading prayers at the Parish Mass. On Friday we have our annual whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (transferred from Oct 4<sup>th</sup>). All families are welcome to join us.

### St Francis of Assisi Feast – October 4<sup>th</sup>

Here is a bit of history about our patron saint. Francis, the son of a rich cloth merchant, led a misspent youth. His search for conversion led him to the ancient church at San Damiano. While praying there, he heard Christ speak to him from the crucifix, "Francis, repair my church." Francis assumed this meant the crumbling building. Acting impulsively, he took fabric from his father's shop and sold it to get money to repair the church. His father dragged Francis before the bishop and in front of the whole town demanding that he return the money and renounce all rights as his heir. Francis not only gave back the money but stripped off the clothes his father had given him, and declared that from then on his true Father was God in heaven. Francis took the Gospels as the rule of his life, and Jesus Christ as

his example. He dressed in rough clothes and begged for his sustenance. He visited hospitals, served the sick, cared for lepers, preached purity and peace, composed songs and hymns to God and nature, and regarded all people as his brothers and sisters. He began to attract followers, and in 1209, with papal blessing, founded the Franciscans. In 1212 Clare of Assisi became his spiritual student, which led to the founding of the Poor Clares.

### **Swimming Program**

In Week 6 of Term 4 all R-4 students will be participating in a school swimming program at the ARC Campbelltown. This yearly program is designed to teach students basic swimming and water safety skills. It is designed for students of all swimming abilities including students who have never completed swimming lessons. Yesterday information was sent out about our Swimming Program. Please ensure that you sign the online permission for via Audiri AND return the paper copy of the Water Safety Consent Form.

### **Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) - Human Sexuality Curriculum**

The Made in The Image of God (MITIOG), Human Sexuality curriculum is mandated for South Australian Catholic Schools, for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality through this (MITIOG) curriculum. The content descriptors include:

- Identity
- Relationships
- Human Development
- Reproduction and Reproductive Health

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person. We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives, whilst also holding an understanding of current family structures.

Our students will engage in this curriculum with their classroom teacher next week.

### **Kiss and Drop Zone reminders**

In the holidays new lines have been painted on our basketball courts to indicate the 'Kiss and Drop' zone and new carparks. We hope that this will make it easier for parents to be able to pick up and drop off their children. Below is an explanation of the new lines.

Arrows and road lines are painted to show the direction and area to drive for Kiss and Drop. The Kiss and Drop zone is also defined by a yellow line. You must remain in your car when using the Kiss and Drop Zone.

Priority and short-term car parks are diagonal along the fence, no longer parallel parks. This is to ensure more cars can fit in the parking spots.

#### **1. KISS AND DROP ZONE ONLY**



#### **2. PRIORITY AND SHORT-TERM CARPARKS**



3. THERE IS NO PARALLEL PARKING ON THE YELLOW LINE AGAINST OUR SCHOOL OVAL FENCE - as this blocks cars going in and out the carpark



**NO PARKING** is permitted in the middle of the basketball courts. As always staff will be on duty before and after school. Thankyou for your cooperation and we look forward to welcoming families back to school in Term 4.

Melissa Canil

APRIM



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**



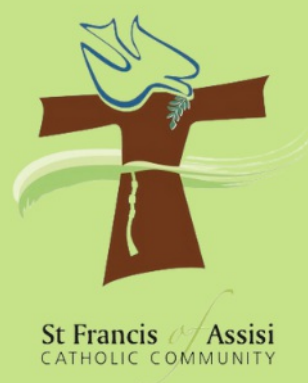
# Reminder

**Students are required to wear HATS in term 4.**

**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.**



## Volunteer Induction Sessions

Anyone new in the school who Volunteers MUST attend a Volunteer Induction Session. These are valid for 5 years.

If you are a current volunteer and have to update your Induction or you are thinking about becoming a volunteer please consider booking into one of these Volunteer Induction Sessions.

Volunteers **cannot** attend excursions, read in the class, help in the canteen etc until they have completed a volunteer induction.

There are **only** 2 Volunteer Induction Sessions in Term 4.

Wednesday 25th October at 5pm **AND** Monday 30th October at 9am.

Please use the following link to get to the online booking system and book into the session time you would prefer.

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





St Johns

# FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Initiative of the  
Parents and Friends

*Would you like  
to attend a  
First Aid  
Course??*

*To confirm your booking for the  
First Aid course hosted by P&F  
please pay through the QKR App  
or at the Front Office.*

*All parents, family and friends  
are welcome to attend.*

## Where

St Francis of Assisi School

## When

Friday 10 November  
9:00am

## Cost

Special Price \$90.00  
Normally \$195



## *Training includes:*

- Learn about Emergency Situation
- Basic Life Supports
- Get Started with CPR
- Get Started with First Aid
- Real-life Demonstration

TO PAY: QKR APP! OR AT THE FRONT OFFICE



# QKR Tip of the week - How to keep track of your QKR payments

 masterpass

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:**

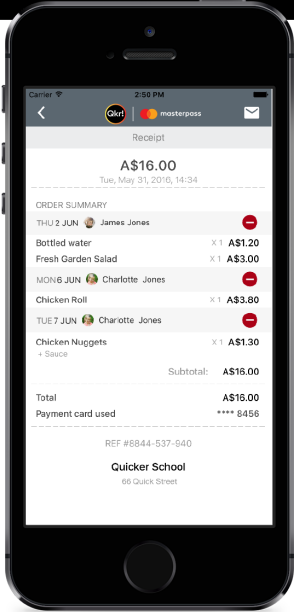
1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

**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.



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



### BASKETBALL

#### HOOPS 4 BEGINNERS


**TERM 2**


MONDAYS  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

MARDEN BASKETBALL CENTRE


START THEIR JOURNEY  
HERE AGES 5-12

**\$80**





### 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

9 / 15

it's OK:

TO MAKE MISTAKES

TO HAVE BAD DAYS

NOT TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING

NOT TO BE OK

TO DO WHAT'S  
BEST FOR YOU

TO BE YOURSELF

## FUTURE DATES

**Children's University Graduation** - 5.15 - 7.30pm Wednesday 8th November

**Blessing of the Cribs** - Friday 1st December 2023

**Term 4 Concludes** - 3pm Thursday 14th December 2023

**Pupil Free day** - Friday 15th December 2023

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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  
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.**



# 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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## The Southern Cross Newsletter



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# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## 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



 catholic  
education  
south australia

**MODERN  
PRACTICES  
ENSURE  
EXCELLENCE**

DATA DRIVING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

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



